



# CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL of the ARTS

## 2018-2019 Advanced Placement Contract

### Students:

1. Read and then sign the appropriate section.
2. Have a parent read and then sign in the appropriate section.
3. Return ONLY the signature page of the AP Contract to the School Counseling Office by the end of the day on **Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep the first page for your records.

### Students and Parents:

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

1. Advanced 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 that are graded from one to five, with five being the highest grade. Most colleges will accept a grade of three or higher in order for the student to receive college credit; however, some top tier schools, will accept only a four or higher.
3. AP courses are rigorous and most courses require completion of certain prerequisites. See the AP and Dual Enrollment information sheet posted in Schoology for more information.
4. Students are not permitted to take more than four AP courses without approval from your school counselor. **Please keep in mind; it is best practice 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 - especially without consulting with your parents and school counselor.
5. Students are to have a grade of at least a "B" average or higher 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 speak to their teacher in regards to obtaining 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 the mandatory summer work. Moreover, 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 the required AP summer work he/she will be asked to drop the class on the first day of the new school year.
9. Parents need to understand the time and dedication 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 in an AP course MUST take the AP exam in May.** Currently, the AP fee, per exam, is \$94 (*2019 AP exam fee TBA*). Exam fees must be turned into Mrs. Rigby during the AP exam registration window in February 2019. 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. After a meeting with the student, parent, and AP teacher, it is decided the student will 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 the additional AP quality points (1.5 extra points) in their GPA calculation. The student will remain in the AP class, but with the Accelerated course designation, which calculates into the GPA the same as an Honors class.
13. **CCSA’s AP teachers assign mandatory summer work. If a student enrolls in an AP class, he/she is expected to complete all summer work by the due date. Failure to complete the summer work will result in withdraw from the course.** If a student is permitted to enroll 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, and test dates, etc. can be found at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/home>.**

**PLEASE KEEP PAGE ONE OF THE AP CONTRACT FOR YOUR RECORDS.  
DO NOT TURN IN THIS PAGE!**

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 this page only to the School Counseling Office by Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**I plan on taking the following AP Class(es) during the 2018-2019 school year:**

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### Parent Approval:

I have read the attached Advanced Placement Contract and I agree to support my child in successfully completing the course(s). I am also aware I am responsible for paying the associated exam fees during the registration window in February 2019.

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Parent Signature

Date

### Student Agreement:

I have read and understand the Advanced Placement Contract. I am willing to commit myself throughout the summer and during the school year to the rigors of an AP course(s). I also understand, if I do not complete the mandatory summer work, I will be asked to drop the AP course on the first day of school.

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Student Signature

Date

**Please keep the first page of this contract for your records, then detach the signature page, and return it to the appropriate basket in the School Counseling Office by Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. You will not be permitted to officially enroll in an AP class(es) until you return this contract. Thank you!**