

Dear Students Taking Advanced Placement Classes,

Runnels School is very proud to offer students the opportunity to take Advanced Placement classes in many areas of the curriculum. This opportunity may result in students earning college credits even before they step foot on a college campus! Students taking these classes also experience the pace and demands of university level studies in preparation for the next academic level.

However, it is important for students taking these classes to understand the following:

AP classes are challenging and demanding. You will have to struggle, think, read, write and prepare for class just as if you were in college. Whining, complaining, and yes, even tears, will get you nowhere! On the other hand, your teachers will always help you if you work hard and persevere.

There may be occasions when you will be required to attend class or a special activity after school or on the weekends. Examples of this include science labs, movies, test review, practice exams, etc. There is a lot of material to cover and only 180 days of school to do it in.

All Runnels students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the exam in May. The cost is about \$85 per test. The money will be collected a few weeks before the test. Although this seems like a lot of money, it is a bargain if you earn college credit!

If the above requirements seem like more than you can handle in the coming year, please ask to be placed in another class. No one will be mad or upset with you. For those of you committing to an AP class this year, we hope you are excited about the coming year and the challenges ahead! We enjoy teaching our AP classes very much and hope that our students find themselves loving the thrill of learning.

The AP Faculty