

Benson Polytechnic High School

Guidelines for Advanced Placement Courses & Contract

All students and their parents must enter into a contract to be admitted to an AP class. This contract will stipulate the challenges, academic rigor, and demands required to be successful in an advanced course.

Dropping an AP Course. A student enrolled in an AP course must stay in the course. The master schedule is built based on student requests. Usually there are no extra seats available in other courses.

AP Exams and Preparation

The taking of formal AP tests is highly recommended. Each teacher must create a culture of expectation for taking the exam. All students in AP courses are expected to take the AP exam-when available- and teachers and students strive for excellence on AP exams. To monitor the maintenance of high quality instruction, teachers and administrators will analyze AP exams scores and compare them with course grades. In general, the course grade should be predictive/reflective of the test score. Teachers of AP courses typically offer support for students outside of class in the manner specified by the teacher (e.g. before school, after school, at lunch, by appointment, etc.).

Benson Polytechnic High School offers Advanced Placement courses to high school students who are ready to engage in college level course content and rigorous academics. Courses are available in English, social studies, mathematics, science, Spanish, and digital media.

The AP Program offers college level instruction to the academically successful high school student with the option of taking an Advanced Placement examination and possibly qualifying for college credit. AP students are expected to work at an accelerated pace and to engage in outside reading and independent learning with the support of a College Board authorized instructor.

AP courses are open to all students who wish to take on the additional challenge of advanced academics. Students who choose to enroll, however, should be prepared for the increased academic rigor of these courses. AP courses concentrate on providing students with rigorous college level academic instruction while preparing students for the AP exam associated with the course.

Last name

First name

Grade

Benson Contract for Advanced Placement Courses

Congratulations on challenging yourself to pursue studies in an advanced placement course. Through your effort and persistence you will gain knowledge, academic skills and confidence which will serve you well throughout the remainder of your education.

Students (and their parent/guardian) who wish to enroll in an advanced placement course must sign the following contract in order to be enrolled.

AP classes are challenging courses with college level content, materials and pacing.

1. I recognize that participation in AP classes requires me to:
 - Demonstrate increased student independence
 - Take on a high degree of responsibility
 - Read the description(s) of the AP course(s) in which I seek to enroll and understand the workload they will entail.....and consider the workload in spite of my other commitments and activities, as conflict with and participation in those activities will not be justification for dropping an AP course.
2. I commit to remain enrolled in the course(s) I have chosen for the entire year. Once a student signs a contract, they may not drop the course as it impacts the entire school schedule.
3. I realize that by enrolling in an advanced placement course, I am expected to take the corresponding advanced placement examination in May.

Course(s) requested: _____

Student ID #: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____