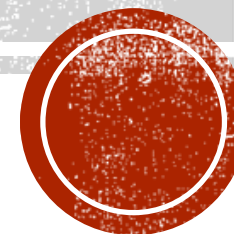


# AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

2020-2021



# WHAT IS THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM?

- AP Capstone is a diploma program based on two AP Courses:

**AP Seminar and AP Research.** These year long courses focus on developing the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills you need for college level work.

**AP Seminar and AP Research-** Can both be used to fulfill your English Credit toward graduation.



# AP SEMINAR (YEAR 1)

You will learn to consider an issue from multiple perspectives, identify credible sources, evaluate strengths and weaknesses of arguments, and make logical evidence-based recommendations.

## Examples of topics investigated:

- Effect of texting on grammar skills
- Food waste solutions
- Role of art in education
- Wealth inequity
- Future of automotive industry

# AP RESEARCH (YEAR 2)

You will complete an independent research project. Your project can build on a topic or issue you covered in AP Seminar or be a brand new topic.

## Examples of topics investigated:

- Algorithm of K-POP music
- Effects of sleep deprivation on academic achievement in teens.
- Learning chemistry through musical chords.
- Environmental injustice of subsidized housing.

At end of project, you'll submit your academic paper and present and defend your research findings. These are the components to the overall research score. There is no end of course exam.



# HOW IT WORKS...

- If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the AP Capstone Diploma.
- If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the AP Seminar Research Certificate.



# HOW IT WORKS CONTINUED...

- AP Seminar will be open for ANY 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade student to take during 2020-2021 school year. Which means current 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders would need to sign up for it in order to be considered for next school year.
- Sign up by meeting with your guidance counselor. Your counselor will add the course to next years schedule and rework your course selections with you.
- Student must sign up for AP Seminar – by FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The amount of classes available will be based off the amount of students who sign up by FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>.



# IN CLOSING...

- Please bring the literature home to your parents to discuss.
- Visit [collegeboard.org/apcapstonehed](https://collegeboard.org/apcapstonehed) for a list of colleges that offer credit and/or placement policies for AP Seminar and AP Research.
- Visit [apstudent.org/seminar](https://apstudent.org/seminar) for more information.
- <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-capstone?course=ap-capstone-diploma-program#>

