

**Christopher High School
Advanced Placement Course Student Agreement for 2019-2020**

Christopher High School supports any student who wants to accept the challenges of an advanced level class. However, the opportunity to take an Advanced Placement (AP) course carries with it the assumption that the students taking these courses possess the maturity, commitment and academic capabilities to do college level work. AP courses are meant to be a challenging learning experience that will prepare students for college success. **Typically, successful AP students are task-oriented, proficient readers with a true desire to learn who are able to time manage in order to keep up with the fast pace of the curriculum. Students and parents must understand that AP courses are more rigorous and require much more time than that of a regular college prep or even honors level course. Each AP test will cost approximately \$94 (per AP class taken) and must be paid for by NOVEMBER of 2019.**

AP EXPECTATIONS:

AP Courses focus on highly challenging and rigorous content. Discussions are intense and demanding. AP homework requires students to think for themselves, clearly express ideas in writing, read for a deeper understanding, and engage in comprehensive analysis. The expectation of students enrolled in an AP course are: **(student please initial)**

- _____ **To attend an informational meeting for the AP class you intend to take (TBA).**
- _____ **To commit to the AP course for the entire academic year (no dropping at semester)**
- _____ **To be critical thinkers, independent learners, willing to read, learn, ask questions, able to research and discuss material from diverse sources.**
- _____ **To commit to spending a greater amount of time on coursework outside of the regular school day. All AP courses require a considerable amount of homework.**
- _____ **To maintain regular attendance in class in order to keep up with the in class instruction and material.**
- _____ **To utilize the teacher as a resource and be proactive in asking for help when needed. This means going to tutoring when offered.**
- _____ **To do your best to earn a grade of C- or higher and take the AP test in May of 2020****

Students must take the AP exam in order to receive the extra grade point “bump” in an AP class. In addition, a grade of a “ D” or” F” in the class will not receive a grade point bump. It is recommended that a student take no more than 3 AP courses in a year. **Students who wish to take more than 3 AP courses will need to get permission from an administrator (Signature on this form will meet this requirement)

AP Deadlines, AP course meetings and form submission:

- This course agreement must be turned in at the course selection appointment with the Academic Coordinator and must have both a student and parent signature on it. ***Students must attend the AP course meetings for the AP courses they wish to take. Students will not be enrolled in an AP classes without attending the course meeting and submitting this form.***
- **LAST day to drop** or request a change in courses is **March 15, 2019**. This may be done on-line on the CHS website (CHS.gilroyunified.org) from Feb 15th thru March 15, 2019.
- Staffing decisions have been made based on the number of students who have registered for each AP course. **Students will not be dropped from an AP class after the deadline, even if a parent requests the student be dropped.**

Please check all AP courses you intend to enroll in next year:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Language | <input type="checkbox"/> AP U.S. History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics | <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Literature | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Gov/Econ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus AB |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science Principles | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Studio Art 2D | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Studio Art 3D | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Spanish Language (IV) | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Spanish Literature (V) | |

Check other extra curricular activities/commitments student has for next school year:

- ASB/Leadership/Link Crew Sports Work/Babysitting/ Job
 Club sport Marching Band/Band/Choir Other _____

We, the parent(s) and the student, have read the above information. We understand the commitment and rigor required in taking an AP course and have reviewed the syllabi for the requested courses on the CHS website. We accept and understand that once our student has been enrolled in an AP course and the deadline for course changes has passed, that any request to drop the course(s) will not be approved.

Student Name (Print) _____ Current Grade _____

Student ID # _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

AC Signature _____ Date _____

Admin Signature (If taking more than 3 AP courses): _____