

Thistleton Collegiate Institute



AP



CollegeBoard

Advanced Placement
Program

The logo for AP (Advanced Placement) consists of the letters 'AP' in a white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.The CollegeBoard logo features a white shield icon with a stylized acorn on top, followed by the word 'CollegeBoard' in a white, serif font on a black background.

The College Board is non-profit educational organization based out of the US and they produce various **standardized tests** such as Scholastic Aptitude Tests (**SATs**) and **Advanced Placement (AP)** Exams. The **Advanced Placement Program** is primarily designed by **university professors** and in partnership with **high school teachers** across the world, they teach **standardized first year university course content** with the culminating goal of doing the subject specific AP exam in late April or early May.

Most of the AP exams have **multiple choice** and **free response** sections. A student's composite score on an exam is then scaled into a level.

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
5	Extremely well qualified
4	Well qualified
3	Qualified
2	Possibly qualified
1	No recommendation



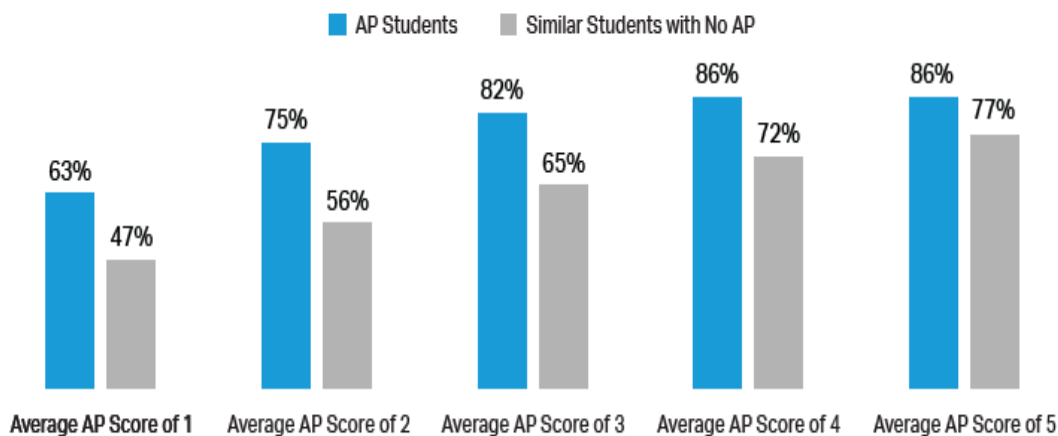
Why Do AP?

Most universities in the US and Canada recognize the results from the College Board and **exempt** students from their respective **first year subject(s)** if they get a **level 4 or 5** however that is **IF** the student **CHOOSES** to release their scores. **Most students opt to do the first year course and have outstanding first year grades.**

<https://research.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/new-analyses-ap-scores-1-and-2.pdf>

Statistics show even if a student scores a level 1 or 2, they are better prepared than their corresponding counterparts with no AP experience. Again, **universities have no access to AP results unless students wish to share this information.** Thus, their admission into their preferred university is not jeopardized if they score a level 1 or 2.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT PROBABILITIES, BY AVERAGE AP SCORE



NOTES: Probability of enrollment immediately after high school graduation is calculated for 1,560,229 students who graduated high school in 2017. Probabilities are calculated separately for the average student in each AP score sample conditional on gender, ethnicity, first-generation status, SAT score, and HSGPA.



Many students who enter university are **shocked** at the **amount of work** and **study time involved**. Taking **AP classes** in high school will **prepare** them for challenging university classes.

AP Classes Help Develop University Skills

AP classes typically require the type of **high-level calculating** and **critical thinking skills** that one would encounter in first year university courses. If one can **write essays** and/or **solve problems successfully for an AP class**, then they will have **mastered many of the skills that will lead to success in university**. **High schools** have **remarkably different levels of rigor** and **different grading standards**, but **AP courses** give universities a **standardized assessment of performance**.

TYPES OF AWARDS

Award	Criteria
AP SCHOLAR	A student must receive a score of 3 or higher on at least three AP Exams .
AP SCHOLAR with Honor	A student must earn an average score of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and get a 3 or higher on at least four exams .
AP SCHOLAR with Distinction	A student must earn an average score of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and get a 3 or higher on at least five exams .
AP INTERNATIONAL Diploma	A student attending school outside the U.S. must earn a 3 or higher on at least five AP Exams ; at least one AP Exam must be from AP World History , AP Human Geography , or <u>AP Government and Politics: Comparative</u>

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