



OCONEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Advanced Placement courses help you improve your writing skills, sharpen your problem-solving abilities and develop better study habits - all of which are vital to your success later in college. In AP classrooms, you'll engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write clearly and persuasively.

Advanced Placement by the Numbers

- A successful score on an AP Exam is a widely recognized sign of college-level achievement. In fact, more than 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States and colleges in more than 60 other countries give students course credit on the basis of AP Exam scores.
- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less. In fact, taking just one AP course and exam increases those chances by 1.5. Students taking two or more AP courses and exams are twice as likely to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.
- The 5-year college graduation rate for students who earn an AP Exam grade of 3, 4, or 5 is approximately 30% higher than the rate of students who do not.
- The National Association for College Admission Counseling found that the single most significant factor in deciding college admissions is success in rigorous college preparatory courses.

AP Participation at Oconee County High School

- Oconee County High School offers 26 AP courses that span the disciplines of English Language Arts, Fine Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Sciences, and World Languages. We are also proud to offer the AP Capstone program.
- Between 450 and 500 students enroll in AP courses each school year at OCHS.
- Between 850 and 900 AP exams are administered each school year at OCHS.

AP Courses Offered at Oconee County High School

Teacher Name	AP Course
Ms. Kelly Strunk	Biology
Mr. Jacob Forrester	Calculus AB Calculus BC
Ms. Lynne Ely	Capstone - Research
Dr. Tom Drewry	Capstone - Seminar
Ms. Thomasina Miranda	Chemistry
Mr. Mark Oglesby	Comparative Government & Politics
Mr. Chris Romano	Computer Science A
Mr. Philip Manning	Computer Science Principles
Ms. Lynne Ely	English Language & Composition
Ms. Amy Mize	English Literature & Composition
Ms. Amy Asman	Environmental Science
Ms. Evi Christoforou	French
Ms. Emily Pirkle	German
Mr. Tom Gooch	Human Geography
Dr. Andrew Paczkowski	Latin
Mr. Randy Landry	Macroeconomics
Mr. Brent Leitsch	Physics 1 Physics C: Mechanics
Mr. Jim Norton	Psychology
Ms. Brittany Williams	Spanish Language & Culture
Ms. Kayla Yeargin	Statistics
Ms. Bess Carter	Studio Art: Drawing, Studio Art:2D/3D Design
Mr. Mark Oglesby	United States Government & Politics
Ms. Jennifer Strickland	United States History
Dr. Tom Drewry	World History

AP Registration Information

Taking Advanced Placement exams is a critical component of all Advanced Placement courses. Oconee County High School requires that all students take the Advanced Placement exam for any Advanced Placement course they are enrolled in. Scoring well on an Advanced Placement exam can often earn students college credit for their high school class, saving a significant amount on tuition.

For the May 2021 Advanced Placement exams, students at Oconee County High School will be registering online. Online exam registration will begin on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 8:00 AM and end on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The Advanced Placement exam registration process is a two-step process and both steps can be completed in one sitting with the student and parent/guardian working together. Both steps must be completed in order to ensure the correct Advanced Placement exams are ordered.

Step 1: Begin the process by registering at www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/113190. Here you will indicate which Advanced Placement courses you are taking this year and which Advanced Placement exams you will need to order. Any exam fees will be paid online so be sure to have a **debit card or credit card available before beginning registration**. Paying online is a great way to make sure that payment has been made while avoiding mailing payment. If needed, a mailing payment option is provided.

Step 2: Students will then create a College Board account if they have not already done so at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>. They will then use the join codes provided at the completion of step one through *Total Registration* to enroll in their Advanced Placement courses directly with the College Board. Students taking Advanced Placement courses through GA Virtual School during the Fall 2020 Semester should be entering join codes for the appropriate GA Virtual School class. *Special Note: If students are transferring to an Advanced Placement course with Oconee County High School from GA Virtual School in January 2021, there will be a transfer code provided then that they can use to join the Oconee County High School Advanced Placement course.*

This year each Advanced Placement exam costs \$98.00. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Mrs. Kim Harmelink, kharmelink@oconeeschools.org, at Oconee County High School for more information.

AP Testing Instructions

After the exam has begun, students will not be admitted, so make sure you arrive at either **7:30 AM** or **11:30 AM**. Students may not leave exams until the end of the allotted testing time, so don't make plans for work or anything else. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISMISS EARLY.**

You should bring the following items to the exam:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for all multiple-choice answer sheets.
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams.
- A calculator with the necessary capabilities if you're taking an AP Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, or Statistics Exam.
- A ruler or straightedge if you're taking an AP Physics Exam.
- Layered clothing in case it's too cold or hot in the room

You should not bring the following to the exam:

- Cell phones, e-readers, MP3 players, tablets or any electronic devices – **LEAVE THEM IN YOUR CAR!**
- Books, compasses, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, or notes.
- Rulers and straightedges (except as noted above).
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets).
- Computers (except as noted for students with disabilities), or calculators (except as noted above).
- Watches.
- Portable listening or recording devices (even with headphones) or photographic equipment.
- Clothing with subject-related information.
- Food or drink.

Finally, go to this link to familiarize yourself with the exam security information

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/exsecurity.html>

2021 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	Morning (8AM)	Afternoon (12 Noon)
Monday, May 3	United States Government & Politics	Physics C: Mechanics
Tuesday, May 4	Calculus AB/BC	Human Geography German
Wednesday, May 5	English Literature & Composition	Physics 1
Thursday, May 6	United States History	Computer Science A
Friday, May 7	Chemistry	
Week 2	Morning (8AM)	Afternoon (12 Noon)
Monday, May 10	World History French	Macroeconomics
Tuesday, May 11	Seminar Spanish Language & Culture	Latin Psychology
Wednesday, May 12	English Language & Composition	
Thursday, May 13	Computer Science Principles Comparative Government & Politics	Statistics
Friday, May 14	Biology	Environmental Science

AP Score Reports

Students who take AP Exams will receive their scores online. In order to access your scores in July, the most important thing for you to do now is sign up for a free College Board account. Go to AP Online Scores for Students to get an account.

(<https://apscore.collegeboard.org>)

AP Scholar Awards

The AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams with the AP Scholar Awards. Although there is no monetary award, each award-winning student receives a certificate, and the award is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges after the award has been conferred.

AP Scholar Awards are added to students' online score reports in late August. If you earned an award, you will receive a notification of the award by email. Award certificates are sent by mail in September.

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
State AP Scholar	Granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.
National AP Scholar	Granted to students in the United States who receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.