



**CAB
CALLOWAY
SCHOOL**
of the ARTS

2016-2017 Advanced Placement Application/Contract/Commitment

Students:

1. Have parents read and sign appropriate section.
2. Read and sign your appropriate section.
3. Have your current teacher in similar subject area approve and sign (during the course sign-up period only – March 8th – March 18th).
4. Have your future AP teacher approve and sign (during the course sign-up period only – March 8th – March 18th).
5. Return this completed application by the end of the day on **Friday, March 18th** to your counselor in the CCSA Guidance Office.

Students and Parents:

Please read the following section on our school's philosophy and regulations regarding AP courses:

1. Advance Placement (AP) courses offer high school students opportunities to demonstrate college-level achievement. This program is based on the fact that many high school students can complete college-level studies while attending secondary school.
2. AP exams are the national tests which are graded from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest grade. Most colleges will accept a grade of 3 or higher in order for the student to receive college credit, however, some schools such as Ivy League Colleges, will accept only a 4 or higher.
3. AP courses are rigorous and most courses require completion of certain prerequisites. See the course booklet for more information.
4. Students are not permitted to take more than 4 AP courses without prior approval from your counselor. Please keep in mind, it's best to gradually add AP courses into your schedule. For instance, if you're taking two AP classes this year, we recommend not taking more than four classes the following school year without consulting with your counselor.

5. Students are to have a grade of at least a “B” in the current course (preferably Honors level) in the same discipline at the time of course request. Students who do not currently fulfill this requirement must petition the department chairperson for approval.
6. Students need to have their own internal desire to take an AP course, not because of peer or parental pressure.
7. Students must be willing to commit their time to the AP course and keep outside commitments such as work and extracurricular activities at a minimum.
8. Students need to understand that an AP course requires ample independent study. This begins with their assigned and required summer work and as such, a student needs to possess a great deal of self-discipline to work on the course material outside of the AP class. If a student does NOT complete their required AP summer work they will be asked to drop the AP class on the first day of the new school year.
9. Parents need to understand the time and dedication that the student must give to an AP course and must be willing to encourage this commitment throughout the school year.
10. There is a “grace period” for students who enrolled in an AP course. Due to the challenging material, outside commitments, individual concerns, or AP instructor recommendation, a student may drop or be asked to drop an AP course. The grace period runs from the first day of school until the interim of the first marking period.
11. A student who is enrolled for an AP course MUST take the AP exam in May. Currently, the cost of this exam is \$92 (subject to change). Exam fees must be turned into Mrs. Rigby during the AP exam registration window, which takes place in February. Checks should be made payable to Cab Calloway School of the Arts. Fee waivers, which reduce the cost of AP exam fees, are available, but you must check with your counselor to see if you qualify (If you receive free or reduced lunch, you qualify).
12. If a student decides NOT to take the AP exam in May, the designation of the course will be changed from AP to Accelerated. The student will no longer receive AP quality points (1.5 extra points) in their GPA calculation. The students will remain in the AP class with the new Accelerated designation with 1 additional quality point calculated into the students GPA for the remainder of the school year.
13. All Cab Calloway School of the Arts AP teachers assign required summer work. If a student enrolls in an AP class during the summer they are expected to complete all summer work by the date assigned by the teacher; failure to complete the summer work will result in a withdraw from the course. If a student enrolls in an AP course at the start of the school year, all required summer work must be completed by the date assigned by the AP teacher. Only in very rare instances will a student be able to add an AP class at the beginning of the school year.
14. Additional information regarding the AP enrollment and AP exam fees can be found in both the course booklet and at www.apcentral.com.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Please Print Your Name Legibly!

****Only return this page to your counselor, please keep the first page, listing the AP policies and procedures for your records!**

Parent Recommendation:

I have read the attached Advanced Placement information and I agree to work with my child to successfully complete the program. I am also aware of the AP exam fee I must pay, per exam, during the exam registration window in January 2017.

Parent Signature

Student Agreement:

I have read and understood the above Advanced Placement information. I understand that it is my responsibility to accurately complete this form and to get the appropriate signatures. I am willing to commit myself throughout the school year to the rigors of an AP course. I also understand that if I do not complete the mandatory summer work, I will be asked to drop the AP course on the first day of school.

Student Signature

Please keep the first page for your records - detach this page and return it to your counselor in the Guidance Office by Friday, March 18th once you have obtained all of the required signatures.

You do NOT and should NOT obtain signatures from a CSW teacher, unless you are currently taking a class with a CSW teacher who is able to recommend you for an AP offering.

Teacher Approval Section

Students: You need to get the signature of approval from both your present teacher in similar subject area AND your future AP teacher. You may sign up for up to 3 AP courses on this form but you need to have the appropriate signatures for each course.

1. I have signed up for the following AP course:

_____ (Name and Course Number)
_____ (Present Teacher Signature)
_____ (Future AP Teacher Signature)

2. I have signed up for the following AP course:

_____ (Name and Course Number)
_____ (Present Teacher Signature)
_____ (Future AP Teacher Signature)

3. I have signed up for the following AP course:

_____ (Name and Course Number)
_____ (Present Teacher Signature)
_____ (Future AP Teacher Signature)

4. I have signed up for the following AP course:

_____ (Name and Course Number)
_____ (Present Teacher Signature)
_____ (Future AP Teacher Signature)

5 I have signed up for the following AP course:

_____ (Name and Course Number)
_____ (Present Teacher Signature)
_____ (Future Teacher Signature)

Please complete this entire form and return the last page to your counselor by the end of the day on Friday, March 18th, 2016.