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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PLANNING GUIDE

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ *Please Print Student Name* \_\_\_\_\_, intend on participating in Advanced Placement coursework this academic year at Virginia Allred Stacey Junior/Senior High School.

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. It provides high school students exposure to college-level material and the academic rigor students can expect in higher education. AP students are then given an opportunity to show what they have learned by taking an AP Exam. Depending on student's AP exam score(s), colleges and universities often grant credit and/or placement in advanced course work. Typically, successful AP students are task-oriented, proficient readers, able to prioritize their time, and have parental support.

The content and curricular goals of each AP discipline are outlined in an AP Course Description supplied by the College Board at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). AP courses are characterized by an immersion in college-level content, an accelerated pace, and a performance assessment at the synthesis and evaluative levels. AP courses prepare students for the future by giving them tools that will serve them well throughout and beyond their college career.

According to Texas Education Agency, a **grade below 70%** in an AP class does not affect a student's eligibility for UIL activities. However, such a grade is not a passing grade in regard to satisfactory progress in an AP course, or for determination of course credit.

Virginia Allred Stacey Junior/Senior High School believes that all students have the right to participate in rigorous and challenging coursework towards college preparation. The value of AP participation in the program far exceeds simple tuition savings, and the possibility of earning college credit while in high school.

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**By enrolling in an AP course, students are automatically committed to participate in AP examinations each May. Students may take AP courses and elect to opt out of the associated exams. The opt out process requires students to inform their AP Teacher by November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Currently, each exam is \$94. Virginia Allred Stacey Junior/Senior High School fully sponsors all associated student testing costs. For students who fail to take an exam they have committed to, they and their family are responsible for reimbursing the school and school district the full \$94 testing fee.**

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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT CONTRACT

**READ CAREFULLY, SIGN, AND RETURN TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR BY OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### Student Agreement

I have read the Advanced Placement Planning Guide and understand AP coursework rigor. I agree to organize my time and efforts to successfully complete the course. Due to the challenges of these courses, I will notify the teacher, request help, and attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or have difficulty with course content. I understand that my success in a(n) Pre-AP/AP course is primarily my responsibility.

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**AP Course**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student printed name**

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**Student ID**

### Parent Agreement

I have read the Advanced Placement Planning Guide for enrollment in AP coursework and I understand my student's expectations and requirements. I agree to support and encourage my son/daughter in his/her endeavors in the course(s). I will notify the instructor immediately of any concerns I have relating to the AP class or my child's progress.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

\* I understand that, should financial hardship arise during the school year, the district is prepared to work with those individuals in need of assistance. The campus AP coordinator and the counselor's office are available for additional assistance and information about exam payment procedures.