

**TALBOT COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MD 21601**

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- I. The Board of Education supports the offering of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for high school students.
- II. The purpose of AP courses is to provide a rigorous program for students willing to accept the challenge of academic work that is more in-depth and/or more advanced than typically encountered in high school.
- III. Students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, particularly those who plan to enroll directly in a four-year institution of higher education upon graduation, should be encouraged to complete at least one AP course in an area of interest and/or academic strength while in high school.
- IV. The Board recognizes that appropriate staff development must be provided for teachers of AP courses. The Board further supports Vertical Teaming as a means of assuring rigorous performance standards and program articulation for grades six through twelve.
- V. The Superintendent is directed to develop recruitment guidelines for Advanced Placement courses to assist students and parents with course selection so that students who participate in such courses have a high probability of meeting with success.
- VI. Advanced Placement will be weighted to reflect the academic rigor of these courses.

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