

Welcome AP Parents!



Hello

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What is AP?

- Advanced Placement
- High School Courses that have college level curriculum
- Designed to give students college credit if they qualify (Score of 3, 4, 5)
- Designed to prepare students for college level work



WHY Take AP?

1. Stand Out in College Admissions
2. Earn College Credit
3. Skip Basic Classes
4. Build Skills for College



AP COURSES at CHS

English Language

Physics

Spanish

* Capstone - Seminar

English Literature

Biology

Latin

* Capstone - Research

Calculus

US History

French

German

Statistics

Government

Music Theory

Computer Science

Chemistry

Economics

Studio Art

Human Geog.

Environmental Science

World History



AP

- Primarily for students who think they will be going out of state for college
- Take the AP exam in May
- Must review regularly not just when it gets close to the AP exam
- \$92.00 for the test



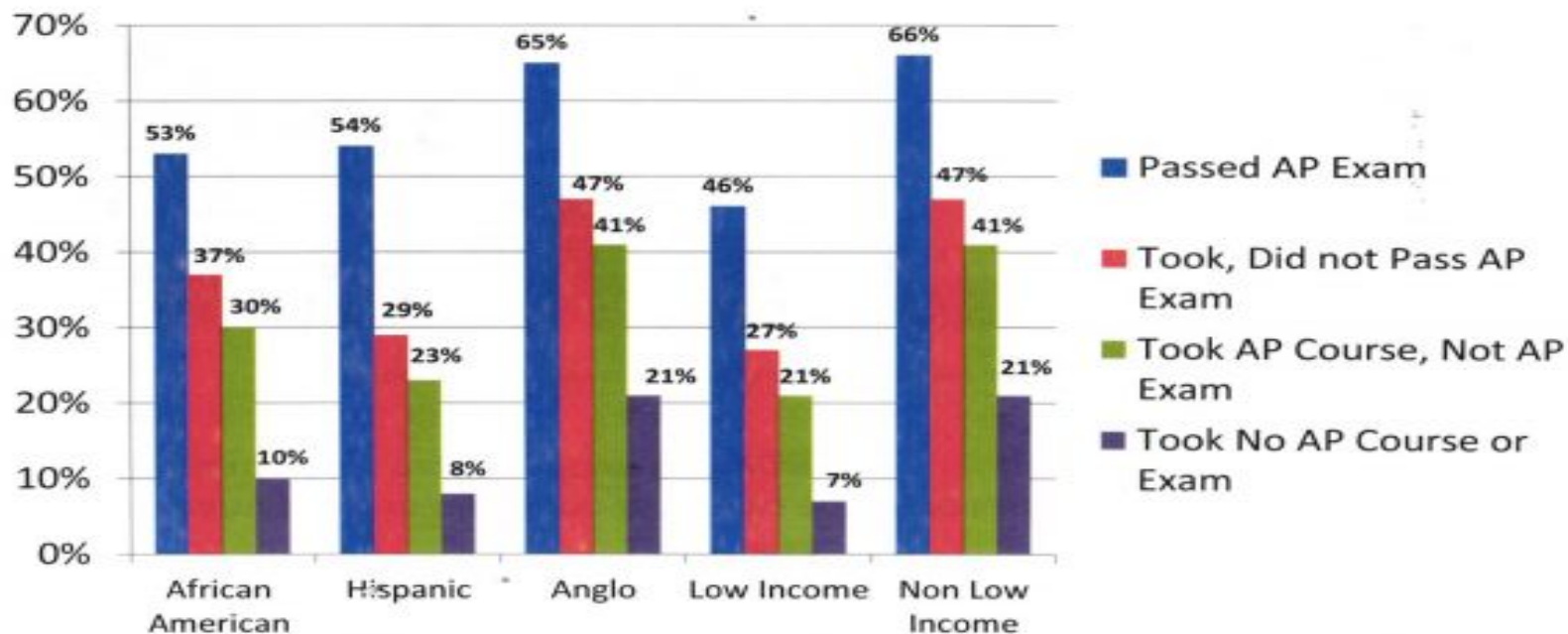
Dual Credit

- For students who know they will stay in state
- Especially those that definitely want to go to SPC, Tech, WT
- Costs about \$210.00 per semester
- Will need to take the pre-test for new TSI test
- Pass TSI test and then may apply to South Plains College





FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATION RATES* in Texas Public Colleges or Universities Students who participated in AP vs. those who did not**



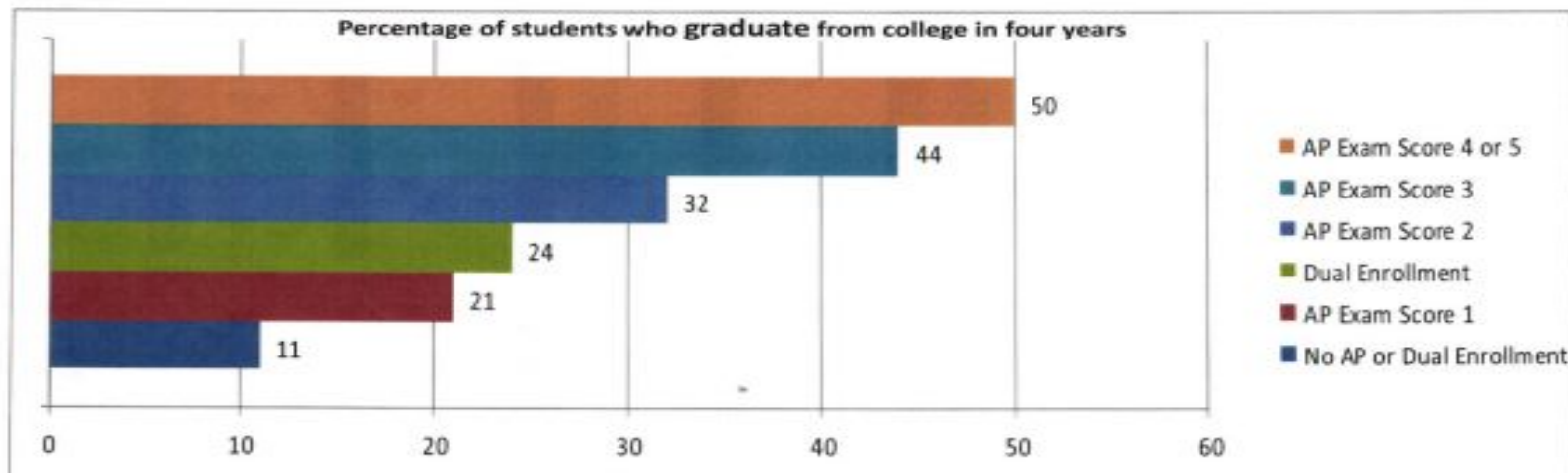
SOURCE: Division of Accountability Research, TEA: "Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Examination Results in Texas 2002-03", August 2004.

* % receiving B.A. degree within 5 years of high school graduation based on group of students graduating in 1998, and enrolling in a Texas Public College or University (67,412 students).

** Based on AP Exams in core academic subjects of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies

You don't have to "pass" to benefit from AP

Students earning a 2 or higher on AP exams are more likely than other students to earn a bachelor's degree within four years.



Qualifying Exams

- All Math, ELAR, and Science (except Physics) AP Exams are paid for by LISD
- Physics and all Social Studies have a qualifying exam to have student exams paid for by LISD
- Top 25% of each teacher's students for Physics and Social Studies will have their exams paid for by LISD
- Qualifying exams will take place in class in Feb.



AP Capstone

- Unique to CHS
- Special Diploma
- Need qualifying scores on AP Research, AP Seminar, and 4 other AP exams
- Selected sophomore year
- Need 3.5 GPA in AP/Pre-AP courses
- Only 1-2 sections available each year



What can they do to be successful?

1. Get a planner
2. Read and do all assignments before they are due
3. Study using strategies for your learning style
4. Ask questions
5. Do not procrastinate



How can you support them in their AP Classes?

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1. Encourage them that they CAN do it--they are high school students pursuing college level courses
 2. Help them maintain a good balance between life and school
 3. Encourage them to speak with their teachers when they have questions
 4. Make sure they are keeping a planner
 5. Check with them about their homework--they are going to have it regularly



Questions??

