



Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School

Registration Information for Advanced Placement (AP)

JCS offers a variety of academic programs, including classes in Advanced Placement (AP) classes in a variety of subjects. Students who take AP® *may earn* advanced credit or advanced standing at many colleges and universities based of their AP® achievements.

What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

- Courses that focus on more in-depth study of one or more subjects which, through the AP curriculum, enables you to pursue college level studies, while at high school.
- There is flexibility to enter AP courses at any level or subject and to take courses in one or more subject areas. Students can enter the 30 level without taking the 10, or 20 level Cohort AP courses.
- To be successful in AP courses, students should typically:
 - Enjoy the learning challenge and have a passion for the subject area.
 - Be self-disciplined, self-motivated, and a well-developed work ethic.
- To earn AP designation and credit for a course, students will need to successfully complete the AP course exam, which occurs at the 30 level, in early May of the grade 11 and/or grade 12 year.

What does Advanced Placement (AP) course look like?

- While in an AP course, all students will study the Alberta Education curriculum for each course in a subject area. This
- There are two different types of AP courses offered, depending on their level:
 - **Cohort AP courses are offered at the 10 and 20 level (typically grade 10 and 11).**
 - These courses provide an enriched and challenging learning environment helping to develop the knowledge and skills to successfully challenge the 30 level AP course and exam.
 - Any AP content covered does not affect the grade in a Cohort AP course.
 - Taking Cohort AP courses does not mean that student must take the 30 level AP course.
 - **AP Courses occur at the 30 level (typically in grade 12).**
 - Students enrolled in these courses will study both the Alberta Education curriculum and the AP College Board course content.
 - Students will be required to write the Alberta Education diploma exam, and to gain AP recognition, students will need to successfully complete the AP examination. AP exams are administered by the AP College Board in early May.

- The 35-level course is an additional 3 credit course which provides increased AP content in a hands on, lab-based environment to prepare students for the AP exam. This will occur during a “J-block” period outside the regular class schedule, 1 to 3 times per week.
- Students do not need to have completed the 10 or 20 level Cohort AP course to register for the 30 level AP course.
- AP exam marks and credits are not reflected on Alberta Education’s detailed academic record and transcripts. It is through the AP College Board that official documentation is provided to students to share with their post-secondary institutions.

Possible Course Sequences

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	AP Exam
English 10-1 Cohort AP	English 20-1 Cohort AP	Sem 1 - ELA 30-1/35	AP® English Literature and Composition
Mathematics 10C Cohort AP (Sem 1)	Math 20-1 Cohort AP (Sem 1) Math 30-1 (Sem 2)	Math 31/ 35 (Full Year)	AP® Calculus AB
Science 10 Cohort AP (Sem 1)	Biology 20 Cohort AP	Sem 1- Biology 30/35 AP	AP® Biology
Chemistry 20 Cohort AP (Sem 2)	Chemistry 30/35AP		AP® Chemistry
	Physics 20 Cohort AP	Sem 1- Physics 30/35	AP® Physics 1 (written in grade 12) AP® Physics 2 (written in grade 12)

NOTE: Course availability will be dependent on the number of student requests, enrollment and school resources.

Estimated course fee: \$135 per AP exam (depending on the exchange rate at the time).
Please note that some Cohort AP and AP science courses may also have an additional nominal fee to cover lab materials.

To learn more about advanced placement, please visit the AP College Board website at

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>