

COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM/EXAMS

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a program of college level courses and exams for secondary school students. Over 90 percent of the colleges that most AP candidates attend give credit and/or Advanced Placement to students whose AP Examination grades are considered acceptable.

In the San Ramon Valley Unified School District we have courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, World Languages, Music and Computer Science that meet the criteria of college level work established by committees of college professors. The AP exams that are given each May contain both multiple choice questions and free response questions that require essay writing, problem solving, etc. Each examination booklet is typically graded by four professors and teachers.

Every examination receives an overall grade on a five point scale: 5 (extremely well qualified) to 1 (no recommendation). An AP Grade Report is sent in early July to each student's home address, school and, if the student requested, to his or her college. Students must earn a score of at least 3 to be eligible to receive college credit.