



Crescent Heights High School

Advanced Placement Information Session



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"I really enjoyed the added achievement level and how challenging the pace was, but at the same time how the teachers were able to make everything understandable."

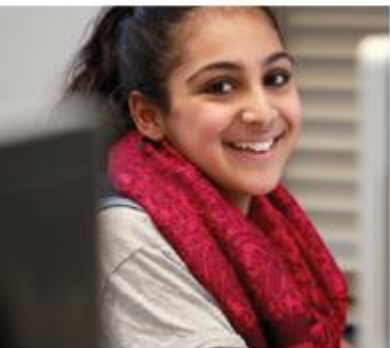
- Grade 10 Student

What is Advanced Placement?

- Post-Secondary level courses taught in high schools by high school teachers.
- AP® teachers use post-secondary materials and course descriptions developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers.
- AP Course Descriptions reflect courses taught in colleges and universities throughout the country.
- AP Cohort courses typically moves faster than a regular course (10-20%) so students are provided enrichment and can be introduced to concepts at the next course level however assessments are the same as students not in the AP Cohort.
- The AP Cohort courses can be offered as a full year course in Grade 12 (Math 30-1/Math 31 currently) but the schedule varies depending on student number enrollment. Any student wishing to write an AP exam in Grade 12 will be supported by a teacher with preparation.
- Students will take the diploma course (30 level) concurrently with the college level course (AP - 35 level) from September to June. The Advanced Placement exam will be written in May and the Diploma will be written in January (all classes except Math) or June (Math 30-1) of that academic year.
- Students who take AP® can earn advanced credit or advanced standing at thousands of colleges and universities on the basis of their AP® achievements. Visit the apcentral.collegeboard.org website to learn more about advanced placement.

Note: AP Flexibility - You may start in AP Cohort course(s) in Grade 10, do the regular class in Grade 11 and then rejoin in Grade 12. There is a great deal of personalization in terms of moving in and out of the AP Cohort. Please chat with your counsellor to discuss what this may look like for you.





Benefits of the AP Cohort

- University course instruction
- University credit (can order AP exam results and skip the equivalent course in your first year or retake the course having the background already and excel)
- Rigorous, challenging and stimulating learning in high school
- Personalized approach aids in discovery of learning potential
- Students acquire the skills and habits needed to be successful in university
- Collaboration with peers
- Stronger work ethic, self-direction, and world-perspective
- Students are more likely to complete undergraduate degrees in four years or less
- Students may apply for scholarships available only to AP Cohort participants
- Benefits students in university admissions when schools look not only at competitive averages but also for rigour in a student's high school programming (UBC for example)
- Alberta is ranked second in Canada for results



Grade 10 Advanced Placement Courses

English 10-1 AP Cohort

Mathematics 10C AP Cohort

Science 10 AP Cohort

Social Studies 10-1 AP Cohort

Chinese 10-3Y AP Cohort

Spanish 10-3Y AP Cohort



“AP is a tough program; I thought I would not make it through. My teachers always encouraged me and I feel the challenge was well worth it”

- AP Cohort Student

Grade 11 Advanced Placement Courses

English 20-1 AP Cohort

Biology 20 AP Cohort

Chemistry 20 AP Cohort

Mathematics 20-1 AP Cohort

Physics 20 AP Cohort

Social Studies 20-1 AP Cohort

Chinese 20-3Y AP Cohort

Spanish 20-3Y AP Cohort

"I took two AP Cohort classes in Math and Chemistry because those were the subjects I liked the most. The AP cohort allows me to choose which subjects I want to take."

-Grade 11 Student





Grade 12 Advanced Placement Courses

English 30-1/35 AP Cohort

Biology 30/35 AP Cohort

Chemistry 30/35 AP Cohort

Mathematics 30-1/31 Yearlong AP Cohort

Physics 30/35 AP Cohort

Social Studies 30-1/35 AP Cohort

Art 30/35 AP Cohort

Chinese 30-3Y AP Cohort

Spanish 30-3Y AP Cohort

"Everything in the AP Cohort helps you to prepare for the challenge of university. In my first year of university, I found the classes easy while many others struggled."

-Former CHHS Grade 12 Student



CHHS Grade 10 AP Cohort Timetables

- Please let your grade 9 teachers know that you are interested in taking AP Cohort Class(es) and they can indicate this on the registration form if they recommend this for you.
- 4 Classes per semester
- AP Cohort is offered based on Grade 9 Teacher Recommendations and student interest
- You can choose one or more Advanced Placement Cohort course(s) and may move out of them if they are not a good fit (see your counsellor early in the course to request this or register in the regular class for the 20 level).
- Registration forms will be given to students at their middle school if they are designated to CHHS. Transfer students will have forms emailed in early April once the transfer process is complete.
- Students will be supported with a personalized schedule when they come to CHHS to support their long-term goals.

Semester One (Sept– Jan)	Semester Two (Feb – June)
Math 10C AP Cohort	Science 10 AP Cohort
SS 10	Option Course
PE 10	ELA 10-1 AP Cohort
Option Course	Option Course



CHHS AP Cohort Registration Process

- Courses are chosen based on your current achievement in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science 9
- Crescent Heights will only accept registrations of students whose program has been approved by their junior high teachers or counsellors
- Please note that course changes may be made if your marks differ between registration time and June. Junior High Staff will inform us of any core course changes.
- Teachers will complete the Core Course Recommendation Section

PART A: CORE COURSES – To Be Completed by Grade 9 or Jr/Middle Teachers

Students will have 4 classes per semester (2 core classes each semester with the exception of Math 10T classes). If teacher recommendations are unavailable, please attach a copy of the student's most recent report card.

Course	High School Course Requests: Please circle/indicate in the Teacher Rec. Column						Teacher Rec:	Teacher Initial:
Language Arts 9	10-1 AP Cohort	10-1		10-2	10-4	EAL Levels 1-4 Please complete CHHS EAL Registration Form		
Social Studies 9	10-1 AP Cohort	10-1		10-2	10-4			
Science 9	10 AP Cohort	10		14	10-4			
Mathematics 9	10C AP Cohort	10C	10T*	10-3	10-4			
Physical Education (PE)	Physical Education 10 – All Grade 10 Students are enrolled in this class as part of their Alberta High School Graduation requirement. Students may choose circle what version they prefer below:							
	PE 10 Full Semester (5 credits)					PE 10 (3 credit)/Calm (3 credit) – Students may choose a shortened version of PE 10 with Calm in one semester. This course is subject to student enrollment to run next year. *Calm (Career and Life Management) is required for graduation.		



Frequently Asked Questions about AP

How do I know if I should take AP in one or more subjects?

The Advanced Placement College Board suggests that you:

- Start with your interests – What do you enjoy? What do you want to learn more about?
- You want a challenge and are willing to do your best
- You have “curiosity, creativity and commitment”
- As you go through high school talk to your counsellor, AP coordinator, or a teacher in high school about your interests and future plans and ask about your options for learning the skills to help you succeed





Do I still have to write Diploma Exams and how are AP courses recognized?

- AP exams do NOT replace diploma exams. If the AP course is attached to a diploma course, then writing the diploma exam is required
- Alberta Education uses official Alberta course names on official transcripts
- For example, English 30-1 is the official course name that will appear on your Alberta Education transcript even if all students in your English 30-1 class will write an AP exam from The College Board
- If you take a locally developed and approved course, such as English 35 (AP), since AP is part of the official course name, it will appear on your transcript
- AP Exams are administered by the AP College Board in early May, and this is the organization that will provide you with official documentation to use with post-secondary institutions regarding credit for first year courses. You have the choice whether to use the College Board transcripts in addition to your Alberta Education transcripts
- If you are taking several AP courses, your counsellor will assist you with scheduling, and you may write some exams in your Grade 11 year so that you are not overloaded with exams in Grade 12



How will I be evaluated if I am in courses that prepare me to write the AP exam?



- Marks for courses that appear on Alberta Education transcripts are based on standards for the Alberta Education Programs of Studies: your work is evaluated the same way as it is for students in regular classes





Is there a cost for Advanced Placement courses?

- The Advanced Placement College Board sets examination fees - see [The College Board AP Central Exam Calendar and Fees](#)
- Fees include: AP exam fees, exchange rate, and administrative fees, possibly, the purchase of additional texts—talk to the AP Coordinator in high school for more information

