

Alvin High School Advanced Academics

Beginning with course selection for the 2020-2021 school year, students who are requesting to enroll in an **APA** (formerly Pre-AP) or **AP** course must complete the Alvin ISD **Advanced Placement, MAP, and Alvin ISD's Pathway to Advancement (APA) Agreement** (reverse side) in order for the course to be added to their next year's schedule. Advanced Placement (AP) students must also complete the AP Course Acknowledgements (see below).

STEP 1: List the requested advanced courses on the Alvin ISD **Advanced Placement, MAP, and Alvin ISD's Pathway to Advancement (APA) Agreement** (reverse side).

STEP 2: You must receive a teacher signature from your current teacher for each advanced course you are requesting before you can take the course. Teachers will base their recommendations on your demonstrated organization, motivation, effort, and current academic performance.

If you do not receive a teacher signature for a course, Mrs. DeLeon (Advanced Academics Specialist) will schedule a conference with you. At the conclusion of the conference, you will be asked to take home and return the Alvin ISD Advanced Academics Recommendation Form to Mrs. DeLeon. Students who return this form by the stated deadline with a parent signature will be enrolled in the requested course(s).

STEP 3: Return your signed Alvin ISD **Advanced Placement, MAP, and Alvin ISD's Pathway to Advancement (APA) Agreement** and AP Course Acknowledgements (if applicable) to your counselor by **Friday, February 28th at 3:00 pm**.

Students will not be enrolled in an advanced course unless all necessary forms are signed and returned:

- Alvin ISD **Advanced Placement, MAP, and Alvin ISD's Pathway to Advancement (APA) Agreement**
- Alvin ISD Advanced Academics Recommendation Form (if applicable)
- AP Course Acknowledgements (if applicable)

AP Course Acknowledgements (For Advance Placement courses only)

It is an **EXPECTATION** that the student will take the AP test at the end of an AP course. While College Board imposes a **minimum** test fee of \$94 per exam, Alvin ISD absorbs much of this cost, and students only pay a **\$30 fee for each exam** that is ordered by the deadline. A reduced fee of \$15 per exam is charged for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Students will be required to pay for task-based AP courses, including AP Computer Science Principles, AP Capstone Seminar, and AP Capstone Research, before being enrolled in the course. Students who register to take an AP exam after the College Board deadline, or do not take the exam, are subject to late registration fees and/or a test return fee for EACH exam. Fees are imposed by the College Board, not AISD. Fee amounts are subject to change per College Board, and free/reduced lunch waivers do NOT apply to fees.

Please initial the following acknowledgements:

_____	_____	I understand that I will need to register for fall semester and full year courses' AP exams by October and spring semester courses' AP exams by February of the school year in which the exam will be given.
Parent	Student	
_____	_____	
Parent	Student	I understand that if I cancel or register for an AP exam after the deadline, I will be responsible for paying College Board's required cancellation/late registration fee.
_____	_____	I understand there will be required college-level reading outside of class.
Parent	Student	

Student's Printed Name and ID

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date



2020-2021 Advanced Placement, MAP, and Alvin ISD's Pathway to Advancement (APA) Agreement
Alvin Independent School District

Description

AP Courses are of college level; students who earn a score of 3 or higher on the corresponding AP exam may earn college credit. APA (formerly PAP) courses are designed to prepare students for success in AP courses. Students are required to read and write extensively outside of class. Parents and students must carefully consider course requirements in light of student readiness, commitment, and personal schedule. Grading, late work, retesting, and reteaching will follow the current campus *grading guidelines. It is an **EXPECTATION** that the student will take the AP test at the end of an AP course. While College Board imposes a **minimum** test fee of \$94 per exam, Alvin ISD absorbs much of this cost, and students only pay a **\$30 fee for each exam** that is ordered by the deadline. A reduced fee of \$15 per exam is charged for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. **Students will be required to pay for task-based AP courses, including AP Computer Science Principles, AP Capstone Seminar, and AP Capstone Research, before being enrolled in the course. Students who register to take an AP exam after the College Board deadline, or do not take the exam, are subject to late registration fees and/or a test return fee for EACH exam. Fees are imposed by the College Board, not AISD. Fee amounts are subject to change per College Board, and free/reduced lunch waivers do NOT apply to fees. More information can be found at the link provided. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/ap-2019/frequently-asked-questions/what-should-schools-tell-teachers-parents-and-students-about-changes>**

Course Changes

Students who enroll in APA, MAP, or AP classes commit to completing the course. Students requesting a course change will have from the beginning of the 7th week until the end of the 9th week to complete the course change request process. This process entails multiple steps, including a form signed by the teacher, Advanced Academics Specialist, parent/guardian, and counselor. Proof of tutoring and/or other interventions or support measures are also required in order to request a course change. Course changes may not be official until **AFTER** the end of the first nine week grading period. **Course changes will only be made based on educational need, per campus administration.**

To initiate a change out of an APA, MAP, or AP class, a conference must occur between the student, the parent/guardian, the teacher, and the principal or designee to determine educational need. Changes will be made only if it is deemed educationally necessary and if space is available in the course. **A non-credited course such as an open period or office aid will not be considered.** Should the committee not agree that the change is based on the best educational need of the student, he or she will be required to complete the course selected. If the student transfers to another course, the student's grade (without weighting), will transfer to the new class.

Student Agreement including *Academic Integrity Guidelines

I understand that APA, MAP, and AP courses are designed to help prepare me for success in college and in college-level course work. I recognize that there is a time commitment outside of class, and I agree to organize my time and effort for success. I realize that attendance is important. I will be prepared to participate. I will notify the teacher if I fall behind. I understand that I will be required to complete assignments outside of class. I will adhere to the *AISD Integrity Guidelines.

Parent Agreement

I understand that APA, MAP, and AP courses are rigorous and require study time outside of class and I agree to support my student in this work. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns that I have relating to my student's progress. I understand that if I want my child to enroll in any non-recommended course from the AISD Advanced Academics Recommendation Form, a face-to-face conference will be required. In addition, I understand that I am responsible for all AP testing fees incurred by my child(ren), including the fees for ordering tests after the College Board deadlines and/or not taking an ordered exam.

List Pre-AP/AP/MAP Course(s)	Teacher (if known)

*Academic Integrity Guidelines and the Alvin ISD Secondary Grading Policy can be found at www.alvinisd.net.

Printed Name of Student _____ Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Student ID _____ Student Grade Level _____ Date _____ Campus _____