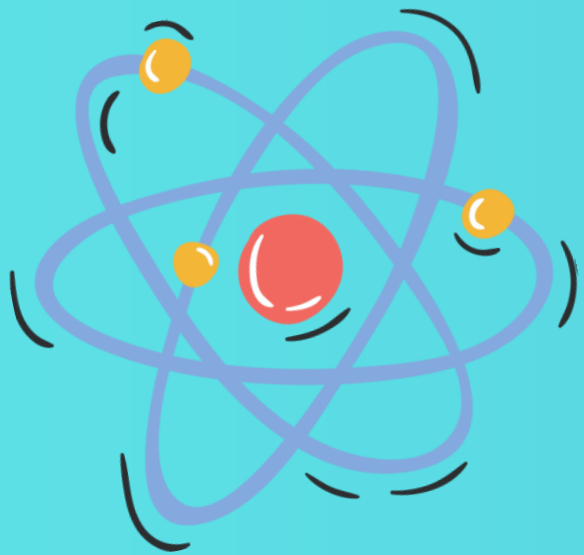




# BLESSED TRINITY CSS

is proud to offer:



# WHAT IS THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM?

- Designed to give students the experience of intro-level post-secondary classes in high school.
- Provides the possibility of earning post-secondary credits and/or advanced standing.
- The College Board is an American non-profit educational organization that collaborates with thousands of schools worldwide.
- The College Board helps students prepare for a successful transition to post-secondary education.
- AP is delivered in 60 countries. It is recognized by 5800 post-secondary schools in the USA and 60 universities in Canada, including 24 universities in Ontario.

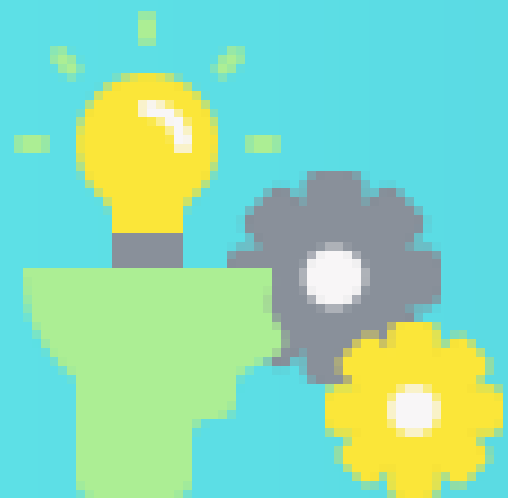
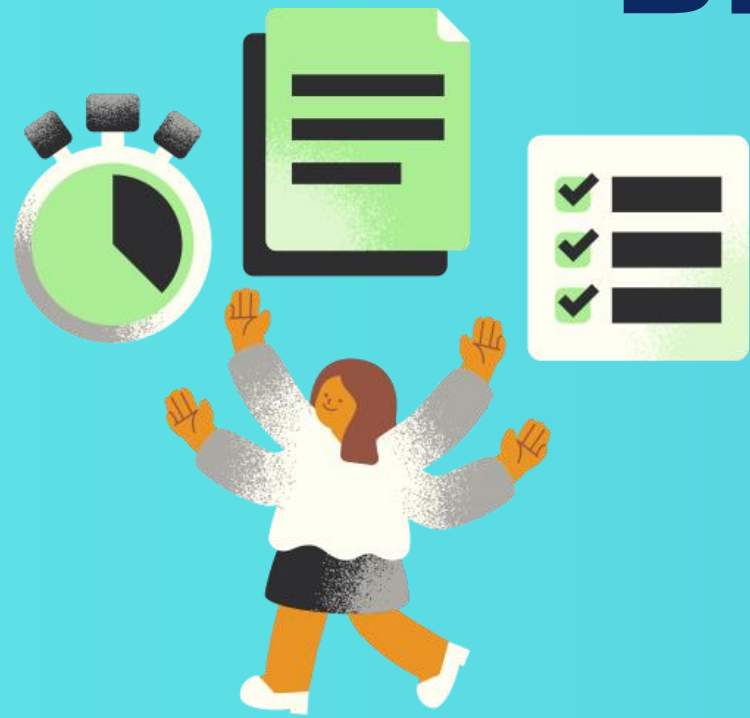


# HOW DOES THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM WORK?

- Typically, a Grade 12 student takes an AP course then writes the set AP exam in May.
- The exams are sent to and marked by AP officials and are scored out of 5.
- Canadian universities will usually give a university credit and/or advanced placement for exam scores of 4 and above.
- Most Canadian universities will give up to a maximum of 3 credits.
- It is not mandatory for a student to take the exam but it is the only way to obtain post-secondary credits and/or advanced standing.



# HOW IS THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AT BLESSED TRINITY STRUCTURED?



- Our philosophy is to build a comprehensive AP program from grades 9 - 12.
- Students do not write the AP exams until Grade 12 but AP Preparation courses start in Grade 9 at Blessed Trinity.
- We engage students in building skills and mastering content that will help them be successful on College Board Advanced Placement Courses offered at Blessed Trinity.
- We focus on skills such as: time management, critical thinking, scholarly writing, collaboration and research.



# WHAT AP COURSES ARE OFFERED AND HOW ARE THEY EVALUATED?

The following 3 slides outline all AP and AP Preparation courses that will be offered at Blessed Trinity in the 2024-2025 school year:

## AP Preparation Courses:

### Grade 9

MTH1WA (Mathematics)

SNC1WA (Science)

ENL1WA (English)

CGC1DA (Geography)

### Grade 10

MPM2DA (Mathematics)

SNC2DA (Science)

ENG2DA (English)

CHC2DA (History)

### Grade 11

MCR3UA (Functions)

SBI3UA (Biology)

SCH3UA (Chemistry)

SPH3UA (Physics)

SVN3MA (Environmental Science)

# WHAT AP COURSES ARE OFFERED AND HOW ARE THEY EVALUATED?

## AP Courses:

### Grade 11 (Currently)

ENG3UA (Literature and Composition)

ICS3UA (Computer Science)

### Grade 12 (Currently)

ENG4UA (Language and Composition)

MDM4UA (Data Management)

ICS4UA (Computer Science)

AVI4MA (Visual Arts)

### Gr. 11 (2024-2025)

CHA3UA (American History)

### Grade 12 (Over next 2 years)

MHF4UA (Advanced Functions)

MCV4UA (Calculus)

SPH4UA (Physics)

SCH4UA (Chemistry)

SBI4UA (Biology)

CHY4UA (European History)

CGW4UA (Human Geography)



**The complete list of AP courses offered at Blessed Trinity are found on our website:**

**<https://www.blessedtrinitycatholic.com/index.php/student-services/ap-advanced->**

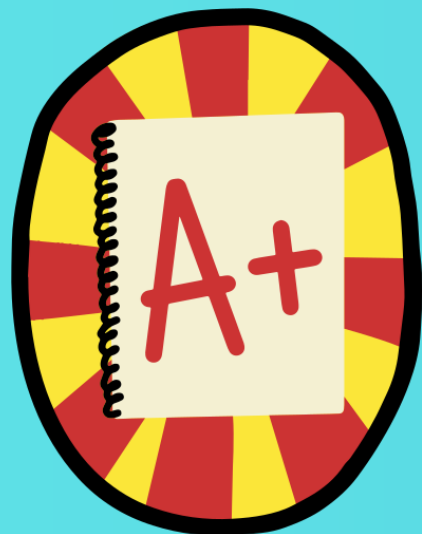
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# WHAT AP COURSES ARE OFFERED AND HOW ARE THEY EVALUATED?

AP Prep courses are Ontario curriculum courses with added and challenging experiences. These courses provide the extensive and in-depth experience in building both AP skills and content.

Students will be assessed and evaluated according to Ontario Ministry of Education and Niagara Catholic District School Board policies and guidelines on appropriate grade level expectations.

A student's final overall grade in an AP course will be multiplied by 1.05 to determine the grade that will be reported on the transcript.





# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM?



In addition to the possibility of earning credits and/or advanced standing at the post-secondary level, other major benefits of the AP program include:

## **Increased interest in and knowledge of a given subject**

- Taking an AP course allows students to dig deeper into subjects that interest them.
- Tap into their creativity and their problem-solving skills to address course challenges.
- AP offers flexibility to take courses only in areas students excel in.

## **Preparation for post secondary workloads**

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and time management and study skills needed for post-secondary success.
- Experience the rigors of university level studies while they still have the support of a high school environment.



# WHAT ARE THE TRAITS OF A SUCCESSFUL ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENT?

- Students will be most successful in AP courses if they are highly motivated, responsible learners who enjoy both independent and collaborative problem solving.
- AP Students are prepared, organized and are able to multitask, prioritize school work and meet deadlines.
- AP Students demonstrate strength and proficiency in the AP subject area.



# IS THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Before choosing to enroll your child in an AP course, consider these factors:

- **Your child's past performance in the subject area**
- **Your child's skills**
- **Your child's passions**
- **Your child's desired pathways**
  - **Math**
  - **Science**
  - **English**
  - **Humanities**



# MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAMS



**Myth #1: AP Courses are for students who always get good grades.**

Reality – You don't need to be top of your class to be an AP student, but you'll want to be prepared for the AP course you choose. AP courses ask that you come willing to do your best work.

**Myth #2: AP Courses are too hard and stressful.**

Reality – AP classes can be challenging, but that doesn't mean you're not up to the task. If you're willing to work hard and if you're prepared academically, you should be able to succeed in an AP course.

**Myth #3: I'm not sure AP is right for me. How do I know if I'm ready?**

Reality – If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself - talk to a teacher or counsellor.



# WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

1) Ensure that the desired AP courses are selected on the Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet.

*Students may select as many of the following AP courses as they wish:*

## Grade 9

MTH1WA (Mathematics)

SNC1WA (Science)

ENL1DA (English)

CGC1DA (Geography)



# NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

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