



## Advanced Placement (AP) Student Contract

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HSI-Sugar Land supports any student who wants to accept the challenges of an advanced class; however, the opportunity to be in Advanced Placement (AP) classes carries with it the responsibility to dedicate substantial time and energy to mastering the material in preparation for the AP exam--even if the student is enrolled in a combination AP-Dual Credit course. Students in AP courses must also choose their courses wisely because it is not fair to the campus for the student to take up space in a course they will later have to drop because of low grades, extreme stress, or lack of commitment. **Students are expected to take these courses to gain a deeper understanding of the material & to prepare for the rigorous demands of college, and to prepare for the AP exams associated with the course.**

### Students in AP Courses are expected to:

- Be independent learners that are willing to read, learn, & ask questions as well as pursue outside reading & research
- Discuss & share material relevant to the course in a collegial manner
- Spend adequate time every week studying or in tutorials to avoid falling behind
- Accept that enrollment in an AP course does not guarantee an A or B grade
- Openly accept assignments, suggestions, & coaching from the teacher
- Maintain a level of academic integrity that reflects the college level of an AP Course
- Thoughtfully select their course load by selecting a maximum of 4 AP/DC courses per semester
- Comply with any amendments to these expectations that their AP teacher chooses to implement, including the option to give a final exam worth up to 15% of the final quarter grade to any students who do not take the AP Exam

### AP Summer Assignment

AP courses offer students college-level work while in high school. The College Board has created course guides that may include prerequisites, extended reading, or learning beyond the scope of the school-day curriculum.

To support the learning frameworks, all AP courses ***require*** students to complete a summer assignment. The type and scope of the assignment will vary by course. All assignments are tightly aligned to the learning outcomes and intended to further support the student in the course.

Please carefully review the summer requirements your courses have. Courses may have links to assignments and/or books to read.

### AP Student Contract

In order for students to take AP classes, all AP students are required to turn in their contracts to their AP teachers for each AP course they will take.

*If a student does **NOT** turn in either an AP summer assignment (s) or AP students contract signed by a student and parent by the deadline, s/he **will be moved to an on-level course** at the beginning of the academic year.*



**If at any time in the course, a student's grade falls below an 80, students are expected to take the following actions in order to avoid removal from an AP course:**

- Confer with their AP teacher weekly before/after school or via email
- Take immediate action in coordination with their AP teacher; this could include attending tutorials, completing supplemental work or other appropriate action.

**If at any time in the course, a student's grade falls below a 75, students should expect the following events to happen:**

- The AP teacher will contact the parent and the student to inform them that the grade has fallen below a 75.
- The AP teacher may or may not provide extra credit assignments or tutorials to enable to student to bring the grade up; this is not the responsibility of the AP teacher.
- If there is NOT an on-level course that a student could be placed in, or if counselors determine that it is impossible to change the student's schedule without disrupting the student's degree plan, the student will remain in the course.

**If a student wants to drop an AP course after the posted drop date, the AP Committee will consider the following factors:**

- Official documentation of extenuating circumstances like a death in the family, court proceedings, or serious medical issues preventing the student from succeeding.
- Summative assignment grades or quarter averages below an 80.
- Once the master schedule has been built, all AP students are committed to completing the entire year of the AP courses. No schedule change requests for AP courses will be honored for the Spring semester.

**If a student does not take the AP Exam in May:**

- The student may be required to take a final exam for the course, which may comprise up to 15% of their final course grade.
- If applicable, the student will be responsible for paying all exam cancellation fees incurred. Cancellation and unused exam fees are \$40 per exam.
- The student may not be considered eligible for future AP and Dual Credit coursework. Any AP, Dual Credit, or PLTW courses the student chooses during course selection in the following semesters will automatically be reviewed by the AP Committee.

***By registering for an AP course, I am making a commitment for the entire length of the course. I understand that if I request multiple AP courses, I am making a commitment to undertake a challenging academic schedule.***

By signing below, you are indicating that you understand the expectations outlined above & realize that failure to meet these expectations could result in removal from an AP course:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a copy of this contract, signed, to the AP Teacher for each AP course you have registered for.