



THE CORONADO ACADEMY OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Excellence by Design



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Mission Statement

The mission of *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement* is to offer every scholar a rigorous path designed to ensure excellence and success in college.

Goals

- To provide a culture of academic success
- To eliminate the need for college remediation
- To provide a challenging, comprehensive education with the support of dedicated administration and staff
- To provide courses that challenge students to expand their knowledge, increase their skills, and enhance critical thinking
- To provide the requisite skills needed to achieve success in rigorous classes
- To improve AP/SAT/ACT scores
- To establish the academic foundation necessary to succeed in a university program after graduation
- To provide a competitive advantage in college admissions
- To provide an academic plan that helps develop the necessary skills for the transition to college
- To provide college-level courses that build confidence, time management, and study skills
- To provide the opportunity to critically analyze subjects, develop advanced research and communication skills, and tap into creative, problem-solving, and analytical potential
- To provide a supportive framework for students willing to tackle advanced coursework

Design

- Modeled after an Honors College with a community of like-minded scholars
- Provides a flexible course plan that will reward and encourage rigor from 7th grade to high school graduation
- Offers one of the largest selection of AP courses in the district
- Improves enrollment and success in AP courses
- Eliminates the need for college remediation

Community Benefits

- Communicate expectations and academic plans with schools, parents and students beginning at the elementary school level
- Educate parents and students regarding what steps are necessary to succeed at the college level
- Build bridges of communication and support between AP teachers



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Student Benefits

Research shows that eighty-five percent of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions. Therefore, *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement* is designed to assist students seeking a rigorous advanced studies curriculum throughout their high school career.

Students will be exposed to:

- A challenging path of study to include Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement, and Advanced Placement courses.
- A competitive advantage in college admissions.
- A supportive framework from a community of like-minded scholars.
- Peer mentoring and tutoring.
- College presentations on campus.
- Administrative, teacher, and counselor monitoring and support.
- Ability to earn college credits at a fraction of the cost. (dependent on individual colleges)
- Multiple levels of recognition.
- Special induction ceremony.
- Special recognition at the graduation ceremony.

The AP Edge

AP students gain the edge in predicted college success:

- By getting a head start on college-level work.
- By improving writing skills and sharpening critical thinking skills.
- By developing study habits necessary for rigorous course work.

*According to the *College Board*: "Research shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time."

AP students stand out in the college admissions process:

- By demonstrating maturity and readiness for college.
- By showing willingness to take the most rigorous courses available.
- By emphasizing commitment to academic excellence.

AP students broaden their intellectual horizons:

- By exploring the world from a variety of perspectives.
- By studying subjects in greater depth and detail.
- By increasing reasoning and analytical skills.



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Student Expectations

- Meet all graduation requirements for the Advanced Honors Diploma as specified by the Clark County School District.
 - You must be recommended for the classes necessary to complete the Advanced Honors Diploma.
- Meet the requirements set by *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement*:
 - Take a minimum of one Advanced Placement course in a core content area each year. (English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies)
 - All core AP courses must be completed on campus at Coronado High School.
 - Successfully complete a total of six Advanced Placement courses by the end of your senior year. **Students must take two AP classes their junior and senior years.**
 - Maintain a 3.25 unweighted GPA and a 3.85 weighted GPA. A student whose unweighted GPA falls below a 3.25 will be placed on academic probation for a semester. At the end of their probation their enrollment in *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement* will be re-evaluated.
 - Take the Advanced Placement examination at the end of each course. (Students with financial hardships can be provided assistance)
 - Complete four years of science **or** complete seven AP Classes by graduation.
 - AP Research and Anatomy & Physiology will count as a fourth year of science for AP Academy purposes only.
 - Follow the behavioral and attendance guidelines as established by Coronado High School.
 - Exhibit Academic Integrity: Academic dishonesty may result in removal from *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement*.
- It is highly recommended that students take no more than three AP Classes per year.

Admission Requirements Class of 2022

The criteria to apply for *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement* are:

- ⇒ SBAC Score Minimum: ELA-2600 Math-2600
- ⇒ Grade of an A/B in Accelerated English; recommendation to Honors English in the 9th grade
- ⇒ Grade of an A /B in Algebra/Geometry; recommendation to Honors at the next level (if available)
- ⇒ Grade of an A in Pre-Algebra
- ⇒ You must have an A in either English or Math
- ⇒ Two teacher recommendations (English and Math teachers)
- ⇒ Zoned for Coronado High School

**The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement* requirements may be changed as we evaluate what works best for students. In addition, the AP Academy will adjust courses as needed to ensure alignment with state and district expectations.



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Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Designations

In addition to the recognition given by Coronado High School to the students of *The Coronado Academy of Advanced Placement*, the *College Board* offers a variety of academic recognitions. Listed below are the various designations of AP Scholar. A student can earn this recognition as prescribed by the *College Board* and may include it on college applications.

The *College Board* offers several awards to select students who take Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Each year, the AP program recognizes students who have performed exceptionally well on AP examinations in May.

The following designations can be earned and are awarded upon graduation:

AP Scholar Awards

Designation

Criteria

AP Scholar

Grade of 3 or better on THREE or more AP exams.

AP Scholar with Honor

Grades of 3 or better on FOUR or more AP exams and an average of 3.25 on all AP exams taken.

AP Scholar with Distinction

Grades of 3 or better on FIVE or more AP exams and an average of 3.5 on all AP exams taken.

AP International Diploma

Grades of 3 or higher on FIVE AP courses and exams across multiple disciplines: One Foreign Language, one English, one World Culture, one Math/Science/Computer Science, and one from a long list of other AP courses. (Identified courses provided on an additional handout)

National AP Scholar

Grades of 4 or better on EIGHT or more AP exams and an average of 4 on all AP exams (must be a student in the U.S).

Capstone Diploma

Completion of AP Seminar and AP Research
Along with passing both corresponding AP Exams.