

A POLICY STATEMENT OF
THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a cooperative educational endeavor of the College Board. Based on the fact that many students are able to complete college-level studies in their secondary schools, it represents a desire of schools and colleges to foster such experiences. Like other programs of the College Board, this program is national, its policies are determined by representatives of member institutions, and its operational services are provided by the Educational Testing Service.

In May of each year, students in the AP Program will take the AP examinations of the College Board. The College Board determines the cost of the AP examination yearly. Participating colleges grant credit and appropriate placement, or one of these, to students who have done well on the examinations (scores of 3, 4, or 5). Thus, the AP Program is an instrument of cooperation that extends the educational opportunities available to students by effectively relating college-level courses at thousands of high schools, to appropriate credit and placement at the colleges that students eventually attend.

WV Policy 2510 states that County boards of Education must ensure that:

1. Students have access to at least four College Board AP® courses annually, one in each core subject (i.e., English, math, science, social studies.)
2. A syllabus for each course has been approved through the College Board.
3. All AP® courses are taught by teachers who have completed the required professional learning at an Advanced Placement Summer Institute endorsed by the College Board.
4. An administrator from each high school attend a CPD College Board endorsed AP® related workshop once every two years.
5. All AP® coordinators attend an AP® Coordinator's workshop annually.
6. Grades in AP® courses are weighted.
7. Access to AP® courses may also be met via West Virginia Virtual School AP® courses.

For AP® courses taught in Hancock County Schools:

1. Students shall receive a copy of the approved syllabus from the instructor at the onset of the course.
2. Extensive reading, writing and problem solving, as determined by the instructor and in accordance with county, state, and college guidelines, are required.
3. High school credit will be awarded for each AP® that the student successfully completes.
4. College credit will be awarded to students who successfully pass the AP® exam for each course completed.

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The above Policy Statement is an integral part of the Official Policy Manual of this Board of Education as of the date shown adopted.