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**HCHS**

**Academic Night**

**2026**

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# 2025-2026 HCHS AP Teachers and Courses



Mrs. Jennifer  
McDaniel  
AP World History  
10th Grade



Dr. Jennifer  
Bowers  
AP French  
12th Grade



Mrs. Amy  
Gallagher  
AP Spanish  
12th Grade



Mrs. Lauren  
Nguyen  
AP US History  
11th Grade



Mr. Chad Ekey  
AP US History  
11th Grade



Mr. Alex Dady  
AP Physics  
11th-12th  
Grade



Dr. Tammy Strickland  
AP Precalculus  
11th-12th Grade



Mrs. Donna Purvis  
AP Language  
11th Grade



Mrs. Elizabeth  
Wright  
AP Language  
11th Grade



Dr. Don Jenrette  
AP Psychology  
10th-12th Grade



Mrs. Melanie  
Davis  
AP Literature



Mrs. Lyndsay  
Cumpton  
AP Biology  
11th-12th Grade



Mr. Daryl  
Leslise  
AP Statistics  
10th-12th Grade  
AP Calculus AB  
12th Grade



Ms. Emily  
Wilis  
AP Calculus AB  
12th Grade



Mrs. Jenny Jackson  
AP Computer Science  
Principles &  
AP Computer Science A  
10th-12th Grade



Mrs. Stacy McLean  
AP Chemistry  
11th-12th Grade



Mrs. Randi Collier  
AP Env. Science  
11th-12th Grade

# Advantages to AP Courses

- Students stay on campus and learn rigorous college-level content and skills with the support of a high school teacher for the full year.
- Taking AP courses is valued in the college admission process.
- Students can earn valuable credit that can lead to a higher placement in their college courses.
- Receiving college credit for a course saves money!
- Last year at HCHS, scores of a 3 or higher saved students approximately \$644,000!

# AP Validity

- A large body of research conducted over the past 20 years has established the validity of Advanced Placement.
- Completing an AP course and exam is associated with a greater likelihood of enrollment in and completion of college, strong first-year performance, and success in subsequent college courses.
- Although students earning AP scores of 3 or higher—the scores for which most colleges grant credit or placement or both—experience the greatest gains, research shows that even students who earn scores of 1 or 2 on an AP Exam derive benefits that lead to college success.
- College Board is an international organization that partners with colleges and universities and is recognized by higher education for having rigorous course requirements and expectations.

# Students who earn credit through AP Exams are more likely to graduate on time, which reduces student debt.

- Additional college credits earned through qualifying scores on AP Exams were associated with a range of positive outcomes, including:
  - A 4-percentage point increase in students' likelihood of graduating within 6 years
  - A 7-percentage point increase in the likelihood of double majoring
  - Earning additional lab science and advanced math credits
  - The reduction of approximately \$1,000 in student debt
    - (likely driven by a reduction in the time to degree)

# Before Taking an AP Course

- Think about the academic balance required to be successful.
- Consider your internal motivation and time management skills.
- Consider the Work-Life Balance required to be successful.
  - (extra-curricular, friends, employment, family, etc.)
- Remember that AP is a year-long commitment.