

Preparing for COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Where do ARHS students go after graduating?

- ✓ Over 70% continue their education at a college or university.

What do colleges and universities look for in students?

1. Academic rigor on transcripts
2. Grade point average (unweighted)
3. Extra-curricular involvement
4. Volunteer service
5. Test scores (SAT, ACT)
6. Letters of recommendation
7. Personal statement / essay(s)

Colleges, universities, and scholarship committees look for a student's interests and passions.

They pay particular attention to students' high school record of academics, extra-curriculars, volunteer service, and experience with diversity.

What does Auburn Riverside offer?

- Honors courses (AP preparation)
- College preparatory courses (College Writing, etc.)
- ***The Advanced Placement Program***
- Running Start @ Green River Community College
- Accelerated placement (technical, business certifications)

What is ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

What is the history of Advanced Placement?

A.P. began in 1951 as an agreement between elite prep schools (Andover, Exeter & Lawrenceville) and East Coast universities (Harvard, Yale, and Princeton).

What are the goals of Advanced Placement?

The A.P. Program . . .

- Avoids repetition in high school and college
- Allows motivated students to work at their highest capabilities
- Values “open access” to all racial and socio-economic groups; diversity is a key value of all universities.

Depth vs. breadth . . . which type of learning does Advanced Placement emphasize?

Both. Students are expected to have a broad understanding of their course content, and to use that knowledge to think deeply and creatively in those content areas.

The A.P. exams provide students opportunities to demonstrate both a broad understanding of their knowledge ***and*** deep, innovative thinking which draws from enduring understandings.

This mirrors the course syllabi of demanding colleges and universities.

What are the benefits of Advanced Placement?

Independent research has shown that A.P. students are . . .

- 2x likely to have significantly high scores on the SAT
- 2x likely to win academic honors in high school
- significantly higher than non-AP students on 19 preadmission measures of ability and achievement
- more likely to choose majors with tougher grading procedures
- significantly less likely to dropout of college
- significantly more likely to be admitted to a doctoral program or other advanced programs of study
- twice as likely to achieve a B average or higher the first year of college
- more frequently awarded college and departmental honors
- more likely to achieve positions of leadership, significant accomplishment, and success in college programs
- more likely to continue taking coursework in the AP classes taken in high school
- more likely to graduate from college with honors (48% = 3, 61% = 4)
- 2-5 times more likely to major in area related to an AP class taken in high school
- outperforming national and international math and physics students, if scoring a 3 or higher

Looking Ahead to College:

Advanced Placement: Philosophy, Goals & History

At

Auburn Riverside High
School