



THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM

SECONDARY

What is AP?

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is developed by the American College Board, an organization founded to expand access to higher education. The College Board creates AP curriculum and offers AP examinations globally. High school students in the AP program have the opportunity to study university level curriculum when they enter grade 12. This may allow them to be granted Advanced Placement status for some first year courses upon entering university.



Delivery of the AP Program

In grades 9 and 10, students take AP-Preparatory (AP-PREP) courses as preparation for the grade 11 and 12 AP courses and College Board exams. AP-PREP courses have been developed by York Catholic District School Board teachers in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Canadian and World Studies. The grade 9, 10, and 11 curriculum expectations/extensions have been modified/extended to vertically align with the grade 12 AP expectations that are evaluated on the College Board AP subject examination in May of each school year. AP College Board exams are optional. Students who opt to write these exams will be required to pay \$140 per exam.

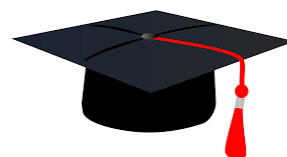
For more information about AP, go to <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

Course Load

Students enrolled in the the AP program in grades 9 and 10 will take the following AP-PREP courses: English, Science, Geography(gr.9)/History(gr.10) and Mathematics. Students in a combined AP/French Immersion Program will only take 3 AP-PREP courses in grades 9 and 10 to accommodate the French Immersion Geography and History courses. In grades 11 and 12, students may take as many AP courses as they wish.

Benefits of the AP Program

- AP fosters a community of students and educators who are passionate and committed to academic excellence.
- Students study topics in greater depth and breadth, enhancing their intellectual development.
- In addition to earning an Ontario grade 12 university level credit, students who achieve a Level 3-5 result on the AP College Board exam, may earn a first year university credit or *Advanced Placement*, depending on the credit policy of the university of choice.
- University admissions committees recognize the high standards of AP courses and exams and consider AP credentials as a reliable indicator of future success.
- Students enrolled in the YCDSB AP program are consistently well prepared to meet the challenge of university courses due to the increased rigour of AP courses.
- Former AP students speak of their easy transition from high school to university owing to the strong academic skills, knowledge, and confidence gained through participation in the AP program.



A Head Start in High School

Research consistently shows that AP students are better prepared for university than students who don't take AP, regardless of their exam score. They're more likely to enroll and stay in university, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years.



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Assessment Policy

Students will be evaluated according to the Ministry of Education Assessment and Evaluation Policy document and the curriculum expectations outlined in the Ministry documents for Math, Science, English, and Canadian and World Studies.

Transportation (Board Policy 203)

Only those students approved for admission to an AP Program at their home school, may receive transportation as per Policy 203. Students who attend an AP program outside of their home school area are not eligible for board-provided transportation services. For more information, please visit *School Locator* at <http://locator.ycdsb.ca/schoollocator/>



AP Registration Process

For information on how to register for the AP program, please go to the website of the designated AP high school. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to attend the high school's grade 8 Open House evening in the fall.

Is AP the Right Program for Your Child?

Scan the QR code below to take the AP Readiness Questionnaire:



YCDSB High Schools Offering AP

FATHER BRESSANI CHS

250 Ansley Grove Rd.
Woodbridge, ON L4L 3W4
Phone: (905) 851-6643

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CA

185 Glenwoods Avenue
Keswick, ON L4P 2W6
Phone: (905) 656-9140

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CA

10411 Bayview Avenue
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2
Phone: (905) 884-7006

SACRED HEART CHS

908 Lemar Road
Newmarket, ON L3Y 1R9
Phone: (905) 895-3340

ST BROTHER ANDRE CHS

6160 16th Avenue
Markham, ON L3P 3K8
Phone: (905) 294-7671

ST. JOAN OF ARC CHS

1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue
Maple, ON L6A 1W9
Phone: (905) 832-8882

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL CHS

55 Meridian Drive
Stouffville, ON L4A 4X5
Phone: (289) 451-2294

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHS

278 Wellington Street East
Aurora, ON L4G 1J5
Phone: (905) 727-5652

ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX CHS

230 Shaftsbury Avenue
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0E8
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