


# The AP Program

Massaponax High School

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# 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*

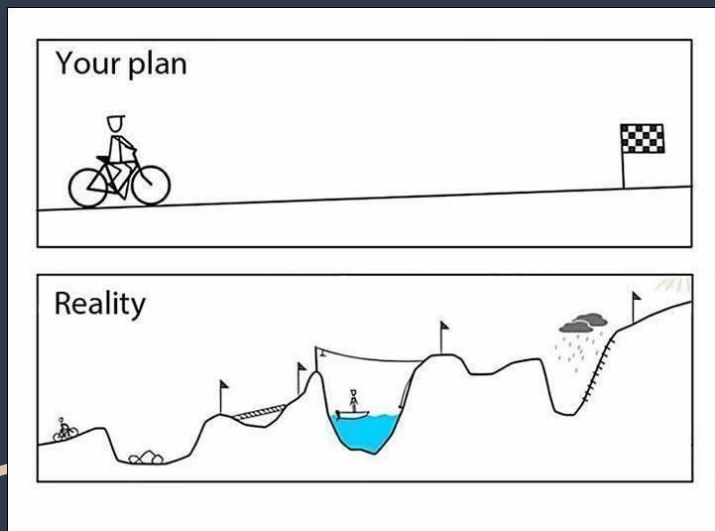
Also offer **AP Capstone\***

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 the Equivalent of a College Course

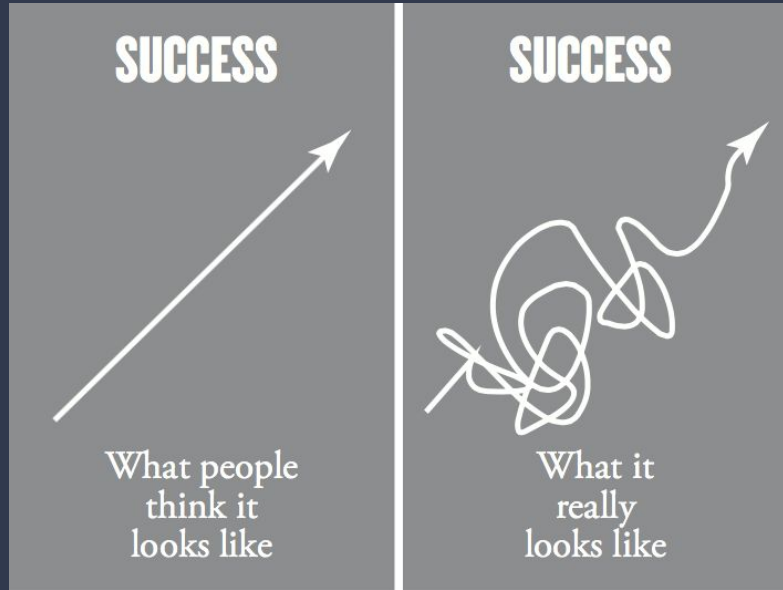


**AP Courses are not college prep classes; they are intended to parallel an introductory college course.**

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

# Resources Available to Students

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](https://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

# Early Exam Registration

October 26, 2018

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

## Math:

Calculus

Statistics

Computer Science

Principles

JAVA

## Science:

Environmental

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

## World Languages:

French

German

Latin

Spanish

## AP Capstone:

Seminar

Research