

AP Information for Parents/Guardians of Grade 10 & Students New to AP

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Purpose of Advanced Placement (AP)



Take enriched, university-level coursework, while building confidence with the support and guidance of AP teachers

Potentially earn university credits with qualifying scores on AP Exams

- In Canada, AP courses aren't typically required for entrance into post-secondary programs. Advanced credit is given upon admission

This Presentation is designed for Parents/Guardians of

- Grade 10 students in AP-cohort classes
- Students considering moving into an AP stream in the future
- Students new to AP

Terminology:

AP-cohort Course: A class (often Grade 10 or 11) which is enriched and leads to an AP course

AP Course: A class (often Grade 12, occasionally Grade 11) leading to an AP Exam



AP vs IB

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Similarities

- Enriched academic program
- College credit can be earned based on exams scores

Differences

- Granting college credit is based on AP Exam score, written in May
- Courses are “a la carte”
- Flexibility is key!
- Student write the IB Exams in addition to completing other requirements
- “Full” or “partial” IB Program

AP-Cohort Classes

AP Cohort classes are designed to prepare students for the rigors of AP courses

- Grades 10 (sometimes also grade 11)
- Example Pathways:
 - Social Studies 10-AP Cohort -> Social Studies 20-1/35AP (European History)
 - Science 10 AP-Cohort -> Chemistry 20 AP-Cohort -> Chemistry 30/35AP



AP-Cohort Classes

Workload and Expectations

- Each AP-Cohort covers some enrichment material to prepare students for the AP course in the pathway
- Students are not disadvantaged by being in an AP-Cohort class
 - Enrichment material does not form part of the course grade, as it is beyond the curriculum
 - Enrichment material better prepares students for the next level, regardless of whether they remain in the AP stream!

Our 10-Level AP-Cohort Teachers

Social 10-1AP-Cohort: Mr. Schofield

ELA 10-1AP-Cohort: Mrs. Dale

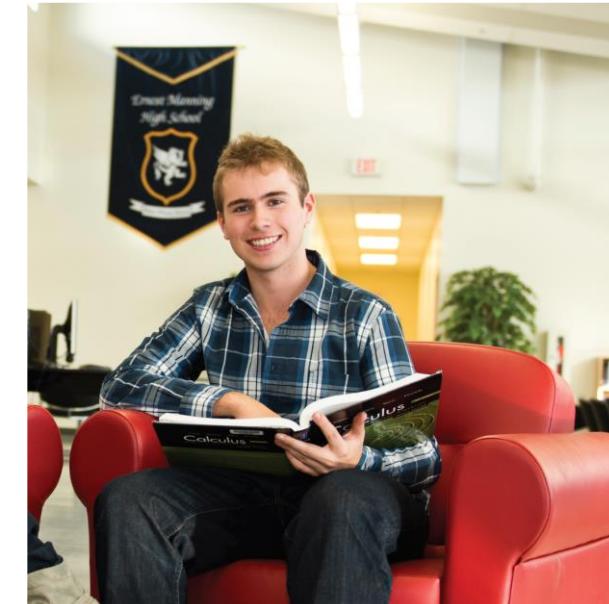
Science 10AP-Cohort: Ms. McIvor/Ms. Au

Math 10C AP-Cohort: Ms. Leung/Mr. Freeman

Many of our other AP courses are blended AP-Cohort/regular stream at the 10 (and even 20)-level

Eg:

- Computer Science
- Art
- Languages
- Psychology



Students Considering Taking AP Course(s) in the Future

What if a student is not enrolled in an AP-Cohort Stream but wants to move into the AP stream for next year?



In many cases, strong students in the regular streams (non-AP Cohort) may still enter the AP stream in Grade 11 or 12

Please see the following document on the AP portion of the EMHS Website:

[“Current Students Considering Taking AP Courses in the Future”](#)

For Students Enrolled in AP Classes (Gr. 11/12)

- These courses are:
 - Art-Drawing/Sculpting
 - Biology
 - European History
 - Calculus AB
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science A
 - Chinese (Sem 2)
 - Spanish Language (Sem 2)
 - French Language (Sem 2)
 - English Lit (Sem 2)
 - Physics 1 (Sem 1 only)
 - Psychology (Sem 2)
- Year-long/Sem 1 courses began in Sept
- Sem 2 courses begin in Feb 2026
- Cost of each AP exam is **\$150** (payable via PowerSchool account)
 - Year-long/Sem 1 courses: Due Nov. 1
 - Sem 2 courses due early March
- AP Exams (and portfolios) are written in May



For Students Enrolled in AP Classes (Gr. 11/12)

If a student is enrolled in an AP course but wants to opt out of writing the AP exam:

- For a full refund, students indicate this to me by Nov. 1
- Any time prior to day of exam: Refund minus \$60 as late fee (paid to College Board)



For Students Enrolled in AP Classes (Gr. 11/12)

AP Exams

- Scores are reported in early July on College Board's myAP site
- Students may indicate which colleges and universities should receive score reports
- A grade of 4 or 5 (out of 5) is generally enough to receive university course credit at most Canadian universities



For Students Enrolled in AP Classes (Gr. 11/12)

- **AP Exams must be written on the date/time indicated:**
- Mon May 4 - Biology (8am)
- Mon May 4 - European History (12pm)
- Tues May 5 - Chemistry (8am)
- Weds May 6 - English Lit (8am)
- Weds May 6 - Physics 1 (12pm)
- Thurs May 7 - Physics 2 (8am)
- Fri May 8 - Chinese (12pm)
- Fri May 8 - Art portfolios due (6pm)
- Thurs May 14 - Spanish Language and Culture (8am)
- Fri May 15 - Comp Sci A (12pm)
- Wed May 20 – French Language (12pm)
- Thurs May 21 - Calculus AB/BC (12pm)
- Fri May 22 - Psychology (12pm)

For Students Enrolled in AP Classes (Gr. 11/12)

- **For May 2026, students enrolled at EMHS may independently challenge the following AP exams that we don't offer as courses:**
 - Please see Mr. Rubin prior to **Nov. 1** if you'd like to challenge these exams.
 - **-Calculus BC** - Thurs May 21 @ 12pm
 - Note: Restricted to students currently enrolled in, or have completed Math 30/31AP
 - **-Microeconomics** - Mon May 4 @ 12pm
 - Note: conflicts with AP European History Exam at the same time
 - **-Macroeconomics** - Fri May 8 @ 12pm
 - Note: Conflicts with AP Chinese Exam at the same time
 - **-Statistics** - Thurs May 7 @ 12pm

Questions About AP or AP-Cohort

Students with questions:

- Chat with their teacher
- Students can see me in Room 2208 (morning or after school)
- jrrubin@cbe.ab.ca
 - Parent questions

