

# AP Informational Night



***BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL***  
***TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023***

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# What is AP?

## **“AP” stands for Advanced Placement**

- AP courses are challenging, with content that better prepares students for the rigors of college.
- Every AP course has an end-of-course AP Exam.
  - If a student passes the exam with a score of 3+ they could earn college credit for the course.
  - AP exam scores can be included in college applications.

# Why should I take AP Class(es)?

**Better preparation for college  
level course work**

**Allow you to earn college credit for  
courses (3+ on Exam for most  
colleges)**

**Allow you to skip pre-requisite  
classes in college and save on  
tuition costs**

**Apply critical thinking and problem-  
solving skills that are necessary for  
college and career success**

**Strengthen your transcript for the  
college admissions process**



# AP and College Completion Rates

- College students who have **not** taken an AP class have a **33%** chance of completing a Bachelor's Degree;
- College students who have completed **one** AP course have a **59%** chance of completing a Bachelor's Degree; and
- College students who have completed **two or more** AP courses increase to **76%** their chances of attaining a Bachelor's Degree.

(<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Toolbox/toolbox.html>)

# AP Myths & Realities

Myths	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	AP courses have our highest weighting. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

29 AP  
Courses  
Offered!!

# Baldwin High School Advanced Placement Courses 2024-2025

Art History	Art 2D
Drawing	Biology
Calculus AB	Calculus BC
Chemistry	Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles	English Language & Composition
English Literature	Environmental Science
French	Government & Politics
Human Geography	Italian
Music Theory	Physics I
Physics C – Mechanics	Psychology
Research	Seminar
Spanish	Statistics
US History	World History
AP Precalculus	AP African American Studies



# AP Capstone Curriculum

## Developed in response to feedback from Higher Education

**AP Capstone** is an innovative program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills valued by colleges. The program is based on two new skills-based AP courses:

### AP Seminar and AP Research

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth subject-matter study in AP

#### The AP Capstone program empowers students to:

- synthesize information from multiple perspectives
- apply skills in new situations and cross-curricular contexts
- collect and analyze information with accuracy and precision
- craft, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments
- practice disciplined and scholarly research skills while exploring relevant topics that appeal to their interests and curiosity.

## Two Courses – Two Levels of Distinction

A flexible two-course program that engages students in rigorous college-level curricula while promoting the critical skills needed for success in college and beyond.

### AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

#### AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation  
Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation  
End-of-Course Exam

#### AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Paper  
Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS  
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

### AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.

# AP Scholars

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Advanced Placement Scholar Awards 2022-2023	
AP Scholar	85
AP Scholar with Honors	22
AP Scholar with Distinction	52
AP Capstone	31
AP Seminar and Research Certificate	16
AP Scholar Total	164

Advanced Placement Enrollment		
Year	# of Students	# of Exams
2022-2023	536	987
2021-2022	537	973
2020-2021	512	917

# Baldwin High School AP Course Intent Form

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATEMENT OF INTENT AND APPLICATION

**Directions:** Complete this form and list each A.P. course that you plan to take.  
Sign it, have your parent sign it, and return to your school counselor.

*Student's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*A.P. Course (List all):*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that an Advanced Placement course is a college level course and that requirements are significantly higher than those of the high school level. I also understand my admission to the program is subject to final review of my grades at the end of the present school year.

I understand that I am committing to the courses listed above and understand that making a schedule change in September may not be possible or available. I further understand that I will be expected to take the Advanced Placement Examination at the conclusion of the course. A fee is incurred for each exam.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature                      Student's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Supervisor Section to be signed for students who are not initially recommended for the course

____ I recommend this student	_____ Supervisor Signature	_____ Department	_____ Date
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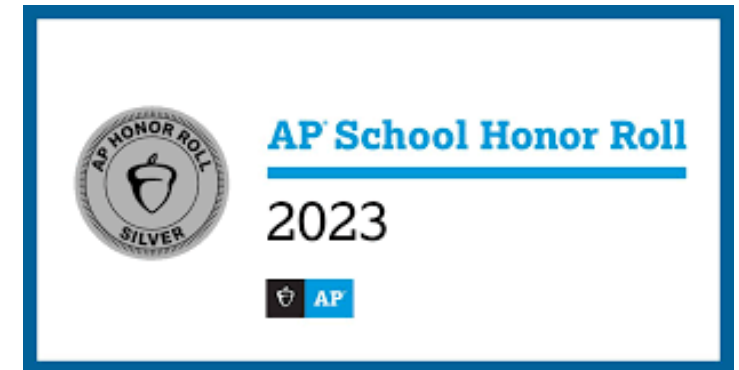
## Baldwin High School AP Statement of Intent and Application Form



# Baldwin High School – 2023 Advanced Placement Honor Roll, “Silver with Access”



- ▶ **District Receives ‘Silver with Access’ Designation**
- ▶ 1 of 4,570 High Schools out of over 15,000 in US & Canada to earn a place on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll
- ▶ 1 of 1,770 that also received the AP Access Award, demonstrating a clear and effective commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework.



Questions?