

AP Guidelines and Recommendations

As you go through choice sheets and begin selecting courses for next year, you can use these guidelines to determine if you are prepared for and likely to be successful in the AP courses offered at Gateway College Preparatory. AP courses are rigorous, college-level classes that require dedication and a commitment of time and effort. They are more challenging, require more rigorous work, and move at a faster pace than Pre-AP or on-level courses. Students at Gateway College Preparatory are currently required to complete at least four AP courses and participate in one AP test. We anticipate that this requirement will be reduced to two AP courses after recommending to the board in April. Students enrolling in AP courses should do so with the goal of taking the AP exam and earning a 3 or higher. With this score on an AP exam, students are able to receive college credit at many universities.

AP courses are open enrollment for all students, and while we encourage Gateway College Prep students to challenge themselves and work at the highest levels of which they are capable, we understand that not all AP courses are a good fit for every student. These recommendations are to help you determine in which AP classes you are likely to have the most success. Pre-AP courses are offered in many of these same subjects and are a great choice in helping students prepare for future advanced academic courses in high school and college. For more information on AP courses please visit <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org>.

Social Studies/English

<p style="text-align: center;">AP Human Geography</p> <p>Level III Mastery on 8th grade Social Studies STAAR and/or PSAT 8/9 score of 1090 or higher. and/or Current SS teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AP World History</p> <p>PSAT score of 1070 or better and/or AP Human Geography score of 3 or higher and/or Current SS teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AP English Language/Literature</p> <p>Level III Mastery on English II STAAR and/or AP English Lang/Lit score of 3 or higher and/or PSAT Reading + Writing & Language score of 55 or higher and/or Current English teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AP US History</p> <p>PSAT score of 1100 or higher and/or AP World History score of 3 or higher and/or Current SS teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher</p>

Math/Science

<p align="center">AP Environmental Science/AP Biology</p> <p>PSAT Reading + Math score of 58 or higher and/or Level III Mastery on Biology STAAR and/or Current Science teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher</p>	<p align="center">AP Chemistry</p> <p>PSAT Reading + Math score of 60 or higher and/or Current Science teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher in Pre-AP Chemistry</p>
<p align="center">AP Physics</p> <p>PSAT Reading + Math test score of 64 or higher and/or Current Science teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher in Pre-AP Chemistry or Physics</p>	<p align="center">AP Calculus</p> <p>PSAT Math score of 30 or higher and/or Current Math teacher recommendation based on average of 85 or higher in Pre-Calculus</p>

Most recent PSAT scores:

Overall _____
 Math _____
 Reading _____
 Writing and Language _____

AP Exam Scores:

AP Exam	Score
_____	_____
_____	_____
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STAAR levels:

8th Grade Social Studies _____
 English II STAAR _____
 Biology STAAR _____

If you have any questions about the AP courses offered at Gateway College Preparatory, please contact Mr. Lance at shawn.lance@orendaeducation.org.

Sincerely,

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