



CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL of the ARTS

2017-2018 Advanced Placement Contract

Students:

1. Read and sign appropriate section.
2. Have a parent read and sign in appropriate section.
3. Return the completed AP Contract to the School Counseling Office by the end of the day on **Friday, March 24th**.

Students and Parents:

Please read the following 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 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 take an AP course 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 \$93 (*2018 AP exam fee TBA*). Exam fees must be turned into Mrs. Rigby during the AP exam registration window, which will take place in February 2018. 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. **Cab Calloway School of the Arts AP teachers assign required summer work. If a student enrolls in an AP class they are expected to complete all summer work by the date assigned by the teacher; failure to complete the summer work will result in 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 AP course content, fees, test dates, etc. can be found at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/home>.

Student Name _____ Grade _____
Please Print Your Name Legibly!

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**Please detach page 1 of the AP contract and keep it for your records. Complete and return only this page to the School Counseling Office by Friday, March 24th.

I plan on taking the following AP Class(es) during the 2017-2018 school year:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent Approval:

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 which will occur in January – February 2018.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Agreement:

I have read and understand the above Advanced Placement information. 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

Date

Please keep the first page for your records - detach this page and return it to the wire basket on the front counter in the School Counseling Office by Friday, March 24th. You will not be permitted to officially enroll in an AP class(es) until you return this contract!