

Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy

Advanced Placement Contract

Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy believes that all students should have the opportunity to enroll in academically challenging courses. Students will be encouraged to work to the highest level of their potential in a supportive environment.

Selection Criteria

Eligibility for enrollment in Advanced Placement courses is determined using the following criteria:

- Teacher recommendation
- Completion of prerequisite courses (**Grade of A or B in Honors Course only**)
- Classroom performance, conduct, and effort (Conduct no lower than B and Effort no lower than 1)
- Data provided by AP Potential report (using PSAT results)

Advanced Placement Contract

An Advanced Placement contract must be acknowledged prior to beginning a course. The contract is designed to inform parents and teachers of the specific requirements and expectations of the program.

Enrollment in Multiple Advanced Placement Courses

Taking more than three AP courses is not recommended and will require approval from administration and your school counselor.

Expectations

- Students who choose an Advanced Placement (AP) course must be highly motivated, willing to do outside reading, research and writing, and able to undertake supplemental work on their own initiative.
- **Some courses also require summer reading and/or writing assignments.** Any student who does not complete the required summer assignment by the deadline (determined by the teacher) will automatically be removed from the AP course.
- **All students are required to sit for the AP examination in May.** Failure to sit for the exam will result in the student being charged the testing fee and loss of AP credit.
- Instructors will need to move very intensively through a tremendous amount of material to prepare students appropriately. Therefore, it is imperative that students attend class every day. If a student must be absent, it is the responsibility of the student to find out what work was missed and to complete the assignments in the designated time frame.
- An AP course is considered a college-level class that may result in a student earning college credit. Students must be certain they are ready to meet the challenges of a college curriculum. They must be organized and self-disciplined, with above average reading and writing skills. Learning is only successful when students are actively engaged in the process; therefore, what they achieve will depend on their personal commitment and involvement.

Parents/guardians should be aware that the rigor of an AP course(s) may impact the time and preparation a student must undertake at home.

To complete your registration for an AP course, students and a parent/guardian must acknowledge and understanding of the following:

- **I understand that if requesting multiple AP courses, I am making a commitment to undertake a very rigorous academic schedule.**
- **I understand the commitment involved in taking a course at this level and acknowledge all that entails by signing the AP Contract.**
- **I understand that I will be required to take the AP exam in May.**
- **By registering for an AP course(s) I am making a commitment for the entire length of the course.**
- **I CANNOT BE CHANGED FROM THIS COURSE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN IF I AM FAILING THE COURSE.**
 - I will be in class on time every day, except in an emergency or severe illness.
 - I will put forth maximum effort throughout the entire year.

By completing the subject selection process you will acknowledge that you and your parent/guardian have read the AP Contract and understand the commitment and ramifications being made to the program.