

Put AP to work for you >

WHY TAKE AP?

Show colleges I'm serious about my education

Over 2,600 colleges worldwide grant credit for AP scores

Save money on college tuition

Earn college credit

Get the experience colleges

See my

Offering more than 30 courses, the College Board's Advanced Placement program enables students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both — while still in high school.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap>

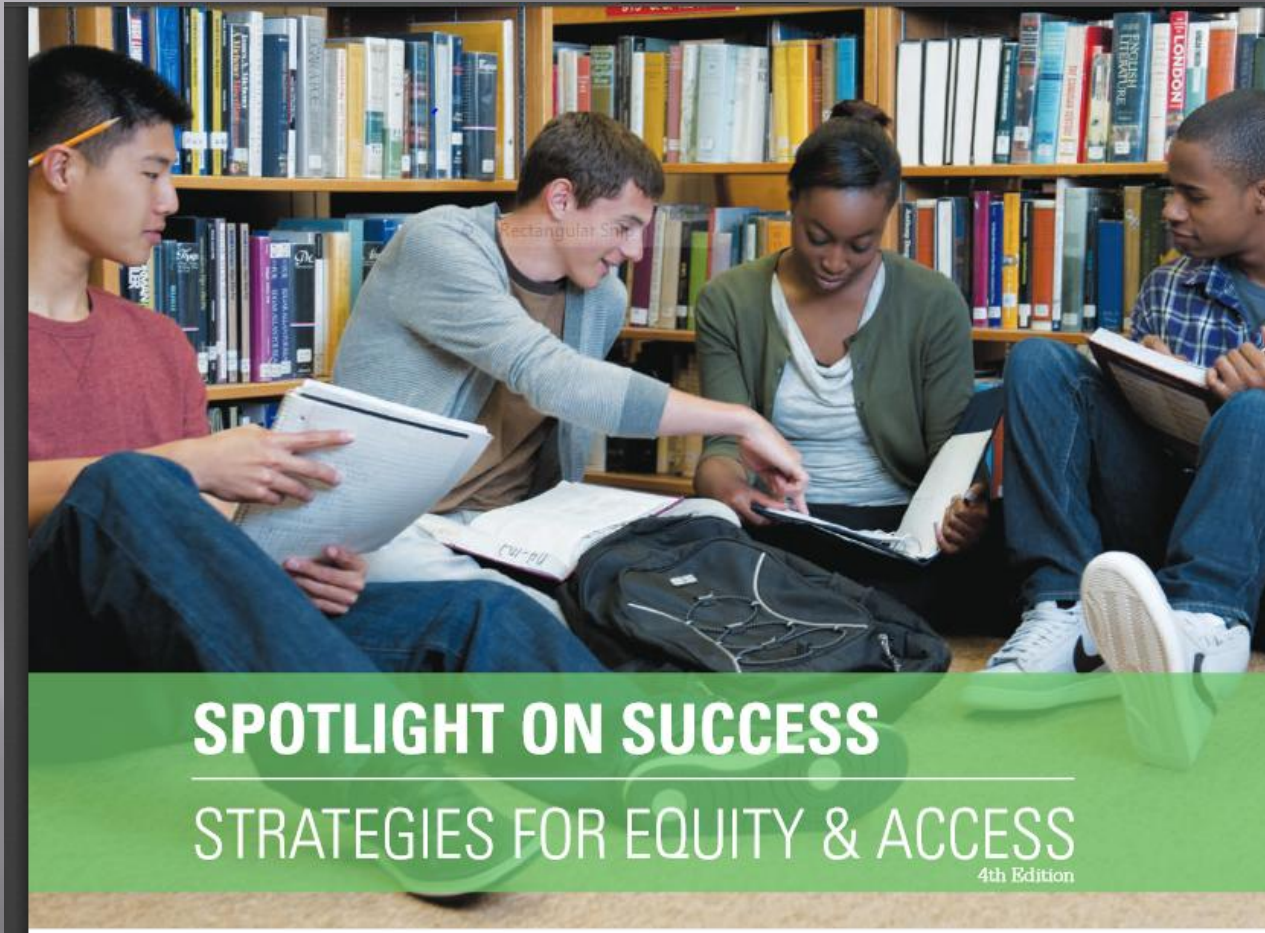
Why consider AP Classes?

- ▣ Prepare for College Level Expectations
- ▣ Earn college credit (with a passing score)
- ▣ Cover material in depth
- ▣ Develop new skills and face new challenges

Who takes AP?

- ▣ College bound students
- ▣ Students interested in exploring a topic in more depth
- ▣ Depends on individual goals and work ethic

College Board Equity and Access



<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/spotlight-on-success-2013.pdf>

Classes Offered

- ▣ College Board Location
- ▣ <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>
- ▣ Howard County High School Coursebook
- ▣ <http://www.hcpss.org/f/academics/hs-catalog-2016-17.pdf>

Practical Differences

Workload: Usually a chapter or more per class period (90 minute)

Assessments: model College Board Exams

Homework: may be graded or not

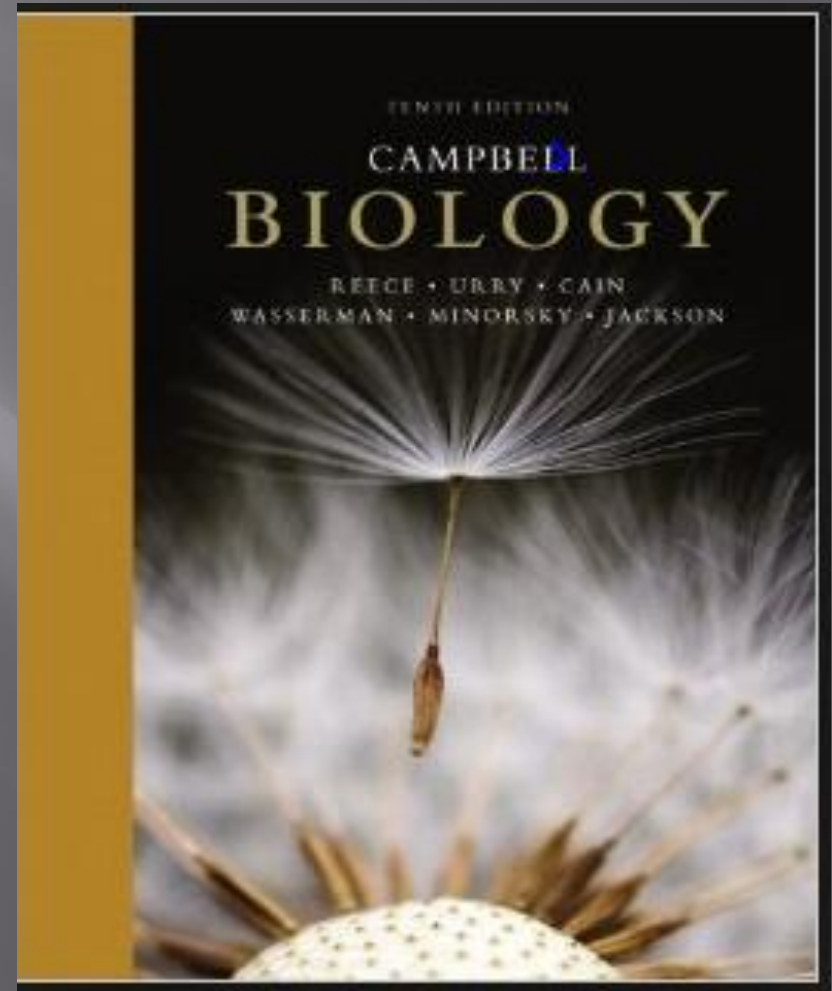
Written expression: expectation of ALL classes

English 11 AP

- ▣ Regularly read for pleasure
- ▣ Read 25-40 pages of literature per night
- ▣ 9-10 major works during the school year (plus lots of smaller fiction and non-fiction pieces)
- ▣ Independently write a multi-paragraph analysis, argument, and synthesis essay
- ▣ Write without grammatical errors
- ▣ Understand and apply figurative language
- ▣ Read two long works simultaneously for comparison and analysis
- ▣ 4 “summer” reading novels with follow-up assignments & tests
- ▣ Prepare to take the AP Language test in May
- ▣ YEAR LONG RESEARCH PROJECT!

Biology AP

- ▣ Biology I pre-requisite
- ▣ Chemistry concurrent or already completed
- ▣ Generally 11-12th graders
- ▣ Hands On- Up to 12 - 14 labs
- ▣ Application of knowledge not just memorization
- ▣ Labs and Tests as main assessment devices
- ▣ Biology AP exam in May



General Class Expectations

Independence

Desire to be there

Work Ethic

Ability to ask for help