



ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSE POLICY

Advanced Placement courses are designed to meet the needs of students who want an advanced college preparatory curriculum and have a high level of responsibility, interest, aptitude and achievement. Course content and concepts are explored in greater depth, and more independent work is expected of the student. At Frassati Catholic High School, registration for Advanced Placement involves several steps. The student must (1) meet the prerequisite requirements, (2) be recommended for the AP course by the department faculty, and (3) read and agree to the Frassati Catholic High School AP Policy (below).

It is important that students make careful decisions about course selection as it will impact the overall academic schedule, teacher assignments and hiring. Once a student is enrolled in an AP course, it may be impossible to drop the class due to scheduling conflicts. Requested withdrawal from a class may be contingent on enrollment and is not guaranteed.

The Frassati Catholic High School AP Policy consists of the following conditions, on which the student must agree before registering for any AP course:

1. AP courses require considerably more homework and studying than an honors course. AP courses are college level courses. Work will be assigned and will be graded accordingly.
2. No student will be registered for an AP course unless he or she meets all prerequisites and has obtained both department faculty recommendation and AP teacher approval.
3. Parents will not be able to request an override of an AP teachers' decision or teacher recommendation regarding AP courses.
4. Once a student is enrolled in an AP course, he or she will need to remain in the course until the completion of the course. Requested withdrawal from a class may be contingent on enrollment and is not guaranteed. In addition, if a student requests to withdraw from an AP course, the students and parents/guardians, must schedule a meeting with the teacher and dean of academics before any decision is made.
5. Dropping an AP course will result in a withdrawal pass (W/P) or withdrawal fail (W/F) on the student's transcript.
6. Students requesting more than two AP classes in the same year must submit a "Request for Exception to AP Course Policy" form and must meet the stringent requirements outlined on the form.
7. Students enrolled in any AP class will take the AP exam in the spring. Exams cost \$94 and should be paid in full by **March 1**. The school does not cover the cost of exams. Students who need financial assistance when registering for the AP exam should speak with the dean of academics.

Please sign below if you are willing to abide by the above stated conditions. List the AP course(s) you are considering and return this form with your registration materials. ***Students must have a signed AP Course Policy on file prior to the start of class in order to attend the class.***

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Grade level at the time AP course(s) will be taken: _____

Desired AP course(s): _____
