

AP/ADVANCED COURSES AT TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER!



What is an AP Class?

- AP stands for Advanced Placement, which means a student could possibly earn college credit for the course if he/she passes the course AND the AP Exam, which is designed by the College Board.
- These classes require an application process.
- Because of the rigorous curriculum and work load of an AP course, final grades earn students two extra GPA points in comparison to regular classes and grade scales.

Example:

- A = 6 pts.
- B = 5 pts.
- C = 4 pts.
- D = 3 pts.

F = 0 pts. (as regular grading scale)

Each AP
exam costs
\$87

These fees
are due
**December
20, 2012**



AP COURSES ON LINE!

- Many courses are offered on line through North Carolina Virtual High School, no application is necessary; however, \$87 exam fees still apply.
- Students can participate in these courses during ANY period of the school day.
- Students are in a computer lab under the supervision of a classroom facilitator. A facilitator is NOT a teacher and does not serve as a tutor in any way.
- Teachers of these courses are certified and communicate and instruct strictly on line; they may be based anywhere in NC or in some cases, other states.

On Site Course/On Line Course

On Site

- Teacher has face to face instruction and communication with students on a daily basis.
- Teacher is available before/after school for help.
- Teacher provides guidance with subject matter & work load, and adjusts curriculum to fit class time.

On Line

- Teacher provides instruction through emails and other technological means.
- Teachers answer questions and provide suggestions on line but are not always readily available.
- Student reads content & organizes work load to fit his/her own schedule.
- Students complete each course by working independently at their own pace.
- Struggling students must rely on their own resources for success.

What is an Advanced Course?

- Has a more challenging curriculum than a regular course
- NOT as rigorous as an AP course, which is tested by the College Board
- Advanced course exams are teacher-made.
- Students do NOT receive college credit.
- No College Board exam so no exam fee
- Students earn an extra GPA point for individual grades. Example: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, F = 0

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER!

- Students interested in AP/Advanced courses may access the applications at *ths.haywood.k12.nc.us* beginning **Jan. 19**.
- Completed applications AND **signed** parental permission letters are due to the counseling center on or before **Jan. 27**.
- Final rosters for classes will be posted **Feb. 15**.
- Students may remove their name from an AP/Advanced Course roster the week of **Feb. 15 – 23**.
- Rosters are finalized and NO changes made after **Feb. 24**.