



Advanced Placement® & Pre-AP®

Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School



Welcome

Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School is committed to success for every student, every day.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement plays an important role in that success.



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What Are Advanced Placement[®] & Pre-AP Courses?

Pre-AP & AP Courses

Pre-AP	AP
10 PRE-AP/Enrichment courses offered across all core subjects - Science 10 Pre-AP - Biology 20 Pre-AP - Chemistry 20 Pre-AP - Math 10 & 20 Pre-AP - English 10 & 20 Pre-AP - Social Studies 10 Pre-AP	- Biology 30 AP, Chemistry 30 AP, & Physics 20 AP 30 AP Calculus 20/30 AP European History Cohort 30 AP English Literature and Composition
- Summative assessment occurs in student's regular (community) classes - Enrichment & formative assessment occurs in AP courses	AP courses are university-level courses offered in high school
- Some 20-Level Pre-AP courses are offered in the regular timetable (Math) 10-Pre AP courses offered in SOAR	AP examinations conclude AP courses and demonstrate student's mastery of university-level work



The Benefits & Things to Be Mindful Of

AP[®]: The Benefits

- Like-minded students together in a positive learning environment
- Builds critical thinking, time management, & study skills
- Students learn university-level content and skills
- Opportunities for rigorous in-depth learning
- AP courses are valued in the university admission process
- Opportunity to earn credits and placement in university
 - Double Major
 - Move to upper-level courses sooner
- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a university degree on time (AP College Board 2009).

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

University of Calgary
Calgary, Canada
Offers credit for AP Exams
Offers placement into higher-level courses for AP Exams

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

Things to be Mindful Of

- Work-Life-Extracurricular Balance
- All courses offered are based on student interest, enrollment and school resources
- Transcripts are aligned with Alberta Education Programs of Study
- IB Versus AP
 - IB is a 3-year commitment
 - Pre-AP/AP has multiple entry/exit points



AP[®] Examinations

AP[®] Exams

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year. The exams occur at the end of the some 20-level (Science) AP courses and all 30-level AP courses.

A score of 3 out of 5 or higher on an AP exam may earn students university credit.





What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and have a passion for the subject area.
AP courses are too stressful.	AP courses consist of more in-depth work not extra questions or more work. Students feel challenged and engaged and are no longer bored with focusing on basic concepts and review.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get university credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many universities grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking Prep-AP or AP courses could hurt my overall average.	Students are assessed according to the Alberta curriculum. Students decide whether they release their AP exam mark.
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.



Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Appropriate Choice

AP[®]: Start the Conversation

Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

What AP course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, reflect on what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel in?
- What university majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- AP Students:
https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap?ep_ch=PR&ep_mid=11076441&ep_rid=30960325
- AP Canada: <http://apcanada.collegeboard.org>

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Questions and Answers