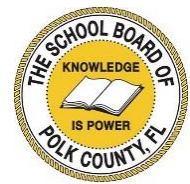


## Polk County Public Schools 2017-18 Advanced Placement (AP) Contract



# Work Toward College Success

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AP helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year.

## Stand Out in College Admissions

Deciding to take an AP course lets colleges and universities know that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment. When admissions officers see “AP” on your transcript, they know that what you experienced in a particular class has prepared you well for the challenges of college. Taking AP is a sign that you’re up for the most rigorous classes your high school has to offer.

## Earn College Credits

By taking an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses: most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. These credits can allow students to save college tuition, study abroad, or secure a second major. AP can transform what once seemed unattainable into something within reach.

## Skip Introductory Classes

If you already know your preferred college major, taking a related AP course and earning a qualifying score on the AP Exam can help you advance and avoid required introductory courses – so you can move directly into upper-level classes and focus on the work that interests you most.

Even taking an AP Exam unrelated to your major – whether or not you know what you want to major in – can place you beyond your college’s general education requirements. This opens up additional time on your schedule, enabling you to do a second major or minor, take exciting electives, or pursue additional interests.

## Build College Skills

Taking an AP course builds the skills you'll need throughout your college years. You give your mind a rigorous workout while polishing up your time management and study skills. You also get better at handling challenging issues and problems, with the support of your AP teachers. AP courses let you know what to expect during the next phase of your educational journey, and help you build the confidence to succeed.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/the-rewards>



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**Student Information**

Last Name	First Name	ID number
School	Grade	Counselor

**Parent Information**

Last Name	First Name	Email address
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work phone

This contract applies to the AP courses in which the student is attempting to schedule:

Advanced Placement Course Name	State Course Code Number

The stipulations below apply to all students enrolling in Advanced Placement courses. Students should initial each.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must attend an AP informational session, either at their school or virtually.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must read the AP course description or syllabus for each course.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must complete all required summer assignments prior to the first day of the school year
- \_\_\_\_\_ All students enrolled in an AP course are expected to **actively participate** in AP. Students should commit to taking the associated AP Exam in May. Students enrolled in an AP course after March 1<sup>st</sup> who do not take the corresponding AP Exam (assuming no documented extenuating circumstance) will not be eligible to take an AP course in the following school year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must attend a parent/student/teacher conference prior to withdrawing from an AP course to determine if withdrawing is in the student’s best interest.
  - A schedule change to withdraw from an AP course and transfer into a non-AP course is contingent upon space and availability in the alternate course.
  - Colleges that have accepted the student with the contingency of successfully completed coursework may rescind acceptances if advanced courses are not completed.
  - Any withdrawal after September 30<sup>th</sup> must be documented and signed by the school principal and submitted to the Secondary Regional Assistant Superintendent
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students may be removed from requested AP courses and placed in substitutive elective courses if this contract is not signed and returned to the school by the date specified here by the school.     Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I affirm that I have read and understand this contract and its stipulations to enroll in AP courses.**

Student Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent Signature: _____	Date: _____