

AP/PreAP Course Commitment- Grades 9-12

Mansfield ISD recognizes the value of student participation in advanced academic coursework. We encourage students to graduate from high school with 24+ college hours as outlined in guiding statement number three of the district's Vision 20/20. The intent of this commitment is to maximize each student's potential for success in AP and PreAP courses.

Choosing Advanced Academics

PreAP and AP courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced coursework. ***Students who take AP courses are automatically registered to take the corresponding AP Exam and will have a \$25 fee per exam (\$12 for reduced lunch students) placed on their Skyward account. To opt out of an exam, students and parents must complete and return the Opt Out form available from Academic Associate Principals by October 15.***

Campus Commitment

The campus commits to advanced academics by communicating the value of advanced coursework, recruiting students with potential for success, encouraging student commitment, and supporting advanced academic instruction.

Student Commitment

The student commits to advanced academics by seeking assistance when needed. As a student enrolled in an AP or PreAP course:

- I understand that advanced academics courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in that course.
- In the event that I encounter difficulties with the course content, I will conference with my teacher about my progress and attend recommended tutorials.
- I understand that course changes will be contingent on space availability, extenuating circumstances, the teacher's appraisal of my potential for success in the course, and the timing of the request.
- I understand that successful completion of an AP exam can yield college credit.
- I understand that participation in advanced coursework prepares me well for college, increases my chances of finishing a college degree in four years and earning a higher college GPA.
- I understand advanced academic courses may require additional study commitments outside of the classroom.

Teacher Commitment

The teacher commits to advanced academics by encouraging student participation and success, planning for student learning, providing rigorous, quality instruction, and offering assistance for struggling students. As a teacher of an AP or PreAP course:

- I will teach the course following the curriculum developed by MISD and as authorized by College Board (AP Courses).
- I will provide instruction that prepares students for the next level advanced academic course.
- I will provide quality instruction at an advanced level and give ample opportunities for students to be successful.
- I will assign work that is meaningful and relevant to the required learning goals.
- I know that students are enrolled in many other courses and that workload for this course must not be unreasonably time consuming.
- I will provide appropriate tutorial opportunities for students who have difficulty with course content.

Parent Commitment

The parent commits to advanced academics by supporting student learning in the advanced academic course; by supporting teacher efforts to provide rigorous, quality instruction; and by valuing the learning that occurs in the advanced academic course. As a parent of a student enrolled in an AP or PreAP course:

- I will encourage my child to be prepared for class each day.
- I understand that advanced academic courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in the course.
- If my child encounters difficulties with the course content, I will expect my child to conference with the teacher and attend recommended tutorials.
- Prior to initiating a petition for my child to exit the course, I will contact the teacher for his/her input.
- I understand that schedule changes will be contingent on space availability, extenuating circumstances, the teacher's appraisal of my child's potential for success in the course, and the timing of the request.
- I will support my child when they have additional study commitments.

Student Name/ Signature

Course

Parent Signature

Effective Spring 2018