



AP and Elective Night 2021:

An Overview of the Hooch Advanced Placement Program[®] and Electives at Chattahoochee HS

We will start our Teams Live Event at approximately 5:25pm

Please watch Mr. Reeder's Overview of Social Studies Course Offerings at:
[Social Studies' AP&Electives](#) (OverviewClick for Video)

[AP and Elective Course Information](#) (Click to review specific courses)

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AP/Elective Virtual Fair Agenda

Starting now, Students and Parents can review Course Offerings and Materials on the Chattahoochee Website at:
[2021-22 AP & Elective Course Offerings](#)

Tonight's schedule is as follows: (times are subject to change)

5:00pm – Parent & Students review course offerings link above. Preview pre-recorded Social Studies Overview: Tim Reeder, Department Chair and AP Social Studies Teacher ([Social Studies Electives presentation](#))

5:25pm - TEAMS LIVE Welcome: Garin Berry, Assistant Principal and AP Coordinator
[Chattahoochee AP & Elective Night Link](#)

5:30pm - Science Dept Overview: Jessica Ames, AP Chemistry Teacher

5:45pm - Language Arts Overview: David White, Department Chair and AP Language Arts Teacher

6:00pm - Career Tech and Computer Science: Pam Whitlock, AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A (Programming) Teacher

6:15 pm - AP Overview: Garin Berry

AP[®] at Chattahoochee High School

- 882 students took 1884 AP exams last year in 2020 during a pandemic!
- **For Spring 2021, we have 947 students taking 2065 exams!**
- **Achieved AP Honor School with recognition in 5 Categories:** AP School of Distinction, AP Humanities School, AP Humanities Achievement School, AP Stem School & AP Stem Achievement School.
- 2019: 91% Pass rate across all exam; 2020: 85.3% Pass rate
2019: 13 Courses with a mean score of 4 or better; 2020: 11 Courses
- AP Scholars demonstrate superior college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.
 - 2019: **404** AP Scholars 2020: **431** AP Scholars

AP Success at Chattahoochee is based upon AP Instructor and Student commitment through Relationship, Rigor, Relevance, Service = Impactful Experience

AP[®]: The Benefits

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills; Prepares students for the most selective colleges and universities
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college – **FLEXIBILITY** and **COST SAVINGS**



Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

AP Registration for 2021-22

Registration Process

Department Teachers have conversations with their current students and process recommendations (January)

Students view Course Recommendations through Academic Plan in Infinite Campus (and can Elect to take AP if not recommended as long as district placement guidelines are met).

Counselors will be meeting with students

Serious consideration should be given by the student and the parent to elect into an AP course if not recommended.

Registration is based upon space availability. Some courses may not actually “make” if a minimum number of students are not registered.

Students should have balance in their schedules and lives.

Be **WARY** of taking on too many AP courses and/or increasing the number of AP Courses by more than 1 additional per year

Guidelines

1. A healthy progression for AP generally follows a sequential process of adding 1 AP course per year. Students should normally avoid adding 2 or more additional AP courses from their current load. College Board's research has stated that there are diminishing returns of more than 10 AP courses overall.
2. The rigors of AP at Chattahoochee are real and designed to challenge students at a level at least equal to the average state university or better. Students should have the motivation as well as the academic preparedness to successfully navigate the challenge of AP.
3. Students should be mindful of graduation requirements and curricular expectations by grade level at CHS and plan accordingly to make space for additional course offerings desired.
4. Students are recommended to maintain balance and progression. Be wary of overloading or adding too much when considering the overall and extra-curricular demands of the student's holistic schedule.

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically. Fulton County awards 7 honors points for passed AP courses.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

College Admissions Officials In Their Own Words

[AP Program: The impact of AP credit and placement on the college experience](#)



AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information:
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap>
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/for-parents>
apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart™
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy