

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL
ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AGREEMENT

STUDENT: _____ STUDENT# _____

COURSE: _____

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college level courses. The difference between Honors and AP courses is that the Honors courses help students prepare for the academic challenges of college, while the AP courses allow students to pursue college level studies while still in high school. A student may receive college credit for an AP course, if the student scores a three or higher on the national AP exam at the end of the year. **ALL AP STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE AP EXAM.**

AP courses require a great deal of self discipline, research and independent study skills, the ability to work in self motivated learning groups, group study hours beyond the classroom, and in some cases, hours of homework a night. The demands of an AP course stretch a student's academic and intellectual ability. An AP student must also demonstrate a high motivational level and possess the maturity necessary to successfully complete an AP course and pass the exam. Students who enroll in more than one AP course should expect the possibility of several hours of homework to address the demands of all their classes. A combination of AP and Honors courses can prove to be rigorous, and students enrolling in these courses should consider all activities they are involved in and the amount of time expected for each course and/or activity.

Faculty course assignments are determined by how many students enroll for each course during the pre-registration period. Movement of students after school begins in the fall can result in some teachers having a lower student/teacher ratio and other faculty members having larger class sizes. The shift in class sizes creates an unfair burden on the students and teachers in larger classes. For this reason, students who enroll in an AP course are expected to remain in the course for the entire school year.

The purpose of this form is to help both students and parents understand the expectation of the AP Program and courses. A student's commitment to enroll in an AP course is taken very seriously. Many AP students experience not getting an "A" for the first time and request a transfer out of the course. A student may not transfer out of an AP course just because of a low grade or the effects of a low grade. Students who are truly misplaced in an AP course must go through the following process in order to request a transfer, and these transfers will only take place after the first semester.

- Student/counselor conference
- Parent/teacher/student/counselor conference
- Documented attempts at strategies for success determined at parent/teacher/student/counselor conference
- Parent/curriculum administrator conference
- Feedback and input from teacher, counselor, parent, and student

I have read this agreement and understand the expectations associated with an AP course. I understand enrollment is for the entire year.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Teacher Recommended: Yes No