

Baylor School
Advanced Placement Course Enrollment Contract

Preamble

Baylor School was among the first high schools in the country to offer Advanced Placement courses under the auspices of the College Board. Since 1954, generations of Baylor students have distinguished themselves through exemplary performance on the AP examinations, and they have benefited from the competitive applications, advanced standing, and college credit that generally accrue as a result of participation in the program. We have a great tradition to uphold, one that benefits all students by affirming Baylor's credibility as an academy. We encourage all students to take the most rigorous academic program of which they are capable, and for many this will include participation in the AP program. However, the success of an AP class is affected by the commitment of each of its members, and each must do his or her part.

Advanced Placement courses are designed to offer university-level challenges to high school students, and they require a commensurate effort. Therefore, Baylor expects seriousness of purpose and diligence throughout the school year from all students who enroll in AP courses. Students should expect demanding workloads and should understand that credit for the course is contingent upon sitting the examination. The purpose of this contract is to clarify the program expectations in detail and to receive from students and their parents an explicit acceptance of responsibilities and a commitment to fulfill them.

Covenant

I, _____ (student's name), have voluntarily enrolled in _____ (course name) at Baylor School and hereby commit to fulfill my responsibilities as a participant in the AP program. Accordingly, I will:

- miss as few classes as possible because of competing activities
- complete all assignments conscientiously, including holiday assignments
- participate actively and thoughtfully in class discussions and activities
- attend reasonable extra class sessions and exam preps scheduled by the teacher
- put forth my best effort on practice examinations
- register and prepare for the final AP examination
- take the examination and make my best effort to attain the highest grade of which I am capable.

I further understand that the cost of each AP exam is approximately \$90 and that failure to fulfill the foregoing commitments, following review by the dean, will result in my transfer out of the course.

Student: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

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