

The Advanced Placement Program

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What is AP?

- The Advanced Placement program allows motivated high school students to prepare for and write university level exams while still in secondary school.
- Teachers prepare students for the exam while delivering the Ontario curriculum; in most cases, the Ontario curriculum covers about 80% of the material. Students' OSR marks reflect Ontario assessment and evaluation standards.
- Exams, which are approximately 50% multiple choice, 50% free response, are written in the students' home school in May. For Studio Art, students submit a portfolio (4 pieces of original art and digital copies of the rest).
- AP grades are:
 - 5 = extremely well qualified
 - 4 = well qualified
 - 3 = qualified
 - 2 = possibly qualified
 - 1 = no recommendation
- Marks of 4 or 5 can mean transfer credit and/or advanced placement at Canadian universities.
- In 2014 students in over 140 countries wrote 4.2 million AP exams. In Canada, 26,500 exams were written; in Ontario there are over 300 AP/Pre-AP schools.
- For a list of AP subjects, a course description and sample exam questions, go to: apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/index.html

What is Pre-AP?

- Pre-AP is a clearly articulated sequence of courses that enrich students and prepare them for the rigour of AP courses.
- Pre-AP teachers help students acquire the skills, concepts and habits of mind necessary for success on AP Exams.
- Emphasis is on inquiry-based learning, problem-solving techniques and other learning strategies that students need for success in AP and beyond.

Why take AP's?

AP courses offer students:

- enrichment & academic challenge.
- opportunity to enhance individual strengths.
- a chance to play a more active role in their own learning.
- an emphasis on 21st century skills.
- an enriched learning experience in a class of like-minded students.
- experience in university level exams, projects, writing style to be a step ahead at university.
- university credit and/or placement thus increasing options & possibility of pursuing a double major.
- a way to stand out in admissions process for special programs and international universities.

Who should take AP's?

A typical AP student is:

- intellectually curious.
- a question asker.
- a self-starter /an independent learner.
- passionate about learning.
- well-organized.
- self-disciplined and has good time management skills.
- willing to take risks.
- committed to his/her ideals.
- energetic and involved in many aspects of school life.

AP STATISTICS FOR MAY 2014

WORLD :

# of countries	140
# of high schools	19,500
# of students	2,350,000
# of exams written	4,200,000
mean mark	2.87%

CANADA :

# of high schools	570
# of students	17,400
# of exams written	26,800
mean mark	3.47%

ONTARIO :

# of high schools	244
# of students	5,200
# of exams written	8,000
mean mark	3.49%