

Keller Independent School District Pre-AP/AP Parent Letter of Understanding



Keller ISD is offering Pre-Advanced and Advanced Placement classes for Middle School and High School students. The purpose of these demanding courses is to prepare students for college work and/or Advanced Placement exams that give the student the opportunity to receive college credit. Pre-AP and AP courses require more effort, attention and skill than regular coursework. The course work in the AP classes will be modeled after college courses and therefore students will be using college level material and will have to spend a considerable amount of time outside the classroom to prepare for the AP Exam(s). Because these courses are taught with college curriculum and college level materials, students must be: highly motivated, able to prioritize time, task-oriented, proficient readers, and have parental support. In order for the Pre-AP/AP program to be successful, it is important that parent/guardians and students are aware of the commitment involved.

Homework: Students may have homework in most Pre-AP/AP classes every day.

Readings: Pre-AP/AP courses may require outside reading and summer reading.

*Essays: To prepare for the national exam(s), AP students may be expected to write numerous essays in several classes.

*Grading: Because students will be graded as strictly as in college courses, Pre-AP and AP courses will be weighted 10 points for the purposes of Grade Point Averages and class rankings.

*Textbooks: AP courses often require the use of college textbooks, and may, therefore, contain more mature subject matter.

*Exams: Students will be expected to register and pay to take the AP exam(s) which will be administered in May of each year.

*College Credit: Each student must contact his/her college of choice to check for acceptance of AP credit.

Exiting: A student may exit a Pre-AP/AP class during the SAVE process.

Honor Code: All students will be expected to do their own work. Students may be given projects or exams that must be completed outside of class. If a student breaks this code, it may result in the student being removed from the course.

* High School Course Work Only.

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_____ has my permission to enroll in Advanced
Print Student's Name

Placement (AP) or Pre-AP course work. I have read the Pre-AP/AP information and I am aware of the commitment that my child, the teachers, and parent/guardians must make in order for the KISD Pre-AP/AP program to be a success.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

*Further information can be accessed by logging on to the College Board website:
www.collegeboard.org*

** This form, once signed by the student and parent/guardian will be filed with the home campus and will be verified by an instructional leader on that campus.