

ADVANCED STANDING/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/HONORS AT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Mills High School offers a full range of Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors curriculum. Participation in Advanced Placement courses gives students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school. Both AP and honors courses help develop the writing skills, problem-solving techniques and study habits that prepare students for college academics. Taking rigorous AP and honors courses demonstrates a student's maturity, willingness to push themselves intellectually and demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence.

Flexibility Key in Mills AP/Honors Programs

One of the most important aspects of the AP/Honors program at Mills High School is the flexibility students have in choosing courses and designing a schedule that allows them to focus on their strengths and interests.

Students may seek advanced studies in history or English while others excel in science or math areas. For these students, a mix of AP and honors courses allows them to create a program of study that meets their academic needs.

This is particularly important in the junior and senior years, when many students have determined through earlier coursework, the academic areas in which they excel and have an interest in studying after high school.

Benefits of AP Courses and Exams

Each AP course has a corresponding AP Exam that Mills administers each May. These exams provide students with a standardized measure of their accomplishments in the AP classroom and allow them to experience a college-level exam while still in high school.

Many colleges and universities grant students credit, placement or both for qualifying AP exam grades, providing students with more study options in college. For example, by entering college with AP credit, a student can move more quickly into upper-level courses, pursue a double major or gain time to study or travel abroad.

Students also have the opportunity to earn an AP Scholar Award by taking AP exams. Each September, the Collegeboard recognizes high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievements on the AP exams through AP Scholar Awards.

AP classes offer a "weighted" point to a student's grade point average (GPA). To receive this weighted point, the AP test in May is mandatory. The weighted scale is as follows: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=1, F=0. Most colleges will accept student's weighted GPA in the college admissions process.

Advanced Standing (AS)

Advanced Standing (AS) courses are offered in English and History in 9th and 10th grades only. The rigor of AS courses prepares students better for AP and Honors courses offered junior and senior years. AS courses do not receive an extra point for your weighted GPA.

ADVANCED STANDING/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/ HONORS COURSE SEQUENCE

9th Grade Options

- Advanced Standing (AS) Contemporary World Studies
- Advanced Standing (AS) English 1-2

10th Grade Options

- Advanced Standing (AS) Modern World History 1-2
- Advanced Standing (AS) English 3-4

11th Grade Options

- AP US History 1-2
- Honors English 5-6
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology
- AP Physics
- AP Calculus AB or BC
- AP Statistics

12th Grade Options

- AP Economics/American Government
- AP English 7-8
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology
- AP Physics
- AP Calculus AB or BC
- AP Statistics

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

Spanish 1-2	Japanese 1-2	Chinese 1-2	French 5/6	Art 1-2
Spanish 3-4	Japanese 3-4	Chinese 3-4	French 7-8 AP	Art 3-4
Spanish 5-6	Japanese 5-6	Chinese 5-6		Art 5-6
Spanish 7-8 AP	Japanese 7-8 AP			AP Studio Art