



Pike High School

An International Baccalaureate School



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To all of our Advanced Placement(AP) Parents/Guardians and Students:

Mr. Inman and I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for signing up for this AP class. It takes tremendous dedication and hard work that we believe you are all fully capable of doing with support from your teacher, family, and peers. Taking an AP class will help better prepare you for college level work, will earn you college credit with a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam, and shows college admission officers your willingness to take on academically challenging work.

The benefits you will gain from taking this class are:

1. Applying for College – Taking an AP class signals college admission officers that you are serious about your education and want to take on the challenge of rigorous course work.
2. Financial Benefits – An AP exam cost \$94/exam, and in the state of Indiana, the state covers the cost of all English, Math, and Science exams for juniors/seniors currently enrolled in the class. Depending on your exam score, you can earn 3-5 college credit hours for only \$94. This same class would cost you about \$300/credit at a public college/university or about \$1500/credit at a private college/university. Students in AP classes are more apt to apply and graduate from college in 4 years than students who don't.
3. AP Skills - Your teachers have been trained by College Board approved presenters who are college professors or teachers who've been extremely successful in their AP subject area. They will teach you skills that will build your confidence, provide you with time management and study skills, problem-solving and research skills that will help you beyond high school.

We understand that an Advanced Placement course is a college-level course designed for high school students, and that requirements are more rigorous than those of the standard high school level. It can take up to four weeks to adjust to an AP class, and if you take the time to really engage and ask your teachers questions and for help, you will find that taking an AP class is an extremely rewarding experience. All you need is the dedication to take on this challenge, and we believe you can accomplish it.

By signing the attached commitment letter, you are agreeing to take on the full opportunity of help that your teacher will provide you, you will dedicate yourself to the challenge, and you will study and take the AP exam in May at the end of the course. You will keep this top copy and return the Commitment form to your teacher on his/her designated due date.

We look forward to seeing AP classrooms full of eager learners, teachers ready to take students to the next level of excellence, and continuing on our tradition of being recognized as one of the "Most Challenging high schools in America" by the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*.

Sincerely,

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Directions: Students must submit a separate statement of commitment for each AP course. Complete the form; sign it; have your parent sign it; and return to your teacher.

Student's Name: _____ Class of 20_____

AP Course: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Current Teacher's Name: _____

I understand that an Advanced Placement course is a college-level course designed for high school students, and that requirements are more rigorous than those of the standard high school level.

I also understand that I will be expected to study for and take the Advanced Placement exam at the conclusion of the course. It is Pike's goal that our students will earn a passing score of 3, 4, or 5 on the exam. Three hours of college credit may be earned with those scores offering a considerable savings of college tuition fees.

The cost of each exam is approximately **\$94** unless I am a Free and Reduced Lunch student.

I further understand that I will not be allowed to drop this class without consent from my teacher who will document that I've met with them at least 4 times for tutorial sessions that lasted at least 30 minutes. My teacher will document these times and must sign my drop/add form along with my Parent/Guardian.

****All Free or Reduced Lunch students will pay a reduce fee or will not need pay for any of the AP exams.****

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature

Date

Date

Teacher's Signature

Date

Tutorial Documentation Sheet

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time In</u>	<u>Time Out</u>	<u>Topic(s) Covered</u>