

Atlantic Coast High School



The Advanced Placement (AP) Honors Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Duval County Public Schools Advanced Placement (AP) Honors program is a rigorous academic program where students take at least nine AP courses between grades nine (9) and twelve (12). The AP Honors Program challenges students to display exceptional achievement on AP Exams across several disciplines. AP courses are taught at a college level and each course is concluded by a comprehensive exam created by the College Board. Students who enroll in an Advanced Placement course are required to take the AP exam. In general, postsecondary credit for an AP course may be awarded to students who score a minimum of a 3 on a 5-point scale on the corresponding AP exam; however, qualifying scores may vary by university and by college within a university.

Students in the AP Honors program must complete a minimum of the following AP courses: World History, US History, Macro or Micro Economics, US Government and Politics, English Literature, English Language, one AP science, one AP mathematics course, and one elective AP course.

CRITERIA AND CONTINUATION INFORMATION

Minimum Admission Criteria	Continuation Criteria
Unweighted GPA of 2.0 or above	Unweighted GPA of 2.0 or above
Successful completion of Algebra I	Complete the required AP courses each year and take the required AP exam
Signature of parent and student on the contract of understanding	Pass all courses each year
	*District probation procedure applies

AP HONORS PROGRAM COURSE SEQUENCE @ ACHS

Curriculum Area	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English*	English 1 Hon	English 2 Hon	AP English Language	AP English Literature
History	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP U.S. History	AP U.S. Government and AP Macroeconomics
Science*	Biology 1 Hon	Chemistry 1 Hon	Physics 1 Hon	AP Biology / Biology 2 or AP Chemistry / Chemistry 2 or AP Physics / Physics 2 or AP Environmental Science
Mathematics*	Geometry Hon or Algebra 2 Hon (Most students will take Geometry Hon. unless they completed Geometry in Middle School)	Algebra 2 Hon Adv. Alg with Financial Apps	Adv. Alg with Financial Apps Pre-Calculus AP Statistics Calculus AB	AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
Other Requirements		HOPE (PE/Health)		
World Language	Students must complete 2 courses of the same world language before graduation.			
Electives*	1 credit of Performing Fine Art during high school is required for graduation.			

*Honors courses recommended but not required for entering AP courses

Promotion Requirements:

- To grade 10: 5 credits including 1 English or 1 mathematics
- To grade 11: 12 credits including 2 English and any combination of 2 mathematics and/or science
- To grade 12: 18 credits including 3 English and any combination of 4 math and/or science, 1.5 GPA or above, Level 2 or higher on FCAT Science SSS
- To graduate: 24 required credits, 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale, pass 10th grade FCAT

Requirements for Continuation in the AP/Honors Program:

- Unweighted Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
- Pass all classes each year
- Complete the required AP course(s) each year and take the required AP exam(s)

*District probation procedure applies

*District Probation Policy: Participation in a Progress Monitoring Plan, to include a period of probation for no less than one semester, shall be required for students at risk of not meeting the performance standards. The Progress Monitoring Plan shall include, but not be limited to, peer tutoring, after-school help sessions, weekly progress reports, and other strategies and safety nets designed to assist the student. A diverse Academic Review Committee (ARC) will be established at each school at the beginning of each school year. The committee will review the progress of all students at the end of each grading period. A conference will be held with each student at risk of not meeting the standards and his/her parent in order to develop the Progress Monitoring Plan. Documentation of notification of the conference shall be the responsibility of the principal/principal's designee. Upon the recommendation of the ARC, a student who achieves a grade point average above 2.0 for each of the last two grading periods during the probationary semester, but whose overall grade point average for the year is below 2.0, may have the probationary period extended for up to one year. A student who is unable to achieve a grade point average of 2.0 or above by the end of the time period stated within her/her Progress Monitoring Plan and who is enrolled in a school that is not the attendance area school shall be required to return to the attendance area school. The ARC at each school will be required to submit a summarized District Probationary Status Report every nine weeks to the Cluster Office which lists the status of all students who are attending a school other than their attendance area school and who are on probation and confirms that they are being offered assistance in accordance with the District's Progress Monitoring Plan. All documentation related to the submitted report will be held at the school. The revised probation procedure will apply to all district schools regardless of the school's magnet status (i.e. dedicated magnet schools, magnet programs within a school and traditional non-magnet schools).

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Application for 2011 – 2012 @ Atlantic Coast High School

PART 1: Please print in blue or black ink.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Sex: (circle one) M F Ethnicity: (circle one) W B H A OTHER DCPS Student ID Number: _____

School during the 10-11 school year _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Note: *If the student is NOT currently attending a Duval County Public School, you must attach a proof of address, copy of the students birth certificate, report card showing their grades for the first half of eighth grade, final report card for seventh grade, and seventh grade achievement test scores. If you ARE currently attending a Duval County Public School, we will obtain this information from your present school.*

Father / Guardian's Name: _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Mother / Guardian's Name: _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

PART 2: Please circle the appropriate answer to the questions below.

- Yes No - I have already taken and passed Algebra 1.
- Yes No - I am currently taking Algebra 1.

PART 3: Contract of Understanding for Students and Parents

Parent statement of understanding and commitment: I have read, understand and support my child's commitment to the AP Honors Program at Atlantic Coast High School. I understand that if my child does not progress according to the academic plan by maintaining the required standards, he/she will be placed on probation with a progress monitoring plan. At the end of the probationary period, progress will be reviewed to determine program continuity.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PART 4: Check each line below to insure that your application is complete.

- ___ All parts of the application have been completed.
- ___ I have attached any additional paperwork that is required for students not currently enrolled in DCPS.
- ___ I have signed the student statement of understanding.
- ___ My parents/guardians have signed their statement of understanding.

Please return completed application and all supporting documents to:

Atlantic Coast High School
 Kimberly Rubin – AP Honors Coordinator
 9735 R.G. Skinner Parkway
 Jacksonville, FL 32256

Note: All applications are reviewed by a selection committee of school personnel. A notification letter will be issued once the review process is complete.