

## QUESTIONS ON ENRICHED AND AP COURSE PLACEMENT?

The best person to talk to regarding 10<sup>th</sup> grade course placement is your current 9<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the subject area.

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## WHAT EVERY INCOMING 10<sup>th</sup> GRADER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT AP AND ENRICHED COURSES

This pamphlet is designed to give you an understanding of the potential benefits of taking advanced courses and how these classes differ from conventional courses. Whether you take many advanced courses over your three years at Edina High School or try just one in a particular interest area, each is an opportunity to challenge yourself and get a head start on college-level work.

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

Edina High School offers 24 AP Courses over a broad range of subject matters. The benefits of trying an Advanced Placement course are many:

#### **1. College Preparation**

Through AP courses you will improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem-solving techniques to prepare you for college.

#### **2. Get the Leg Up in the College Admissions Process**

By tackling AP courses you demonstrate your maturity and readiness for college and your commitment to work hard and pursue excellence.

#### **3. Explore a Subject Area at Greater Depth**

AP courses allow you to not just learn facts and figures, but to use advanced reasoning & analytical skills to explore a subject and understand it for yourself.

#### **4. Earn College Credit**

Throughout the year in AP college-level courses; you are prepared for an annual exam in May that will allow you to earn college credit at many colleges and universities. AP courses available to EHS 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are AP Stats and Trig, AP European History and AP World History.

### **ENRICHED COURSES**

Enriched courses are designed to prepare you for AP course work by providing great rigor and more in depth content. Students that want more of a challenge in a strong subject area should consider the rigor of an enriched course. Choices for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students include:

- Enriched Chemistry
- Enriched French IV
- Enriched Spanish IV

### **ARE THE GRADES WEIGHTED FOR AP AND ENRICHED COURSEWORK:**

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are weighted at 1.2 in the student's GPA as compared to other courses offered in this registration guide. Courses identified as "Enriched" carry greater rigor but do not carry additional weighting over other courses.

### **FAQ ON SPECIFIC COURSES MOST OFTEN TAKEN IN 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

The AP and Enriched courses most often taken by 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at EHS are listed on back of this page along with specific information on each of these courses and what you might expect as far as content, homework, and requirements in each course and how they differ from a conventional courses.

ADVANCED COURSE	ACADEMIC SKILLS NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN CLASS	COMMON TERMINOLOGY	HOMEWORK CONTENT AND AVG NIGHTLY HOURS REQUIRED	ADDITIONAL TIME SPENT NIGHTLY ON STUDYING	WHAT PERCENT OF STUDENT GRADE FROM HOMEWORK, QUIZZES, TESTS	SEMESTER FINAL AND YEAR END FINAL	ANYTHING ELSE STUDENT SHOULD KNOW TO MAKE A GOOD CHOICE
<b>AP EUROPEAN HISTORY</b>	-Long attention span -College level reading s -Strong essay writing skills -Good memory	-IDs: Identification as important terms to know. -FRQ: Free Response Question- an essay test written in 35 min. -DBQ: Documents Based Question – An essay test written using historical documents	30-60 minutes every night broken down to: -20 minutes of reading every night -10 minutes of IDs (identifications) review as a study guide for multiple choice tests.	30 minutes every night on a consistent basis will do it. -Student must review material consistently as cramming for the test usually equates to a poor grade.	-Homework: 2% -Tests/Quizzes: 68% -Participation: 30% Extra credit available through participation	Whole semester of content covered for semester final and then whole year of content covered in yearend final	It is a college level course taught like a college class - Lecture note daily - Memorization - High expectations
<b>AP WORLD HISTORY</b>	-Above average reading skills -Ability to write in clear, complete sentences that observe basic rules of grammar and structure.	-Analysis - Rubric - Compare and contrast - Primary source - Evidence	-Daily reading assignment -Primary source reading on a weekly basis accompanied by analytical questions to be answered in paragraph form. - Weekly quizzes on the textbook reading.	By doing the reading and other assignments, students will already be studying and reviewing course material.	-Homework and quizzes 40% -Exams 40%, -Participation 20%. There are only a few opportunities for minimal extra credit.	The semester and year-end exams are comprehensive in nature.	Students should enjoy history and be motivated to spend considerable amounts of time mastering the material. This course is for students that want to work harder and analyze material in a more cognitive way. A steep learning curves exists to adjust to course format and challenge.
<b>ENRICHED CHEMISTRY</b>	-Strong algebra and math skills - Ability to solve multi-step math problems - Organization is important because the pace is quick.	-Study Guide/Practice Problems (SGPP) = homework packet. -SELF-Exam- review sheet for test -Lab Notebook – quad ruled composition notebook	-Homework packet/worksheets -Post-lab calculation and questions -Reading the chapter in textbook	-15-20 minutes per night of general review on nights with no HW. - More on days leading up to tests	-Homework , Labs, Quizzes: 30% -Tests – 70% No participation grade	Whole first semester. Final is 20% of semester grade.	Students who did well in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Enriched Physics and are good at math are good candidates for Enriched Chem. Also students who plan to take AP Chemistry should take Enriched Chemistry in 10th.
<b>AP STATS And TRIGNOMETRY</b>	If you earned an A or a solid B in Advanced Algebra you most likely have the study skills necessary to be successful in AP Stats		-Math problems and review packets. - Most students spend about the same time studying as they would need in any other math class	Review for tests.	-Test scores: -80-90% -Small percentages of grade are from homework and take home quizzes.	Semester final test is cumulative.	