

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

If you are serious about graduating from college, you need to take AP classes.

A US Department of Education Study found that the strongest predictor of college graduation is something students do before they ever go to college: Participate in rigorous, college-level courses in high school-and AP courses in particular.

**DID YOU KNOW...** (based on information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2009)

- If you earn a high school diploma, you're likely to earn \$8,500 more per year than students who don't complete high school.
- But if you earn a bachelor's degree in college, you're likely to earn **\$29,000 more** per year!

## SO WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

### College Readiness

"As a freshman, I was able to skip general Ed requirements and head straight into the higher-level classes I wanted to take. Taking AP Exams literally saved me a semester of time." Brent Wiese, University of Iowa graduate

### Confidence in your academic abilities

Students who have prepared for and taken the AP Exams adapt more easily to taking college courses, writing essays and taking exams.

### College Credit

Most U.S. colleges and universities, as well as those in 24 other countries, grant students admission, credit and/or placement for qualifying AP Exam grades. Example: At WSU, earning a 3 on the AP US History Exam satisfies the requirement for History 110 for 3 credits. Earning a 4 or 5 satisfies both History 110 and 111 for a total of six credits.

### Enriched academic experience

You will be participating in a classroom environment with students who are similarly motivated to succeed.

### Recognition

You will stand out in the college admissions process and be recognized at high school as a high performing student.

## AND DON'T BELIEVE THE MISCONCEPTIONS

**Myth:** I am going to graduate from college at the same time whether I take an AP class or not.

**Reality:** Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

**Myth:** It is only possible to take one AP class at a time.

**Reality:** It is entirely possible to take multiple AP classes. Challenge yourself!

## AP CLASSES AT WHITE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Calculus

Biology

Chemistry

Statistics

Psychology

Government & Politics

English

Environmental Science

Economics

Human Geography

## QUESTIONS? STILL NOT SURE?

Contact one of the AP teachers: Mr. Argo, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Fugate, Ms. Harjehausen, Mr. Marlow, Ms. Larson, Mr. Wenham, Mr. Mothershead, or Ms. Miller.