

ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL – PRE-AP/AP PLACEMENT

A Pre-AP course is taught with the expectation that the enrolled students will eventually enroll in the following year's advanced placement course. An Advanced Placement course is taught as a college level course and follows the course description provided by the College Board program. Please see page 12 of the SBHS Course Catalog for further information on the Advanced Placement program.

Students seeking to enroll in a Pre-AP/AP course must meet the prerequisites stated and follow the approval and procedures set by each department. The prerequisites are listed on the application each course. Enrollment is at the discretion of the teachers, counselors, and the Dean of Curriculum. Students who do not meet the prerequisites will not be enrolled in a Pre-AP/AP course. Please contact a counselor for a copy of the Pre-AP/AP Placement Application.

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the respective College Board AP Exam in May (for Spanish 4 it is optional). There will be an additional exam fee for the AP courses in the second semester.

Please keep this document for your records.

Expectations of a Pre-AP/AP student:

PERSONAL DESIRE TO BE IN PRE-AP/AP COURSES

- is motivated, determined, and committed
- thrives on challenges

SELF-MOTIVATED

- problem solver who will practice to mastery
- will spend time in and out of the classroom preparing for the AP exam

GREAT TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- understands class attendance is paramount
- is flexible and does not procrastinate
- respects the value of each assignment
- submits completed work on time

STRONG WORK ETHIC

- willing to tackle workload with no excuses
- is able to push oneself outside of comfort zone
- understands that the work is cumulative
- will complete summer work

There is no one magic formula for success. Students must take the initiative to meet with teachers and try different approaches on their own until they find the one that works for them.