Dougherty High School AP Chemistry Syllabus AP[®] Chemistry Class Policy

Mark Your Calendars! AP Chemistry Test Date → TUESDAY MAY 6th, 8am

- Instructor: Mrs. Farmer
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- Mrs. Farmer's website: www.mychemistryclass.net
- Sign up for REMIND APP: download REMIND APP to join @apchemfarm class (or txt @apchemfarm to 81010)

CLASS RULE

Don't make anyone unhappy! That includes the teacher, your classmates, visitors, and yourself.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

GENERAL:	EVERY DAY:	CLEAN UP:	EFFORT:
1) Safety	1) Warmup	1) Desks	1) Work
2) Respect	2) Lesson	2) Benches	2) Questions
3) Hard work	Clean up	3) Floors	 Participate

TEXTBOOK

Chemistry, A Molecular Approach 4th Ed. – Tro – Pearson Prentice Hall – etext Mastering Chemistry – Online supplement to the course

LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

The lab experiments represent a collection from various sources -Flinn Scientific Inc. Advanced Placement Chemistry Laboratories -College Board AP[®] Chemistry: Guided-Inquiry Laboratories -Juniata College, Science in Motion, Advanced Placement Labs -Advanced Chemistry with Vernier

OVERVIEW OF AP CHEMISTRY PROGRAM

The class meets four (4) days a week, three 50 min periods and one 85 minute block period. Throughout the school year, 25%+ instructional time will be devoted towards laboratory experiments, inquiry and normal experiments. The other days are lectures, practice problems, experiment continuation, and interactive activities.

- AP Chemistry is a 2nd-year course. You should have already completed Honors Chemistry
- The expectation is that all AP Chemistry students will sign up and take the AP Chemistry Exam

COURSE DESCRIPTION

AP Chemistry is designed to be the equivalent of the general chemistry course usually taken during the first year of college. The goal is to provide the student with a strong background in many of the basic topics covered in chemistry. The objective of this class is to prepare each and every student to be successful on the AP Chemistry Exam given by the College Board in May. <u>Please note, an actual college</u> <u>chemistry class would involve more hours of instruction</u> <u>time per week than our current schedule, to compensate,</u> <u>additional time, outside of scheduled class time, will be</u> <u>required. This includes two Saturdays in April prior to the</u> <u>exam. Finally, in order to be successful in this class you</u> <u>must have several hours each week to devote to lab reports,</u> homework, and studying. This is a 2nd year class - Students should have strongly knowledge these topics from 1st year Honors Chemistry:

- Atomic Theory
- e- configuration
 - Gas LawsThermochem

• IMFs

Acid Base

• Kinetics

Equilibrium

- PeriodicityBonding/VSEPR
- Solutions Redox (summer assignment)

Atomic Structure
 Solutions

These topics will either increase in complexity during AP, or

- were not covered in Honors and will be covered in AP:
- ThermochemistryThermodynamics
 - s Bonding
- Kinetics
- Gas Laws
- Acid Base
- Electrochemistry

- Equilibrium
 - n IMFs

NOTEBOOKS and SUPPLIES

In this class we use a composition notebook for warmups and taking notes in class. We use a 3-ring binder with 5 tab dividers for our reference sheets, study materials, and worksheets. Your notebook/binder will be graded on a regular basis. There will be announced and unannounced notebook/binder checks. It is expected that you put **SIGNIFICANT EFFORT** into your notebook. More information will be given about these items when we begin to use them.

MATERIALS

This class will use the following supplies. If you cannot obtain the supplies for any reason, the supplies can and will be provided.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED –	Highly	Optional,
Will be used in class	suggested	but fun!
Composition Notebook Government of the second sec	 Small ruler Small pencil sharpener that can collect the shavings Small Post-it Notes 	 Stickers Glitter pens Small envelopes
 Hignlighter Black/ Blue pen AND two pencils 		

* I HIGHLY recommend the Texas Instruments "Ti-30x **IIS**". This is the calculator that I will be using in class, and I find it to be the easiest (and most logical) to use. You may use a different one but I am not familiar with how to use every calculator out there, and I may not know how to help you with it! Please note you are required to use the teacher provided calculator during all quizzes and assessments if/when we are in school physically.

SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES – All policies, procedures, rules, and disciplinary actions will be followed from the DVHS Student Handbook. Please see the student handbook for further information.

HOMEWORK

Dougherty Valley High School will be following the District Homework Policy (AR 6154 and BP 6154), please see the Homework Policy on the District Website as well as the Dougherty Valley High School Web Site. Please be advised that this policy is/can be different for Honors/AP Courses

All homework assigned will be due at the start of the next class period unless otherwise noted. Not every homework assignment will be collected and graded. Some assignments are graded for accuracy, some for completion, and some will only have select problems graded.

QUIZZES and ASSESSMENTS

In-class guizzes include both closed note and closed book quizzes, and open-note quizzes. Quizzes are often given mid unit and often after each unit. They may be announced or unannounced. Assessments may cover several units at a time. Assessments will be announced in class and/or on the class website. For test security purposes, cell phones or any other electronic devices (such as "smart watches") are not permitted on your person during an assessment. All electronic devices will be placed in a "cell phone holder" at the front of the classroom until the end of the exam. If you are found with an electronic device during the exam it will be assumed it was used inappropriately and you will receive a permanent zero on the assessment and Assistant Principal will be notified.

LAB ASSIGNMENTS and SAFETY

Separate handouts concerning laboratory procedures and safety will be passed out in class. All students are required to have a laboratory notebook. Lab notebooks will be provided. Lab notebooks may be collected and graded. Written lab work may include the following sections. You will be told each time which sections are required.

You will not be allowed to perform a given experiment if any of the safety rules or any additional rules subject to teacher discretion are not followed. Safety means being prepared, dressed safely, and ready. That includes completing the prelab assignment before the lab starts.

- Prelab Qs
- Purpose/Goal/Q's • Hypothesis
- Materials Reagent Table
- Procedure Flow Chart
- Data Tables
 Calculations
- Post Lab Qs/Report

EXTRA HELP and REMINDER

The best way to be successful is to ask questions, spend time reading the book, take notes, participate in discussions, and work as many problems as possible - over and beyond those assigned for homework. Problem solving in chemistry is a skill that can only be improved by practice and exposure to lots of examples. If you do not do the work, you will not be successful. I am excited about this year. I love chemistry and my hope is for you to love it as well. Do not hesitate to ask for help. I am here to help you!

Perseverance Keep calm \rightarrow Track down mistakes \rightarrow Learn \rightarrow Improve

TARDIES, ATTENDANCE and MAKEUP WORK

Tardies are disruptive and may interrupt the progress of other students. Be sure to come to class on time, ready to learn. Tardiness will be addressed in accordance with school policy as specified in the DVHS handbook.

Please note - in order to be successful in this class, attending and actively utilizing Access Period could be required.

Please see the Dougherty Valley High School Webpage for the make-up work policy. If you have a legally excused absence, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to find out what the missed class work and homework assignment(s) was and to complete it.

You get the number of days absent to complete missed work. Assignments subject to change at teacher's discretion.

You get the number of days absent to complete any make-up assignments including quizzes and assessments. You get the number of days absent to complete any make-up quizzes and assessments unless it is an unannounced guiz on old material. If it is an unannounced quiz on old material you will be required to take it the day you return since studying for it was not expected. If you were only gone the day of the quiz or the assessment, you will take it upon your return to school unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher in advance. Missed quizzes and assessments must be made up during class unless I allow you to make it up during Access Period. If you would like to make it up during Access Period you must ask via email in advance so I can attempt to make arrangements. If you are absent for a quiz or assessment, you will be given a make-up version. It will cover the same material but can be different questions or a different format.

DVHS and CLASS GRADING POLICY

The following grading scale will be used for this course.

	B+ 87 – 89%	C+ 77 – 79%	D+ 67-69%	
A 93-100%	B 83-86%	C 73-76%	D 63-66%	F 0-59%
A- 90-92%	B- 80-82%	C- 70 - 72%	D- 60-62%	

Grades on all assignments, assessments, and overall class grades are final, unless otherwise stated by Mrs. Farmer. Grades are not determined on a curve, and grades are not rounded.

Grades are weighted based on the following categories. If this breakdown changes at any time, you will be notified.

% of Grade	Category
45%	Unit Tests, Mid-Terms, Mock Exam
20%	Lab Work, Extended Assignments
15%	Quizzes
15%	Final Exam
5%	Short Term Assignments (Class/Homework)

Be on task, productive, engaged ... those are all part of doing your work!

STAFF COMMUNICATION POLICY

Email is the typically the fastest and best way to reach me. As a guideline, any communication to staff, via email or telephone, should receive a response within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays). If there is no response within 48 hours, please email or call again stating this is the second attempt. The 48-hour guideline may be affected by illness, conferences, or technology problems.

ADDING TO THE CLASS AFTER THE START OF THE YEAR

Students who add to the class after the start of the year will have their grade from their previous chemistry class transferred as an equal percentage. For example – if you exit your old class with an 85.6% you will start your new class with an 85.6%. Your grade will be transferred regardless of if you transferred from another school, from one teacher to another teacher, or you transferred from an honors to regular level chemistry class or vice versa.

LINE OF COMMUNICATION

Any questions or concerns regarding student progress in a class should be addressed through the following process per the student handbook:

- 1. Student communicating with teacher
- 2. Parent communicating with teacher
- 3. Parent/Student communicating with counselor
- 4. Parent/Student communicating with Assistant Principal
- 5. Parent/Student communicating with Principal

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND ETHICS POLICY

Honest behavior is an expectation at DVHS. The purpose of the policy is to create and maintain an ethical academic atmosphere in which strong behavioral consequences will be enforced. **Cheating, plagiarism, violation of test procedures** will not be tolerated. Violations of academic ethics will be dealt will be addressed according to Board Policy, the California Education Code, and the <u>DVHS student handbook</u>.

DVHS SCHOOL LEARNER OUTCOMES

At Dougherty Valley High School, students will:

- Communicate effectively
- Become critical thinkers and problem solvers who support ideas with reliable evidence
- Practice integrity, honestly, and ethical behavior as a global citizen
- Be a responsible partner in the learning process
- Take ownership of individual growth

Syllabus is subject to change at teachers' discretion. It is possible there will be adjustments made to syllabus and/or grade categories. If this occurs you will be notified.

Donations

Individual courses are no longer asking for/or collecting donations.

<u>PLEASE</u> support our class and your student(s) by donating to the <u>DVHS Education Fund</u>.

More information can be found on the DVHS website under the "parents" tab at the top of the home page (direct link <u>HERE</u>). <u>Thank you</u> for your continued support of DVHS academics!

Summer Assignment

Here is a link to the full AP Chemistry Summer Assignment. <u>https://tinyurl.com/yckh87u6</u>

<u>Course Outline</u> (approximate, subject to change)

Semester 1			Semester 2		
DVHS Unit	Textbook Chapters	Corresponding AP Unit from Below	DVHS Unit	Textbook Chapters	Corresponding AP Unit from Below
Honors Review	1 – 4	Ι	Gas Laws	5	II
Thermochemistry	6	III	IMFs	11	VI
Thermodynamics	18	XI	Solutions	13	VII
Kinetics	14	VIII	Acid Base	16, 17	X
Mid-Term Exam			Electrochemistry	19	XII
Equilibrium 15 IX		Mock A	AP Exam (mi	d-term)	
Atomic Structure	7, 8	V	If time – Projects		
Bonding	9, 10	IV, VI	If time – Organic	21	
Final Exam				Final Exam	

Unit	Description, Content Skills	HW	Labs/Activities ∆=Inquiry ⊗=Normal
l: Review Unit Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4 2 weeks	Unit 1 is a review unit: Material covered in Honors Chem and by the summer assignment. <u>Matter & Measurements</u> : Classifying matter, dimensional analysis, significant figures <u>Atoms, Molecules, Ions</u> : Atomic structure, formulas, nomenclature, oxidation states, etc. <u>Stoichiometry</u> : Mole, atomic weight, molecular formula, balancing eqs, limiting reagents, empirical formulas, % comp, % yield, and solution <u>Aqueous Reactions and Solution</u> <u>Stoichiometry</u> : Precipitation (net ionic), acid- base, redox, concentrations.	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	 Analysis of Silver in an Alloy – <i>Exp. 2 FLINN</i> Δ #3: What makes Hard water Hard? – You will design and perform an experiment using gravimetric analysis to determine the stoichiometry of the reaction. You will create a precipitate in a chemical reaction, which you will separate from the solution via vacuum filtration using Buchner funnels (SP 1-7) <u>Chemicals Reactions Video Activity (BI - #3)</u>: You will make a narrated video for chemical reactions, showing how atoms are rearranged and/or reorganized
II: Gases <i>Ch. 5</i> 1.5 weeks	<u>Gases:</u> Ideal gas law, van der Waal's equation, Avogadro's Law, STP, Dalton's Law, Graham's Law, kinetic theory of gases, real vs. ideal gases, etc • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	⊗ #5: <u>The molar Volume of a Gas</u> – You will react Mg ribbon with HCl in a eudiometer tube to collect gas in that sealed tube over water. Taking measurements of mass, volume, and temperature, you will then determine what is the dry molar volume of that gas (SP 1-7)
III: Thermo- chemistry Ch. 6 1 week	Thermochemistry: The nature of Energy, Enthalpy, Thermodynamics of Ideal Gases, Calorimetry, Specific Heat, Hess's Law, Standard Enthalpies of Formation (but not calculating ΔHrxn from them) • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	⊗ #13 <u>Determine the Enthalpy of a Chemical Reaction</u> – You will use computer temperature probes to measure that heat released from 3 chemical reactions that you will perform. Two of those reactions can be added in some way on paper to get the 3 rd reaction. You will verify that Hess's Law holds by comparing your heats of reaction from 2 of the reactions to the heat of reaction of the 3 rd since the 1 st two should add up to equal the 3 rd . (SP 1-7) Δ #12: <u>The Hand Warmer Challenge</u> – Design and perform an experiment using knowledge of calorimetry to design a hand warmer that will release energy based on given specifications using ionic compounds that are soluble in water (SP 1-7)
IV: Bonding and Molecular Structure Ch. 8 + 9 2 weeks	Chemical Bonding: Chemical bonds, Electronegativity, Bond polarity and Dipole moments, Ions: E.C. (but not the exceptions), and sizes, formation of Binary ionic compounds, partial ionic character of covalent bonds. The covalent chemical bond: A model, covalent bond energies and chemical reactions, the Localized electron bonding model, lewis structures, resonance, exceptions to the octet rule, molecular structure: The VSEPR model. Hybridization (not including 'd' orbitals) • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	<u>VSEPR Activity (BI - #2)</u> : You will be given a list of chemical formulas and prepare 3D models to the various electro pair arrangements, and complete a table, which shos the Lewis Structure, electron-pair geometry, molecular structure, and use that information to predict the presence or absence of a dipole moment. You will build the molecules using gumdrop candy and toothpicks, taking into account how the lone pairs of electrons affect the shape.

	Atomic Structure:	~20 - 30	Periodic Trends Graphing Activity (BI - #1) – You will graph "Atomic number vs
	Atomic spectra, Bohr atom,	Book Q's	XXXX" and interpret several data sets on atomic properties. Student will then
	quantum numbers, molecular	per week	discuss trends as they contribute to PES diagrams in identification of compounds.
V:	electron configurations,	Worksheets	Spectroscopy and Electron Configuration. Students will perform flame tests of
Periodic Table	periodic table, trends in the	practice	various ionic compounds to see with spectroscopes the spectra that the metal
Atomic	periodic table in terms of	problems	elements produce. You will record those spectra, calculate their frequencies and
Structure	physical and chemical	Old ERO's	energies, and determine the identity of an unknown by comparing to the spectral finderprints you have recorded (SP 1-7)
Ch. 7	Chemical Reactions	OIGT INQ 3	
1.5 weeks			Δ #1: What is the relationship between the concentration of a solution and the
			amount of Transmitted light through the solution – You will design and/or interpret
			the results of an experiment regarding the absorption of light to determine the concentration of an absorbing species in a solution (SP 1-7)
	Intermolecular Forces.	~20 - 30	\wedge #5: Sticky Q: How do you separate molecules that are attracted to one
VI	Liquids, and Solids:	Book Q's	another? - You will design and/or interpret the results of a separation experiment
Inter-	Dipole–dipole interactions,	per week	in terms of relative strength of interactions among and between the
molecular	bonding. London forces, liquid	Worksheets	components.(SP 1-7)
Forces,	state, types of solids, metallic	practice	⊗ Determining Melting Temperature - You will use a Vernier Melt Station to
Liauids	bonding, network solids, vapor	problems	determine the melting temperature of a solid substance. Your sample will be one
Ch. 10	pressure, change of state,	Old ERO's	of several possible pure compounds. On subsequent trials you will be able to
2 weeks	Chemical Reactions	OIGT INQ 3	compound (SP 1-7)
	Properties of Solutions:	~20 - 30	Δ #4: Using Freezing-Point Depression to Find Molecular Weight – You will
	electrolytes molarity molality	BOOK Q S	determine the molar mass of a solute by Freezing it. From the Freezing point depression and knowledge of the molality of the solution you will be able to
VII:	mole fraction, colligative	per week	calculate the molar mass of the solute compound (SP 1-7)
Solutions	properties, Raoult's Law,	Worksheets	
Ch. 11	Henry's law, freezing point	practice	⊗ Identification of Solutions – Juniata
2 weeks	elevation, and osmotic	problems	
	pressure.	Old FRQ's	
	Chemical Reactions		
	Chemical Kinetics: Reaction Rates Rate laws: an	~20 - 30 Book Q's	Δ #11: What is the rate law of a the fading of Crystal Violet using Beer's Law –
	introduction, determining the	per week	chemical reaction that involves a color change. By monitoring that rate of change
	form of the rate law, the		in the absorbance's of light through the reaction sample and using Beer's Law,
VIII:	integrated rate law, rate laws:	Worksheets	you will design how to determine the rate of the reaction and its order and
Chemical	mechanism, the steady-state	problems	penonn the experiment (SP 1-7)
Kinetics Ch 12	approximation, a model for		⊗ Iodination of Acetone – The purpose of this reaction is to determine the orders
2 weeks	chemical kinetics, catalysis	Old FRQ's	for the reactants, the rate expression, and the rate constant for the reaction
	Chemical Reactions		between lodine and acetone. – Junitata
			Kinetics Graphing Activity (BI - #4) - You will determine the order of a reaction,
			rate law, rate constant, and half-life through the graphing of given concentration
	Chemical Equilibrium	~20 - 30	Fouilibrium "Red Rover" Activity (BI - #6) – You will play a "game" in which the
	Equilibrium constant,	Book Q's	parts of the class (separated initially into 2 groups), switch places based on
	equilibrium expressions,	per week	different conditions called out
	calculations of K and	Worksheets	\mathbf{A} #12: Can we make the colors of the rainbow? – You will design and perform an
	Chatelier's principle, and how	practice	experiment to investigate Le Chatelier's principle by testing several systems at
IX: Chemical	equilibrium is shifted by	problems	equilibrium and then selecting specific ones to produce the colors of the rainbow
Equilibrium	temperature, concentration,	Old EBO's	based on specific applications of this principle (SP 1-7)
Ch. 13	ions, etc	Old I No 3	Λ #15: To what extent to common household products have buffering activity?
2 weeks	 Chemical Reactions 		(SP 1-7)
			@ #10: Determination of K for EaCON2t, you will propore a new parise of
			solutions that have varied concentrations of the Fe^{3+} ions and the SCN ⁻ ions, with
			a constant concentration of H ⁺ ions. You will use the results of this test to
			accurately evaluate the equilibrium concentrations of each species. (SP 1-7)
	Acids-Bases:	~20 - 30 Book O'a	⊗ #8: <u>An Oxidation-Reduction Titration</u> : The Rx. Of Fe ²⁺ and Ce ⁴⁺ - You will
	prin, r_a and r_b expressions, titration, degree of ionization	per week	conduct an oxidation-reduction reaction in this experiment in order to determine the amount of iron (II) ions in a solid sample of ferrous ammonium sulfate
	K_w expressions,		hexahydrate. (SP 1-7)
X:	indicators, equivalence points,	Worksheets	
Acid / Base Ch 14 ± 15	Armenius, Brønsted-Lowry and lewis acid theories and salt	practice	& #23: <u>Determination of the Solubility Product of Ca(OH)</u> – Your primary
2.5 weeks	hydrolysis	210010110	and use your observations and measurements to calculate the K_{en} of the
	Aqueous Equilibria:	Old FRQ's	compound. You will do this by titrating the prepared $Ca(OH)_2$ solution with a
	Common-Ion effect, buffers,		standard hydrochloric acid solution. (SP 1-7)
	Chemical Reactions		

X continued			Determination of the Lead Content in Water. You will add varying amounts of potassium iodide in water from different sources to determine the concentration of lead ions originally dissolved within. Analysis will require performing calculations with the Ksp of the slightly soluble lead iodide precipitate. (SP 1-7) Whole-Class Discussion of the Societal Impact of Lead Content in Water (Societal Impact of Chemistry). You will research and use that research in a whole-class discussion regarding the societal impact of lead content in water (tied in with the experiment described in the previous bullet).
XI: Chemical Thermo- dynamics Ch. 16 2 weeks	Chemical Thermodynamics: Spontaneous process and entropy, isothermal expansion and compression of an ideal gas, entropy and physical changes, entropy and the 2 nd law. The effect of T on spontaneity, entropy changes in chemical reactions, the dependence of free energy on P, free energy and equilibrium • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	 #26 <u>The Enthalpy of Neut. Of H₃PO₄</u> <u>"Spontaneous or Not?</u> Activity (BI - #5. – You will be given a set of data and will practice predicting and justifying the signs of ΔHrxn, ΔSrxn, and ΔGrxn. You will also determine the effect of varying temperature on those signs
XII: Electro- chemistry Ch. 17 2 weeks	Redox & Electrochemistry: Oxidation and reduction half- cells and equations, electrolysis, electrochemical (voltaic) cells, standard voltages, standard voltages from a table, Nernst equation, Faraday's laws, writing redox equations, and balancing equations in acid/base solutions • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	 <u>Electrochemistry: Voltaic Cells</u>: You will construct voltaic cells to use voltmeters to determine the cell potentials for a series of metals and compare them to what your calculations of redox potentials say the potentials should be (SP 1-7) <u>Δ</u>#8: <u>How can we determine the Actual %'age of H₂O₂ in a Drugstore Bottle of H₂O₂? (SP 1-7)</u> Electroplating a Nickel Electrolysis of KI
XIII: Nuclear Chemistry Ch. 18 <1 week	Nuclear Chemistry: Nuclear Stability & Radioactive Decay, Nuclear Transformations, Thermodynamic Stability of the Nucleus, fission & fusion. • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	Alpha, Beta, Gamma Activity
XIV: Organic Chemistry Ch. 22 <1 week	Organic Chemistry: Naming, alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, functional groups, reactions involving hydrocarbons • Chemical Reactions	~20 - 30 Book Q's per week Worksheets practice problems Old FRQ's	Nomenclature, drawing compounds, model building
XV: Review for AP Test	In the weeks prior to the exam the students will their final exam (currently the released exams) to get students acquainted with the test and to evaluate their knowledge. Review sessions include practicing FRQ from previous years.	Review	

From the AP Course Setting - Comparability Studies

The AP Program periodically conducts college score comparability studies in all AP subjects. These studies compare the performance of AP students with that of college students in the courses for which successful AP students will receive credit. In general, the AP composite score cut-points are set so that the lowest composite score for an AP score of 5 is equivalent to the average score for college students earning scores of A. Similarly, the lowest composite scores for AP scores of 4, 3, and 2 are equivalent to the average scores for students with college scores of B, C, and D, respectively.

Students who earn AP Exam scores of 3 or above are generally considered to be qualified to receive college credit and/or placement into advanced courses due to the fact that their AP Exam scores are equivalent to a college course score of "middle C " or above. However, the awarding of credit and placement is determined by each college or university and students should check with the institution to verify its AP credit and placement policies.