



Advanced Course Contract 2019-2020

ANNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT | 501 SOUTH SHERLEY AVENUE | ANNA, TEXAS 75409 | 972.924.1000

To participate in an advanced course (including pre-AP and AP® courses) for the 2019-2020 school year, this contract should be signed and returned by Friday, April 12, 2019. Only one form is needed for all advanced courses each year.

The pre-AP/AP Program allows students to participate in college preparatory courses and college level courses while still in high school. Because the AP curriculum is standardized across the nation, colleges and universities look favorably on students who have completed this coursework as they understand the depth and breadth of these challenging courses.

Recommended Guidelines

The following guidelines are recommended when considering if a student is ready for a weighted class:

- Achieves an advanced rating on state testing
- MAP RIT score > 84th percentile or other similar measure
- Previous course average grade > 90

Policies, Standards, and Expectations

Students are expected to:

1. Turn in work on time and put forth their best effort in class and on all assignments and tests. No late work or retests will be accepted except in extenuating circumstances to be determined at the teacher's' discretion.
2. Maintain a passing grade for each grading period. If a student does not maintain a numerical grade of 70% or above (non-weighted) for a grading period, they will be considered for rescheduling into a non-weighted class.
3. Submit their own independently created work. Plagiarism, copying, or other forms of cheating may result in a loss of credit for the assignment, a discipline referral, and consideration for removal from the weighted class.
4. Behave appropriately. Students who cause disruptions to the learning environment will be considered for rescheduling into a non-weighted class.
5. Demonstrate a high level of independence and self-discipline. Independent reading and other lessons outside of class should be expected weekly.
6. Engage at a higher intellectual level. Standards are taught from multiple perspectives with added

depth and complexity at a faster pace than on-level courses. Critical thinking skills will be practiced and applied daily.

7. **Summer Assignments.** If a student is enrolled in the district prior to August 1st, course summer assignments are due on the first day of class (or an alternate date determined by the teacher). Students who enroll on or after August 1st have until the first grade reporting period (3 weeks) to complete and submit the assignment. Failure to submit the assignment on the due date will result in zero credit which will adversely affect the first nine week's grade.

A student or parent may request a withdrawal from a weighted course according to the "Anna High School Schedule Change Process." The request must be approved by the parent, the teacher, and the principal.

When a student transfers to a non-weighted course within the school year, the semester and year grades will not be averaged with weighted points.

College Credit Opportunity

AP students do college-level work in high school. And if they score a 3 or higher on the exam, they can earn college credit. Higher scores on the exam may be accepted as course credit at certain colleges and universities. Students and their parents are encouraged to research potential institutions for their specific requirements. <http://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy>

Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to take the AP exams which are administered to students in May.

Students will sign up for AP Exams in the fall by the November 15, 2019 deadline. Your teacher will provide directions on how to register and will place the exam order for students. If a class doesn't start until after the fall deadline, your teacher can still place the exam order by the March 15, 2020 spring class deadline.

AP Exams are \$94 each. Students are required to place a \$47 non-refundable deposit for each exam. Payments can be made to Anna High School through MySchoolBucks.com > AP Exams. Students can set up an automatic payment plan through MySchoolBucks.com. If you have significant financial need, you may be eligible for a \$32 College Board fee reduction per AP Exam. Check with your AP coordinator to learn more about eligibility requirements for College Board fee reductions, state and district subsidies, and other support that may be available.



Advanced Course Contract Acknowledgement 2019-2020

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Students:

By signing this AHS Advanced Course Contract, I affirm that I understand the requirements, expectations, and policies for this weighted course and will organize my time and efforts to be successful in this weighted class. Due to the increased rigor and challenge of this course, I will notify and request assistance from my teacher and attend tutorials in order to maintain my eligibility. I understand that my success within this weighted course is my responsibility.

Printed Student Name

Grade

Student Signature

Date

Parents:

I have read this AHS Advanced Course Contract and am familiar and in agreement with its contents and requirements. I agree to support and encourage my son/daughter in his/her endeavor within this course. I will ensure my child's attendance at assigned tutorials. I will notify the teacher of any concerns that I have about my child's progress. I understand this contract covers each weighted course for which my child is enrolled.

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Contact Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

RETURN TO AHS FRONT OFFICE

****Students only need to turn in one form for all advanced courses each year.**

