



What is Advanced Placement?

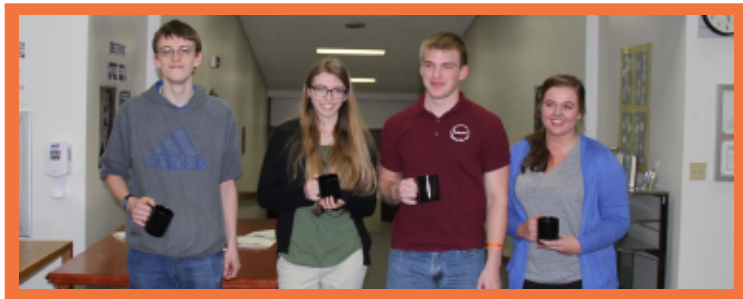
Advanced Placement is a program offered by the College Board that allows high school students to pursue college level courses while in high school. Based on their performance on rigorous AP Examinations, students can earn credit, advanced placement or both.



24.1 average ACT score was 24.1, compared to the state average of 22.1

How competitive is our AP Program?

The College Board recognizes students who have achieved a high level of success in AP testing as AP Scholars. Marshfield High School has one of the highest rates of AP Scholar distinction of any public high school in the Midwest. We have also produced the top AP male and female in Wisconsin (AP State Scholar) thirteen times since 1999.



Who should take AP courses?

Students...

- seeking the most competitive preparation for a university setting
- motivated to read rigorous material and write extensively
- able to work independently as well as in groups
- able to think abstractly and make connections between divergent ideas



How do students take advantage of Advanced Placement?

Students should plan which AP courses they want to pursue and prepare accordingly. Please remember that courses are sometimes canceled due to lack of enrollment, or there may be a conflict with the student's schedule. Students may want to have alternate courses in mind.

While it is important for students to be challenged, taking multiple AP classes may generate excessive academic stress. Students should discuss their course selections with their parents, school counselors and course instructors.



221 AP Scholars in 2014

The Benefits:

- AP classes allow access to introductory college level material in a smaller environment with more direct instruction. For example, a traditional Intro to Psychology class may have 100 or more students. AP Psychology at MHS would have a class of 25-50, and be delivered with almost double the amount of instructional time.
- AP students have the flexibility to double major, pursue additional minors, or study abroad without putting at risk graduation in four years.
- Students who take AP courses with successful AP exams can save thousands of dollars in college tuition.



14 AP State Scholars