

Advanced Placement (AP) Student & Parent/Guardian Contract

Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School are extremely rigorous and the equivalent to a college-level course. They are intended for students who have demonstrated both the highest level of academic achievement and a commitment to hard work. Typically, successful AP students are task-oriented, proficient readers who are able to organize their time, and who have parent/guardian support. Students who are already overextended with academics and/or extra-curricular activities should seriously consider whether they have the time to devote to an AP class and the number of AP classes they can successfully handle. Outside study time is generally at least one to two times the amount of time spent in class per week. Students who struggle with an AP course are expected to commit themselves to a greater effort and independently seek regular support services, one of which could be after school instructional assistance or private tutoring.

Prior to enrolling in an AP class, students and parents/guardians must agree to the following:

- I understand that there may be a prerequisite for the course as outlined by the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School course catalog. By enrolling in the course, I certify that I meet these prerequisites, and I understand that there can be no parent/guardian override for AP prerequisites.
- I understand that there will likely be required summer work for each AP course. I accept responsibility to check the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School website or communicate with the course instructor for summer assignments. I am aware that failure to obtain the summer assignments will not be an excuse for not completing assignments.
- I will complete all of the summer assignments before the first day of the school year. I understand that these assignments are due on the first day the class meets with no exceptions. If I fail to complete all of the required assignments, I understand that I will receive an “F” for any part of the summer assignments I fail to complete, thereby beginning the year with a serious deficit in my grade.
- I understand that school cancellations may mandate that time outside the regular school day, up to and including Saturdays, may be required in order to complete the AP curriculum.
- I understand that by enrolling in an AP course and electing to take the appropriate AP Exam in May, it will be at my own expense (see payment information below).
- I understand that I am required to visit CollegeBoard’s AP Central to review the syllabus for each course of interest before signing up and submitting the contract:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

***THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FOR SY 2020-2021 and FOR REFERENCE ONLY
as SY 2021-2022 deadlines have not been released by the CollegeBoard at this time***

The CollegeBoard introduced new fees beginning School Year 2019-2020: a **late registration fee (\$40)** and an **unused/cancellation fee (\$40)**. These fees encourage students to commit to taking AP exams early and stay engaged throughout the year, increasing their chances of earning college credit.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per Exam</u>
On-time order	Exam ordered by November 15	\$94
Late order	Exam ordered between November 16, 2020 and March 2021	\$94 + \$40 fee
Unused/ canceled exam	Exam canceled or not taken by the student	\$40 fee

**These costs are determined by and forwarded to College Board. Fees are subject to change for SY21-22.*

Student's To-Do List

What students need to do to prepare for the 2021-2022 AP school year:

MARCH-APRIL 2021

Students select AP classes during the Course Selection period.

SPRING/SUMMER 2021

- Students visit apstudent.collegeboard.org to learn more about AP courses and exams.
- Students without a CollegeBoard account should create one and set their password.
- Students who already have an account should make sure they know their username and password.
- ALL AP students will need their username and password when their AP classes start in the fall.

SUMMER 2021

- Students complete assigned summer coursework thoroughly and timely.

FALL 2021

-First week of class: AP Instructors will give students a **join code** for each of their AP classes. Students will access their CollegeBoard username and password and **join code** to enroll in their class section.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2021

-Register for AP Exams (to be delivered Spring 2022) in your Academy Office.
Reminder: see fee schedule above, including **late registration fees** and **cancellation fees** as well as registration deadlines.

SPRING 2022

- March: Schools submit any changes to their exam order and order exams for students in Spring courses.
- May: Students take AP Exams according to the schedule set by AP/College Board.

SUMMER 2022

- July: AP Exam scores are released.

(Source: www.collegeboard.org)



ESSEX NORTH SHORE
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2014

Name (Print Clearly): _____

Year of Grad: _____ CTE: _____ School Counselor: _____

Please check all Advanced Placement (AP) courses in which you elect to enroll in for SY 2021-2022:

English

_____ 11 – AP English Language & Composition
_____ 12 – AP English Literature & Composition

Mathematics

_____ 12 – AP Calculus AB

Science

_____ 10 – AP Biology
_____ 12 – AP Physics

History & Social Science

_____ 11 – AP U.S. History

- I have reviewed the course syllabus at ap.central.collegeboard.com and understand that the rigor of an AP course is equivalent to a typical college course.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to do any and all summer/pre-course assignments before the class begins, that there may be requirements outside the regular school day (including Saturday class meetings), and to do everything in my power to be successful in the AP class(es) I have elected.
- I understand that after submitting this contract that I will be enrolled and starting the AP course(s) I selected at the beginning of the school year.
- I understand the above (anticipated) fee schedule as it relates to my opportunities to take AP exams at Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School next school year.
- I understand that I will not be allowed to withdraw from an AP course except under exceptional circumstances as staffing needs are determined by student requests. Exceptional circumstances will be determined by the Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment (Dr. Thomas O’Toole) and Principal (Shannon Donnelly).
- I understand that if I am allowed to withdraw from an AP course, every effort will be made to assign me to a different course in the same subject area; however, this is dependent on where space in a class is available. I further realize that I may not be able to enroll in a specific course and/or level that I desire, and that I may be placed in whichever course is available and can fit my schedule.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR BY MAY 31, 2021

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