



Advanced Placement Expectations Student/Parent Agreement

Course:	
Student:	ID Number:

Beaumont ISD recognizes the value and importance of advanced academic coursework and encourages students to graduate with at least one advanced academic course credit. Participation in advanced academic courses is a foundation for college readiness and research shows that students who participate are more likely to earn a bachelor's degree in college. AP courses provide college-level instruction and culminate in AP exams that are designed by the College Board. Students who make a qualifying exam score of 3,4 or 5 may receive college credit.

Characteristics of an AP class are:

- Student initiated learning with an emphasis on strong work ethic
- Rigorous academic content requiring reading proficiency
- Increased depth and complexity
- Application of content strategies
- Consistent use of higher level thinking skills
- Assignments that are more analytical
- Required commitment to the course both INSIDE and OUTSIDE of the classroom

AP courses differ from regular high school courses in that instructors use advanced curricula that are outlined by the College Board and are authorized by the College Board's audit process. *General characteristics of advanced academic courses include content immersion, a fast pace and assessment of performance at the analysis and synthesis levels.*

In order for students to be successful in the outcome of AP courses it takes teamwork from the teacher, parent and student along with commitments from each party.

Teacher Commitment

The teacher commits to advanced academics by encouraging student participation and success, planning for student learning, providing rigorous, quality instruction, and offering assistance and support for struggling students. As a teacher of an AP course:

- I will teach the course following the curriculum developed by Beaumont ISD and as authorized by the College Board (AP Courses).
- I will provide instruction that prepares students for both the AP Exam and the next course.
- I will provide quality instruction at an advanced level and give ample opportunities for students to be successful.
- I will assign work that is meaningful and relevant to the required learning goals.
- I will provide appropriate interventions and tutorial opportunities for students who have difficulty with course content.
- I will encourage and communicate to students that they are required to take the AP exam for my course.

The AP exam date for this course is: _____.

Parent Commitment:

The parent commits to advanced academics by supporting student learning in the Advanced Placement /AP course. As a parent of a student enrolled in an AP course:

- I will encourage my child to be prepared for class each day.
- I understand that advanced academic courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in the course.
- If my child encounters difficulties with the course content, I will expect my child to conference with the teacher and attend recommended tutorials and/or abide by a prescribed intervention plan.



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- If I believe that it is necessary for my child to exit this course, I will first contact the teacher for his/her input.
- ***I understand that if my child is enrolled in an AP class that they must take the exam associated with this class. I also understand that this may include payment of fees.***

Student Commitment:

- I understand that advanced academic courses will be challenging and will require additional time.
- I understand that I will maintain a semester/end of year grade of 70 or higher. If my grade drops below this, exiting the class is not an option until tutorials and intervention have been exhausted.
- In the event that I encounter difficulties with the course content, I will conference with my teacher about my progress and attend tutorials as well as fulfilling any intervention plan.
- I will turn in all assignments, completed and on time and come to class prepared to participate in discussions and lectures.
- I will communicate with my instructor if it becomes necessary to be absent from class and will turn in all make up work as laid out in district guidelines.
- I understand that I am expected to do my own work and I will adhere to the honor code that is put forth by the Beaumont Independent School District.
- ***I understand that I AM REQUIRED to take the AP exam that is associated with this course and that a successful completion of an AP exam can earn me college credit. I also understand that if I don't fulfill this commitment, that I must pay the \$40 fee that is assessed by the College Board.***
- ***I understand that I MUST adhere to all College Board exam protocols, including staying seated for the ENTIRE exam until dismissed by the exam proctor. Failure to do so will result in the \$40 fee assessment by the College Board.***

Student Agreement:

My signature below confirms that I am familiar with the expectations of the AP course and accept its academic challenges. I agree to devote my best efforts to successfully complete the course. I understand that this class offers increased rigor and challenge and I agree to request help when I need it and to attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or experience difficulty with course content. I understand that my success is primarily my responsibility. ***I understand that I must take the AP exam that is associated with this course.***

Student Signature:	Date:
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Parent Agreement:

My signature below confirms that I have read and am familiar with the course description and syllabus for this AP course. I understand the course requires increased rigor and challenge and I agree to support and encourage my student to successfully complete this course. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the class or my student's progress. ***I understand that my student is REQUIRED to take the AP exam that is associated with this course.***

Signature- Parent/Legal Guardian:	Date:
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