

# Parent Resource: Understanding AP

To make the AP experience as easy as possible, we're sharing answers to questions you might ask.

## What is AP Classroom?

AP<sup>®</sup> Classroom is an online resource for AP teachers and students. AP teachers can assign content to students as part of their coursework—be sure your child talks to their teacher about how they'll use AP Classroom this school year.

Features of AP Classroom include:

- **AP Daily** – Short learning videos recorded by AP teachers across the country cover every topic in every unit to help students stay on track with their coursework. All videos are mobile friendly and can be watched on any device that has internet access so students can learn anytime, anywhere.
- **Topic Questions** – Students can answer the Topic Questions after each class lesson to check their skills and get immediate feedback on where to focus their time and attention.
- **Personal Progress Checks** – Students can complete the Personal Progress Check at the end of each unit to see if they're on track. They can then use their results to customize a study plan just for them.
- **Progress Dashboard** – By opening the Progress Dashboard, students can see how their skills are developing across units. They should celebrate their successes and then focus on the skills that need their attention.

## How does my child access AP Classroom?

AP teachers will give students a join code so they can join their [class section online](#). Students will receive a unique code for each AP class they're taking and will need to enter each separately. If a student is only taking an exam without taking the corresponding course, the process will be the same, but the student will get the join code from the AP coordinator.

## What are the benefits of taking AP?

Research consistently shows that AP students are better prepared for college than students who don't take AP. They're more likely to enroll and stay in college, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years. Taking AP can help your child:

- Earn college credit and/or placement
- Tackle college-level work
- Develop skills that will help in future AP classes and in college

- Stand out to college admissions officers who'll see AP on their transcript

To learn more about the benefits of AP, [click here](#).

## What AP courses are offered?

There are AP courses offered in various topic areas such as the arts, sciences, math, history, and world languages. The courses offered vary by each school, so you and your child will need to see what options are available at their school.

The full list of courses can be [found here](#).