

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS

Juniors planning to apply to competitive private colleges, or the University of California, will strengthen their college applications by taking appropriate AP tests in May of the Junior year. Our literature-based English program enables many of our Honors English III students to pass the AP English Language test, as well as students enrolled in AP English III. Juniors enrolled in AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP US History, and AP Art History should seriously consider taking those tests. Over the years, we have done some research and determined that students taking more than four AP tests may be spreading themselves too thin; the average test score drops when more than four of these college-level final exams are attempted within a two-week period of time.

Registration for AP tests is in February. ***The registration deadline will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010.*** Advanced Placement Information Sessions will be scheduled during Study Sessions in early February. Registration forms will be available from the *College & Career Center* or NHS Treasurer's Office. Please take the time to read the fine print on the registration form and accompanying green hand-out. Registered students will receive verification of registration in mid-March. Make sure your data was entered properly, and that you are registered for the test(s) you want to take. March 25th will be the deadline for making any corrections to your test registration.

Seniors will gain registration priority and units towards college general education requirements by passing additional AP tests in May of the Senior year. The University of California will grant credit for all AP tests passed with scores of 3, 4 or 5. Highly competitive private colleges may only grant credit for scores of 4 or even 5. Visit www.collegeboard.com, click on "For Students," and follow the links to the AP page to review AP credit policies at colleges of interest. Although the University of California is generous about granting credit (units) for AP tests, UC campuses do not, in most instances, allow application towards GE requirements, so review campus policies carefully.

Younger students interested in challenging themselves can enroll in several AP classes offered by the Academic Talent Development Program, a summer session at UC Berkeley for academically gifted students. AP courses recently offered through this program include AP Art History, AP English, Calculus AB, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Psychology, and AP Economics. The AP teachers at ATDP hold refresher sessions prior to the Advanced Placement tests in the spring. Apply for admission to ATDP at <http://atdp.berkeley.edu> by the end of February.

The University of California sponsors a web site (UC College Prep) that provides free preparation for several Advanced Placement examinations: www.uccp.org. Students enrolled in Honors or regular college-prep classes who are motivated to prepare for AP exams will benefit from these internet-based courses and high quality, multi-media lessons. You do not need to be formally enrolled in an AP class to sit for an AP exam.

Visit <http://store.collegeboard.com/enter.do> to purchase College Board-developed materials to prepare for Advanced Placement Exams.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS: May 3 through May 14, 2010

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday, May 3	Government and Politics: US	Government and Politics: Comp. French Language
Tuesday, May 4	Computer Science A, AB Spanish Language	Statistics
Wednesday, May 5	Calculus AB, BC	Chinese (not available at MDUSD)
Thursday, May 6	English Literature German Language	Japanese (not available at MDUSD)
Friday, May 7	United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)
Monday, May 10	Biology Music Theory	Physics tests
Tuesday, May 11	Environmental Science Chemistry	Psychology
Wednesday, May 12	English Language	Art History
Thursday, May 13	Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics
Friday, May 14	Human Geography Spanish Literature	Latin (not available at MDUSD)

Register for AP tests at the NHS Treasurer's Office - \$92 per test. The AP registration deadline will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Late registration between 2/17 and 2/26 requires the payment of a \$40 late fee per test (\$132 per test).