

# Welcome

South Cobb High School is committed to every student's success.

*We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement® (AP®) plays an important role in that success.*



# What We Will Cover

- What are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses at South Cobb?
- The Costs
- The Benefits
- Break-Out Sessions -- Help Your Student Reach Success



# What Are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses?

# Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> : The Basics

- AP<sup>®</sup> courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take national **AP Exams** the first 2 weeks in MAY, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

## What is the academic difference between AP<sup>®</sup> and Honors?

- Honors provides some RIGOR within the State standards
- AP<sup>®</sup> provides the most RIGOR at the high school level and includes national standards beyond the State standards
- RIGOR is NOT simply more homework or more of the same thing
- **RIGOR** is depth of understanding, depth of questioning, depth in how students apply what they've learned, and depth in the process and product related to their learning is really what we're talking about.

## For instance...

- On-Level
  - “In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue”
- Honors
  - Columbus’ discovery impacted the native Americans negatively.
- AP
  - How did Columbus’ discovery impact Europe, Africa and the Americas?

# Honors and AP courses available for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Math (determined by 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - ACC GSE Algebra 1 – Geometry A
- Science
  - Honors Biology
- English/Language Arts
  - Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Literature and Composition
- Social Studies
  - Fall – Pre-AP Social Studies
  - Spring – AP Human Geography

# Our AP<sup>®</sup> Courses

- **Arts:** Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition (11<sup>th</sup>) , English Literature and Composition (12<sup>TH</sup>)
- **History and Social Sciences:** Human Geography (9<sup>th</sup>) , World History (10<sup>th</sup>), US History (11<sup>th</sup>), Macroeconomics (12<sup>th</sup>), US Government and Politics (12<sup>th</sup>) European (elective 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>), Psychology (elective 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>)
- **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics (11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>)
- **Sciences:** Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Physics (11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>)
- **Georgia Virtual:** Spanish Language
- **Underlined courses are prospective at SC**



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# The Costs

## How Much!?

- \$25 registration fee (non-refundable)
- \$92 per exam
- The State usually pays for 1 exam for Free/Reduced Lunch students
- College Board reduces subsequent exams for F/R students
- South Cobb offers a scholarship program to offset costs.

# Where does my Registration Fee go?

- The \$25 registration fee pays for:
  - College Board fees
  - Scholarship Fund
  - AP Study Room
    - Refreshments
    - Test Prep materials

# AP Coffee House aka Study Room!



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# AP<sup>®</sup>: The Benefits

# AP<sup>®</sup> from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions\*
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

• *\*Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007*

# AP<sup>®</sup> Helps Students Graduate on Time & Save Money

•Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.\* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.

- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$21,500\*\* for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

•\*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board, 2008*

\*\**The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2011, Figure 1*

# AP and College Success

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less
- No AP      29% likely to finish in 4 years
- One AP     45% likely to finish in 4 years
- Two + AP   61% likely to finish in 4 years
- Another report shows that students who took AP courses were at least twice as likely to graduate college within five years (CPE 2012).



## Impact of AP on 5-Year College Graduation Rates

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>AP Exam Grade of 3, 4, 5</b>	<b>AP Exam Grade of 1, 2</b>	<b>Took AP course, but not exam</b>
African-American	28% higher	22% higher	16% higher
Hispanic	28% higher	12% higher	10% higher
White	33% higher	22% higher	20% higher
Low-Income	26% higher	17% higher	12% higher
Not Low-Income	34% higher	23% higher	19% higher

# 2015 Georgia Tuition Figures

not including room, board, fees and textbooks

- **Chattahoochee Tech**
  - \$89 per credit hour = \$267 per class (hasn't gone up in 3 years!!)
- **Kennesaw State**
  - \$177 per credit hour = \$531 per class
- **Georgia**
  - Flat rate fee (based on 15 or more credit hours) \$4682  
(roughly \$312 per credit hour = \$936 per class)
- **Emory**
  - Fixed rate flat fee (based on 12 or more credit hours) \$45,700  
(roughly \$3,808 per credit hour = \$11,425 per class)

## KSU estimated expense 1 year 2014

### GA Resident On Campus

# Meet Zach!



# Just one of South Cobb's Success Stories

- Zach took and passed 11 AP tests during his 4 years here at SC
- Zach enrolled at the University of Georgia
- They accepted ALL of his tests for a total of 33 credit hours
- This made Zach a Sophomore in college before he ever actually stepped on campus
- This saved his proud parents nearly **\$22,000**
  - Cost above includes Fees, room and board, tuition, textbooks and other costs

# Credit and Placement Policies

- Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP<sup>®</sup> credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at [www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy).



# AP Honors Board



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# How You Can SUPPORT Your Student



# AP Student Responsibilities

- Understand that AP classes are 60% **Independent Study**
  - Keep up with reading and assignments
  - **Use** the review book and other study materials
  - Nightly reading, note taking and assignments are a must!
  - Be attentive in class
  - Be Proactive
  - Have good attendance
- Stay **POSITIVE!!!!**

# Ways Parents Can Help Their AP Students

- Set priorities at **home**
  - Provide quiet space and time for study
  - Encourage your child to get enough rest
- Be **encouraging and supportive**
  - Even if the grades in the early weeks of the class are NOT what you are used to!! ( and they probably won't be!)
- Quiz your student or have him or her **“teach” you**
- Purchase a review book or other study materials
- **Encourage** your student to participate in study groups
- Encourage **good attendance**
- Help set up **study groups**
- Be prepared to pay for the exams
  - see previous cost slides to make this easier 😊

# Questions?

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