The Advanced Placement Program

Caesar Rodney High School
The AP program is administered by the College Board and offers 34 courses and exams.

Nearly 18,000 schools worldwide participate in the AP Program.

In May 2011 nearly 2 million high school students took AP exams.

In order to use the AP label on a transcript, the course curriculum must pass the AP course audit at College Board, ensuring consistency of course content and rigor for all AP courses.
More than 90% of the nation’s four-year colleges and universities have an AP policy that grants incoming students credit, placement or both for qualifying AP exam scores. Universities in more than 60 countries recognize AP scores in the admissions process and/or award credit and placement for qualifying scores.
AP at CRHS

Caesar Rodney High School offers 17 AP courses:

- AP Language
- AP Literature
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Micro Economics
- AP Macro Economics
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Environmental Science
- (pending approval)
Benefits of the AP Program for Students

- Students gain college level analytical and study skills.
- Students are more challenged academically and gain academic confidence.
- AP courses help students stand out in the college admissions process and are expected by more selective colleges.
The AP Effect

Students are…

- Better prepared academically
- More likely to choose challenging majors
- Likely to complete more college-level work and graduate in four years
- Likely to perform significantly better than students who did not take AP courses
- More likely to exercise leadership
- More likely to graduate with a double major & be able to fit in study abroad opportunities
The AP Exams

- Administered in early May over two weeks
- Approximately three hours in length
- Composed of multiple choice and free response questions
- Free response questions graded by college professors and AP teachers in June
- Current cost (2012) is $87 per exam. Financial assistance is available
- CR policy is that a student must take the AP exam for each AP course or lose the AP designation on the transcript
- Students may take an AP exam without taking the AP course
Advanced Placement Examinations - Interpretation of Grades

5 – Extremely well qualified
4 – Well qualified
3 – Qualified
2 – Possibly qualified
1 – No recommendation

Typically scores of 3 or better earn college credit and/or advanced placement
Who receives AP grades?

- AP Grade Reports are sent in July to students, high schools, and colleges designated by individual students (typically done in May of senior year).
- It is a student’s decision whether to send AP scores to a college.
Things to Consider…

AP courses will require more of a time commitment so consider the following when deciding whether to take a course or how many courses to take…

- Time commitment
- Sports commitment
- Work commitment
- Extracurricular commitment
- Interest in subject matter
Additional information

• CRHS uses an unweighted grade point average on transcripts.
• www.collegeboard.com for more information on the AP, SAT, & PSAT programs as well as college search information.

QUESTIONS?