



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**TOPIC:** College Board New Pilot Pre-AP Program

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## INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

**United ISD** is among the first to join the new College Board Pre-AP Program

The New Pre-AP program offers instructional resources and classroom-based assessments to improve college readiness for all students

United ISD was selected from over 1,000 schools worldwide that will participate in the new Pre-AP Program next school year. Pre-AP is designed to give all students the opportunity to learn the foundational knowledge and skills they need to be successful in Advanced Placement and other college-level coursework. The College Board selected L.B. Johnson, Alexander, United South, and United High Schools as partners who are committed to college readiness for all students.

All UISD high schools will receive an official Pre-AP designation for each course and the chance to bring engaging coursework to all their students. This designation signals consistent, high standards in focused courses that help build, strengthen, and reinforce student's content knowledge and skills. The eight new 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses provide teachers and students with instructional resources, classroom-based assessments, high-quality professional learning, and focused practice.

"We applaud the educators and administrators of all United ISD high schools who have worked to clear a path for all of their students," said Auditi Chakravarty, Vice President of SpringBoard and Pre-AP Programs. "They are fostering a culture in their schools and classrooms that allows *all* students to learn the foundational knowledge and skills they need to be successful."

Each Pre-AP course has been developed by committees of expert educators, including middle school, high school, and college faculty. These development committees work with the College Board to design effective instructional resources that emphasize and prioritize the content and skills that matter most for later high school coursework and college and career readiness. Pre-AP will continue to evolve through educator involvement, and all United ISD high schools will be a critical partner. Throughout the initial cohort experience, Pre-AP course teachers will be encouraged to share feedback that will help shape the program in years to come.

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# The New Pilot Pre-AP Program

- Offers instructional resources and classroom-based assessments to schools that are interested in earning an official Pre-AP designation from the College Board.
- Offers consistent, high standards in focused courses that help build, strengthen, and reinforce students' content knowledge and skills.
- Pre-AP courses will get students ready for AP and other college-level coursework. And they'll be open to all.
- Launching in fall 2018 with five new courses for ninth grade, with other courses to follow.

## Pre-Advanced Placement®: The Benefits

- Pre-AP is about achieving results for **all** students.
- Here’s how the program is designed to accomplish that.
  - **Engaging resources** meet students where they are.
  - **Meaningful feedback** shows teachers where each student needs additional support and focus.
  - **Effective practice** helps every student to build, strengthen, and master content knowledge and skills.
  - **Flexibility** in instructional resources honors the skill and authority of teachers.
  - **Challenging coursework** emphasizes key literacy, quantitative, and analysis skills across all five disciplines and reinforces these skills in multiple classroom experiences.
  - **Open access**—a program requirement—means that schools can bring high-quality instruction and assessments to all students.

# Pre - AP<sup>®</sup> Courses

- **Pre-AP Algebra 1**
  - Students master linear relationships and craft arguments to solve real-world problems.
- **Pre-AP Biology**
  - Students apply science practices to build knowledge of biological processes and systems.
- **Pre-AP English I**
  - Students develop close reading, analytical writing, and language skills.
- **Pre-AP World History and Geography**
  - Students work closely with sources and data as they explore central historical questions.
- **Pre-AP Visual and Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Art)**
  - Students engage in the creative process as they create, experiment, revise, and reflect.

## 2018-2019 Program Pricing

- These fees apply to schools in the initial Pre-AP cohort; that is, schools that will offer Pre-AP courses in grade nine in school year 2018-19.
- Pre-AP Algebra 1, Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP English Language Arts, and Pre-AP World History and Geography.
- Because we believe that the arts are an integral part of a student's education, the College Board is pleased to offer ninth-grade Pre-AP Visual and Performing Arts courses at **no additional charge** to schools that join the initial cohort.

## What's Included

- All instructional materials (course frameworks, course guides, model lessons and routines, student practice)
- Registration fee for the four-day foundational institute for teachers of Pre-AP courses
- Eight digital and externally scored assessments per course
- Four student performance tasks per course, including online training modules for scoring performance tasks
- License to use the Pre-AP logo and designate specific courses, and your school, as “Official Pre-AP” (when requirements are fulfilled)
- Instructional and administrative support
- Pre-AP Arts course(s) (no additional fee required)

\*\*\$17.83 / student (serving approximately 3611 students and over 46 teachers)