
Connect to **AP**

You can use the SAT Suite of Assessments to expand access to AP classes and grow AP programs. You and your students can easily see if their test scores indicate that they are likely to succeed in specific AP courses.

AP Potential identifies students who are likely to succeed in AP courses and on AP Exams. The only tool of its kind, it is free to all schools that offer the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9.

AP Potential uses scores from the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 to provide predictions for 23 AP Exams. Scores from the PSAT 8/9 are used to identify 9th graders with potential to succeed in AP World History and AP European History, the two AP courses most often offered to 10th graders.

How AP Potential Works

AP Potential helps schools ensure that no student is overlooked. Schools can use it to:

- Identify students likely to succeed on AP Exams
- Determine which AP courses to offer

Schools can generate a roster of students likely to score a 3 or higher on a given AP Exam by selecting specific criteria, such as grade level and AP subject area.

Appropriate Use

AP Potential data are important but should never be used as the sole criteria for placement in AP courses. Though a strong indicator, the data account for only a fraction of the factors that determine a student's AP Exam score.

"I utilize the AP Potential tool to identify potential AP students to better serve them in related subject areas next year. In addition, we see which AP courses we are currently not offering but can offer next year."

—Ali Kursun,
*Campus Head College
Counselor at Harmony
High School in Texas*



College Board research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree on time than non-AP students.

AP Conversation Starter

FOR STUDENTS

Learn more about AP Courses and prepare to talk to your counselor or teacher.

Explore

There are many reasons to take an AP[®] course—visit exploreap.org to learn about them. If you took the PSAT/NMSQT[®] or the SAT[®], visit studentscores.collegeboard.org to see which AP classes may be a good fit for you and write them below:

Answer these questions to get a better sense of which AP course you might be interested in:

Which courses/subjects do you enjoy most?

What college majors are you considering?

In which subjects do you do well?

What careers excite you?

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Discuss

Schedule a meeting to talk with your counselor or teacher and discuss your answers from the **Explore** section. During your conversation, answer the following questions together:

What AP courses does our school offer?

What can I do next to prepare for AP?

Have students like me taken AP?

Will the class be too advanced for me?

Are there AP courses offered that I am likely to do well in?

Are there study groups or people who can help me if I need it?

Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or help me prepare for college and a career?

What is the cost of taking the AP Exam? Is there help with payment?

Does our school weight AP grades in our GPAs? How?

What information should I share with my parents/guardians?

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Enroll

Once you've decided whether AP is right for you, ask your counselor or teachers to help you fill in the following information:

The AP course enrollment time period at my school is:

My school's enrollment requirements for AP are:

After you have all the necessary information, enroll in the AP course(s) that makes the most sense for you.

I plan on enrolling in these AP course(s):

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