

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

AP COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

Must have a SEPARATE contract for EACH class

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TO COUNSELOR DURING FORECASTING**

**Benson Polytechnic High School  
Contract for Advanced Placement Courses**

Congratulations on challenging yourself to pursue studies in an advanced placement (AP) 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 AP 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 of the AP course 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 the participation in those activities will not be justification for dropping an AP course.
2. I commit to remain enrolled in the course I have chosen for the **entire year**.
3. I realize that by enrolling in an AP course, I am expected to take the corresponding AP exam in May.
4. I understand not completing summer work will not be grounds for dropping in the fall.

Course requested \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT CLEARLY)

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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2019-2020**

**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 requested to be successful in an AP 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 exam 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. tutorial).

Benson offers AP 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, and Digital Media.

The AP Program offers college level instruction to the academically successful high school student with the option of taking an AP exam 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.