



Shaftesbury High School

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Advanced Placement Scholastic Pathways

The Advanced Placement (AP) program at SHS follows an accelerated model where academically strong students can finish their regular high school curriculum in their interested courses of study by the end of Grade 11 and engage in first year university-level (AP) course(s) in their Grade 12 year. Students taking AP courses will have the option of writing AP examinations administered by the American College Board and will be charged a fee of \$150.00 for each AP exam they have chosen to write. An AP exam score of 4 or 5 (out of five) will qualify for a first year university credit for the course at universities/colleges that accept AP credentials.

Shaftesbury High School offers Advanced Placement courses in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Psychology. Students entering Grade 11 and 12 who are considering AP courses should consider criteria such as:

- genuine interest in, appreciation, and/or love of subject area (learning focused, not mark focused)
- academic ability
- critical thinking skills (can apply skills learned in class to solve problems that look different than examples used in class)
- commitment to excellence (homework, attendance, preparation for tests at a first year university level)
- demonstrated ability in other related subject areas
- teachers / advisors input

The process of engaging in AP classes begins in Grade 11. Therefore, please indicate below the AP course(s) you are interested in taking when you are in Grade 12. In some cases, we may need to consider your academic/attendance records, and consult with your subject teachers to determine suitability before enrolling you in the appropriate courses in Grade 11 in preparation for taking AP courses in Grade 12. Please consult page 35 of the 2023-2024 course description guide for full details.

***** Please detach and return to the office by March 17, 2023 *****

Name: _____ Grade level in **September, 2023** _____

I am interested in taking the following AP classes in **Grade 12**. I have read the information above and understand the requirements of being an AP student in a subject area.

- English (LIT32S, 42S)
- Mathematics (CAL(AB)32S, 42S)
- Biology (BIO32S, 42S)
- Chemistry (CH32S, 42S)
- Physics (PHY32S, 42S)
- Psychology (PSY42S) – this course can be taken in Grade 11 if space is available.