

PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL
2022-2023

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSE AGREEMENT

The Advanced Placement United States History course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to take a college level course while in high school. Utilizing college level class expectations, including college textbooks, students learn through an advanced level of instruction, and then have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned by taking the Advanced Placement (AP) test in May. Colleges and universities may grant credit, placement, or both, depending upon the student's score.

The content and curricular goals of each AP discipline are outlined in an AP Course Description which can be found on the College Board website. AP courses are characterized by an immersion in college level content, an accelerated pace, and a performance assessment at the synthesis and evaluative levels. Typically, successful AP students are task oriented, proficient readers, able to prioritize their time, and have parental support. AP courses prepare students for the future by giving the student the tools that will serve them well throughout their college career.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL AP STUDENTS:

- *A willingness to work hard, to spend the maximum time and effort required to succeed in this course
- *Intellectual curiosity; an interest in learning more in depth
- *Self-discipline; good organizational skills
- *Ability to persevere in order to complete work
- *Willingness to participate and contribute to class discussions
- *Solid academic and attendance record
- *A good critical thinker
- *Excellent reading, comprehension, and writing skills

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- *The highest level of personal integrity
- *2 to 3 hours of homework per class
- *Much of the reading is completed on an individual basis, as homework, and students are expected to take notes on their reading
- *Summer assignment is completed before the 1st day of class
- *Students are required to take the AP exam in May 2023
- *Students must pay the required fee to take the AP exam
- *A student cannot withdraw from an AP course for any reason once the school year begins

I, _____, understand that by enrolling in this Advanced Placement course, my parent/guardian and I agree to the following terms:

1. I have read and understand and will comply with the general course expectations listed above and any other course syllabus and /or policy sheets the teacher might provide.
2. I will complete the summer assignment on time.
3. I will commit to the coursework and complete the assignments.
4. I understand that I cannot withdraw from this course at any time during the school year.

Student Signature

Date

5. As a parent or guardian of the above named student, I have read and acknowledged the course expectations and requirements and will support said student in her endeavors in this course. I understand that she may not withdraw from this course for any reason.

Parent Signature

Date