



# Honors & AP Parent Night 2024

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# What We'll Cover Tonight

- Transition from Pre-AP to Honors
  - Honors Courses
  - Advanced Placement (AP) Program
  - AP Courses
  - AP Exams
  - Why AP?
  - Q & A
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# What are Honors Courses?

- Differentiated courses for advanced students
  - Honors courses prepare students for the rigors of AP coursework
  - Honors courses prepare students for the AP exam
  - Honors courses prepare students for college scholarship opportunities.
  - Honors courses help to ensure students graduate from college!
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# Cabot Public Schools Offers Twenty Honors Courses

- Honors 7th Grade Language Arts
  - Honors 8th Grade Language Arts
  - Honors 9th Grade Language Arts
  - Honors 10th Grade Language Arts
  
  - Honors 7th Grade Math
  - Honors 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I
  - Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Geometry
  - Honors 10<sup>th</sup> Algebra II
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# Honors Courses (continued)

- Honors 7th Grade Science
  - Honors 8th Grade Science
  - Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science
  - Honors Biology
  - Honors Chemistry
  
  - Honors 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies
  - Honors 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies/Ark. History
  - Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics/Economics
  
  - Honors Spanish II & III
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# What is Advanced Placement (AP) ?

- ✓ Cooperative endeavor between secondary schools and colleges
  - ✓ Committed to educational excellence and educational equality
  - ✓ Composed of 39 courses offered in 26 subject areas
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- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP World History
- AP European History
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Spanish
- AP Art History
- AP Studio Art 2D Design
- AP Studio Art Drawing
- AP Music Theory
- AP Computer Science A

**CHS Offers  
Twenty AP Courses**

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# Weighted Credit For AP Courses

- **Regular Courses:**

A = 4 pts, B = 3 pts, C = 2 pts, etc.

- **Weighted AP Courses:**

A = 5 pts, B = 4 pts, C = 3pts, etc.

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# Why Take the AP Exam?

Most colleges and universities grant college credit for qualifying AP Exam grades.

- Experience a college level exam
  - Stand out in the admissions process
  - Save money on college tuition
  - Enter upper-level courses early
  - Graduate early
  - Complete a double major
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- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers\*

*\*2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*

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- Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP<sup>®</sup> credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at [www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy).
  - Search by school name or alphabetically
  - Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
  - A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

# Credit and Placement Opportunities

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# AP Results Summary

	2021	2022	2023
Number of AP exams administered	746	801	882
Percentage of successful exams	55.7%	62.2%	61.9%
Number of students taking exams	396	426	402
Percentage of students scoring a 3 or better on at least one exam	66.06%	69.72%	67.66%
National Merit Semi Finalists	3	5	6

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**Question Check Time!**

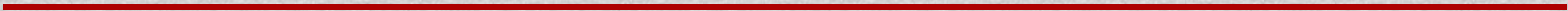
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“I believe that we parents must encourage our children to become educated, so they can get into a good college that we cannot afford.”

**Dave Barry, Humor Columnist,  
Miami Herald Tribune**

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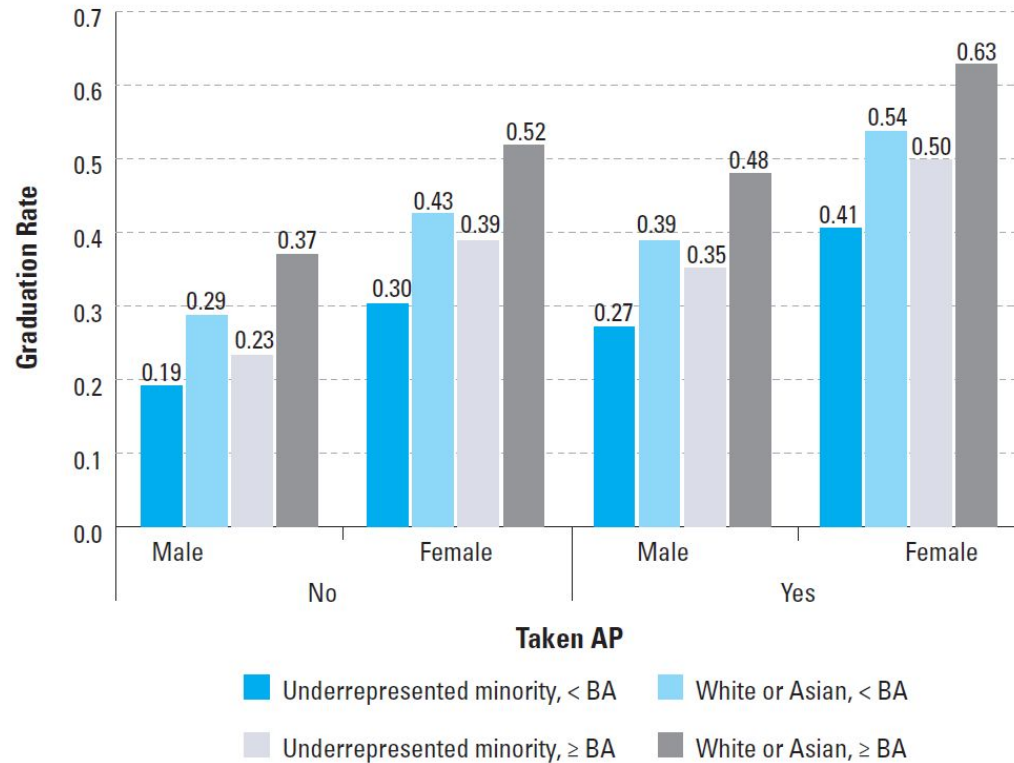
# What will 4 years of college cost?





# AP and College Success

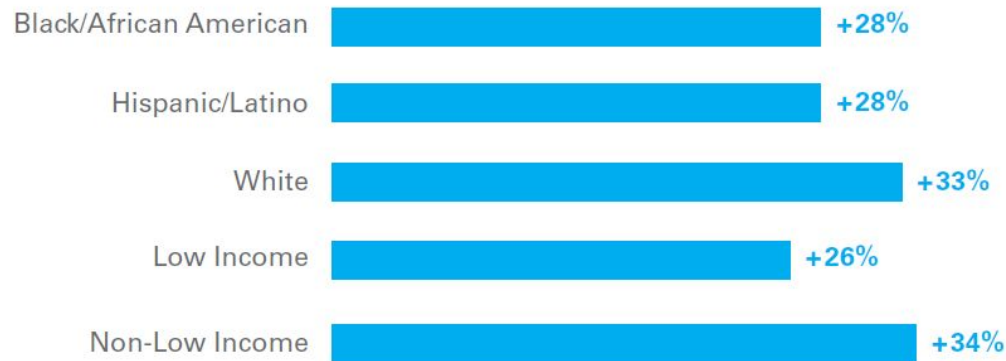
Four-year graduation rates by AP Exam participation and student characteristics:  
Sample 2.



Based on parameter estimates for Model 12 (Table 5), expected four-year graduation rates by AP Exam participation and student characteristics were computed. These values are associated with a student with an average PSAT/NMSQT score.

# AP and College Success cont.

Figure 4: Increase in probability of college graduation within five years or less compared with students not participating in AP, by ethnicity and socioeconomic status



Adapted from Dougherty, Mellor, and Jian, 2006

4. Chrys Dougherty, Lynn Mellor, and Shuling Jian, *The Relationship Between Advanced Placement and College Graduation* (National Center for Education Accountability, 2006).



## Gifted and Talented Program

### AP and Honors Recommended Course Sequence

Grade Level	Science	Language Arts	Mathematics	Social Studies	Foreign Language	Additional Course Offerings
7th	Honors Science	Honors Language Arts	Honors Mathematics or Honors Algebra I	Honors Social Studies		
8th	Honors Science	Honors Language Arts	Honors Algebra I or Honors Geometry	Honors Social Studies/ Arkansas History		
9th	Honors Physical Science	Honors Language Arts	Honors Geometry or Honors Algebra II	Honors Civics/Economics	Spanish I	
10th	Honors Biology &/or Honors Chemistry	Honors Language Arts	Honors Algebra II, Honors Geometry, or AP Pre-Calculus Trig	AP U.S. History	Honors Spanish II	G/T Seminar I
11th	Honors/AP Biology, Chemistry &/or AP Environmental Science	AP Language & Composition	AP Pre-Calculus/Trig or AP Calculus AB	AP World History, AP European History or AP U.S. Government & Politics	Honors Spanish III	G/T Seminar II
12th	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics &/or AP Environmental Science	AP Literature & Composition	AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC &/or AP Statistics	AP European History or AP U.S. Government & Politics	AP Spanish	AP Art History AP Studio Art AP Music Theory AP Computer Science A

Q and A

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