



Honors & AP Parent Night 2025

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What We'll Cover Tonight

- Honors Courses
 - Advanced Placement (AP) Program
 - AP Courses
 - AP Exams
 - Arkansas Access Act of 2025
 - 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
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- Honors 7th Grade Math
 - Honors Algebra I
 - Honors Geometry
 - Honors Algebra II
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Honors Courses (continued)

- Honors 7th Grade Science
 - Honors 8th Grade Science
 - Honors 9th Grade Physical Science
 - Honors Biology
 - Honors Chemistry
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- Honors 7th Grade Social Studies
 - Honors 8th Grade Social Studies/Ark. History
 - Honors Civics/Economics
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- 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 42 courses offered in 29 subject areas
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- AP Seminar
- 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-one AP Courses

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.

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"*

- Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at 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

AP Results Summary

	2023	2024	2024
Number of AP exams administered	882	964	990
Percentage of successful exams	61.9%	68.7%	70.6%
Number of students taking exams	402	452	512
Percentage of students scoring a 3 or better on at least one exam	67.66%	77.43%	75.39%
National Merit Semi Finalists	6	4	4

“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**

What will 4 years of college cost?



<https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FACT341.pdf>

Arkansas Access Act of 2025

- Almost everything in code, which read “Advanced Placement,” now reads “Accelerated.”
- This impacts the weighting of courses.
- For the foreseeable future:
 - AP
 - Cambridge
 - Certain CTE Courses
 - Concurrent Credit
 - International Baccalaureate
 - Other courses as determined by DESE
 - Which could be general education courses.

Weighted Credit

- CC Freshman English I,II
- CC College Spanish I, II, III, IV
- CC College Algebra
- CC Applied Statistics
- CC World Civilization to 1660
- CC World Civilization since 1660
- CC Introduction to Education
- CC Education Technology
- Physics
- Pre-Calculus
- Comp-Sci Prog/Cod Adv Emp III
- CASE Animal Science
- CASE Plant Science
- CASE Ag Power & Tech Systems
- Digital Electronics
- Robotics III

Weighted Credit cont.

- Working with Junior High and CFA students and staff to ensure they know the changes that have occurred.
- Prepare for future changes to the weighting of classes and any potential addition of classes
- Discussing potential policy changes to class ranking and graduation honors.

What's Next?

Q and A

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