

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

In addition to the regular academic program, Lackawanna Trail High School offers Advanced Placement Courses. Carefully read the program of study to determine the AP courses that are offered. Courses in Advanced Placement are college level courses. They require a great amount of study on the part of the student. They carry 1 full academic credit. In addition, AP course grades are weighted at 1.14 percent of the grade achieved. A student who enrolls in an Advanced Placement course is strongly encouraged to take the AP Exam in that subject. Students who take the exam and receive a grade of 3 or higher, on a scale of 1 - 5, normally will receive college credit for the course once they are enrolled in college. Students should investigate to determine if the college or university they wish to attend awards credit for AP courses. This research is the responsibility of the parents and students and the information is usually found in the college's catalogue. There is a fee for taking the exam. The school district will pay for one exam per student. Parents will be responsible for additional exam fees. AP Courses include: AP English, AP US History, AP US Government and AP World History.

Advanced Placement English - 1 Credit

This course is designed to develop the student's ability to read selected poems and passages analytically. Students will also write critical or analytical essays based on given critical statements, poems, and prose passages that are one of the following: narrative, exposition, or argument. A great deal of independent reading and writing is required. This course is designed to be the equivalent of the general English course usually taken during the first year of college. Students completing the course take the Advanced Placement Examination. Research skills and proper development of research papers will be developed at the end of this course. This course is weighted at 1.14 percent of the grade achieved. *This course may be considered for credit at Keystone College as part of our Dual Enrollment Agreement.

Advanced Placement U.S. History - 1 Credit (Offered 2010-2011)

This course has been developed to prepare students for the College Boards Advanced Placement Test in American History. Students will utilize primary source materials in order to develop understandings of how individuals have altered the course of American History. Students will develop understandings of not only what happened, but how and why it happened, and how it impacted (both positively and negatively) on future events in our nation's history. As the Advanced Placement exam relies heavily on student performance on essay questions, students will be expected to develop their essay writing skills throughout the year, always pointing toward the Advanced Placement test, which can earn students college credits. This course includes a summer assignment, which includes two book reviews that are to be completed for the beginning of the school year. This course is weighted at 1.14 percent of the grade achieved. *This course may be considered for credit at Keystone College as part of our Dual Enrollment Agreement.

Advanced Placement U. S. Government - 1 Credit Offered (2011-2012)

This course has been developed to prepare students for the College Board's Advanced Placement Test in Government and Politics. Students will utilize primary source materials as well as texts in order to develop understandings of a variety of political and governmental systems, and students will understand the arguments that both support and critique each of these systems. More importantly, students will understand the basic writings that form the foundation of our own governmental system, and will understand how these writings have impacted upon our governmental system today. As the Advanced Placement Test relies heavily on student performance on essay questions, students will be expected to further develop their essay writing skills throughout the year, always pointing towards the Advanced Placement test, which can earn students college credits. This course is weighted at 1.14 percent of the grade achieved. *This course may be considered for credit at Keystone College as part of our Dual Enrollment Agreement.

AP World History– 1 Credit Offered (2011-2012)

The purpose of the AP World History course is to develop greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts in different types of human societies. This understanding is advanced through a combination of factual knowledge and analytical skills. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. The course emphasized relevant factual knowledge considered in conjunction with leading interpretive issues and types of historical evidence. The AP World History course offers motivated students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the processes that, over time, have resulted in the knitting of the world into a tightly integrated whole. AP World History guides students through the steps a historian would take in analyzing historical events and evidence worldwide. The course offers balance global coverage with Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe all being represented. This course is weighted at 1.14 percent of the grade achieved.