AP Courses

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program
The College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program gives high school students an opportunity to pursue college-level studies. Colleges may accept a score of 3 or better on an AP exam at the end of the course as credit toward completing the corresponding college course.

AP courses help students succeed in college
Research shows that students who take Advanced Placement courses in high school are much more likely to be prepared for college success. Students are much more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree in four years than their peers, which results in reduced college costs. In addition, students who take AP courses demonstrate to college admissions officers that they are willing to challenge themselves through more rigorous courses.

Expanding AP course offerings in Fresno Unified School District
Fresno Unified School District has increased the number of AP course sections from 226 in 2011-12 to 271 in 2016-17.

District part of College Board AP Potential initiative
Through the CollegeBoard AP Potential web-based tool, the district tracks PSAT scores and identifies students for AP courses. The district’s Office of Equity and Access has created indicators that help identify AP-potential students and assist counselors in course scheduling. The goal is to capture students with the potential to do well in AP courses who may not have signed up for them.

At-a-Glance
Advanced Placement (AP) Program
- Rigorous coursework that prepares students for success in college
- Allows students to earn college credit while still in high school

AP students prepared for college success
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam is a predictor of college success
- AP students more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree in four years
- Reduces college costs and supports higher education goal of on-time degree completion

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