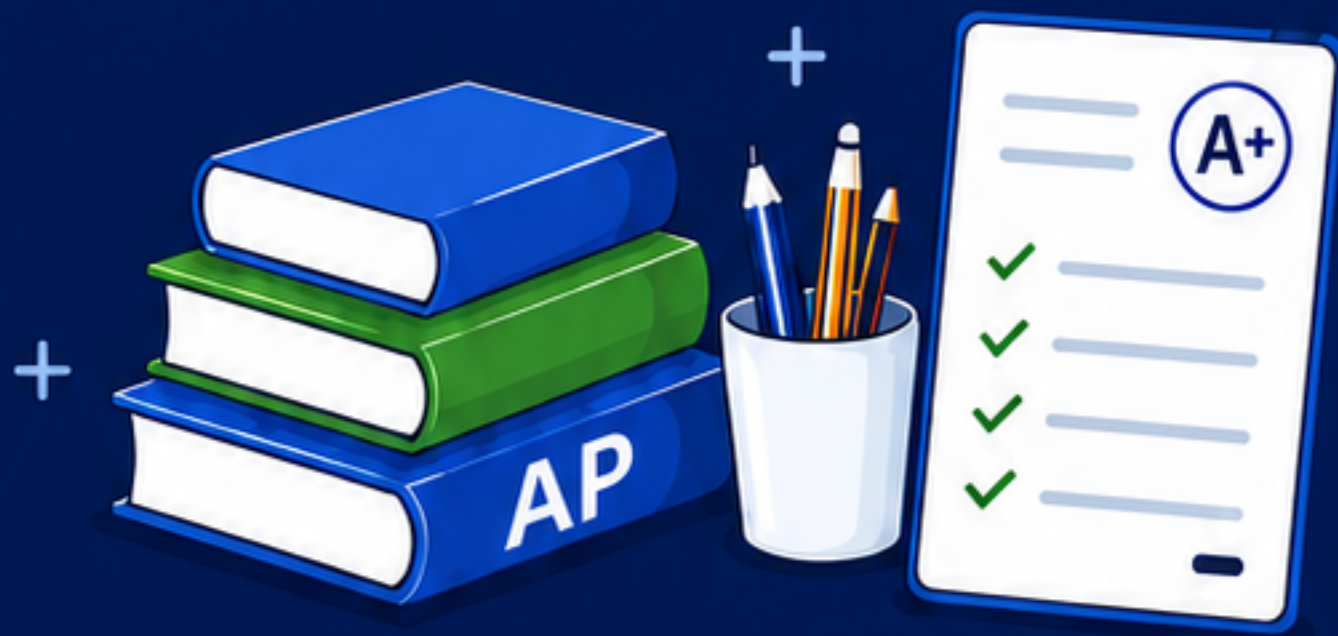


FOR STUDENTS

Understanding AP Courses

What Advanced Placement courses are, how they work, and who can take them.



1. WHAT IS AN AP COURSE?

AP (Advanced Placement) courses are college-level classes in high school.

They give you the chance to earn college credit and show colleges you are ready for a challenge.



2. WHO CAN TAKE AP COURSES?

- ✓ Any student who meets the prerequisites recommended by teachers.
- ✓ You do not need to be “perfect”—just willing to work hard and be prepared!
- ✓ Talk to your teacher or counselor if you have questions about a specific AP course.

3. HOW AP COURSES WORK IN KATY ISD



Taught by trained teachers

Katy ISD teachers are trained to teach AP courses and prepare you for the AP Exam.



College-level content

AP courses follow a college-level curriculum with high expectations.



Extra work, extra growth

You can expect more reading, writing, studying, and practice.



AP Exam in May

At the end of the year, you can take an exam. A good score may earn you college credit.

4. HOW AP EXAM SCORES CAN HELP



Earn College Credit

Many colleges award credit for scores of 3, 4, or 5, which can save you time and money.



Place Out of Classes

You may be able to skip introductory courses in college.



Stand Out to Colleges

Taking AP courses shows colleges you are motivated and prepared.



IMPORTANT:

Check with each college—credit policies can be different!

5. AP EXAM SCORES: WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Score	College Board Description	May Earn College Credit?
5	Extremely well qualified	Often accepted
4	Very well qualified	Often accepted
3	Qualified	Often accepted
2	Possibly qualified	Check college policy
1	No recommendation	Generally not accepted

★ Many colleges grant credit or advanced placement for scores of 3 or higher.

College credit policies vary by institution.

Always check the AP credit policy of the college you plan to attend.

6. EXAMPLES OF AP COURSES IN KATY ISD

 AP English Literature	 AP U.S. History	 AP Biology	 AP Calculus AB / BC
 AP Chemistry	 AP Physics 1	 AP Psychology	 ...and more!

Check the [Katy ISD Course Guide](#) for the complete list.

7. TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN AP COURSES



Stay organized

Use a planner and keep track of assignments.



Manage your time

Start early and study a little each day.



Ask for help

Your teachers and peers are there to support you.



Practice regularly

Review notes, do practice questions, and prepare for tests.



Stay motivated

Remember your goals and keep challenging yourself!



Challenge yourself today. Your future is worth it!

AP courses can open doors to college and exciting opportunities.

Beyond the
Language Barrier