The AP Program

Massaponax High School
College Admission Decisions:

Quality of student course load is #1

Top colleges are looking for students who have taken advantage of their opportunities, which means taking the **most difficult courses available that fit with their interests**.

Colleges want to see students who **prioritize challenging learning experiences**.

Taking and passing an AP course and exam proves you are capable of an intro-level college course.
There are 26 AP courses offered through MHS

464 students took 859 AP exams in Spring 2018

Also offer AP Capstone*

Colleges look at how many AP courses are offered by the school and compare students to how many courses their peers successfully take/pass

Students are competing with individuals all over the world, not just Massaponax

Typically strong academic students will be challenged differently and may even struggle to master these complex concepts.
AP Courses are not college prep classes; they are intended to parallel an introductory college course.

Attendance and active participation are critical to student success.

Students will spend 90% of their time improving. Struggle is part of the process. It is a marathon, not a sprint.
AP Expectations:

- Cultivating college level study skills
- Developing critical thinking skills as set by College Board
- Encouraging student engagement and inquiry
- Teaching students how to advocate for themselves
- Building time management skills and self-discipline

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Students will have to put forth much more effort than they would in an Advanced or General course.

In college, students are expected to spend as much as 3 hours outside of class for every 1 hour in class.

- Pride Time and Study Hall
- Suggested/recommended practice*
- AP Exam prep materials
  - myap.collegeboard.org
- Summer preparation
- Teacher (AP class sizes are smaller than most college courses)
What to Expect From Teachers

Focus on and supportive of student growth

College Board determines curriculum for AP courses, but individual syllabi and course policies will be provided

Ongoing feedback followed by access and advice regarding earlier listed resources

All our AP courses have college-level expectations
Remember, competition and scores are global; preparation beyond attending class is vital for exam success.
AP offerings at MHS

English:
- Lang. & Comp. (11)
- Lit. & Comp. (12)

Fine Arts:
- Studio Art
- Music Theory

Social Sciences:
- Human Geography
- World History
- US History
- US Gov’t
- Psychology

Science:
- Environmental
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Math:
- Calculus
- Statistics
- Computer Science
- Principles
- JAVA

World Languages:
- French
- German
- Latin
- Spanish

AP Capstone:
- Seminar
- Research

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