

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Varnum Board of Education has approved the following criteria for an advanced placement program with the school district:

The advanced placement program is a cooperative effort of the national college board and the local school board based on the fact that many young people can complete college-level studies in their secondary school. It represents a desire of these schools to foster such experiences. This program is national; its policies are determined by the representatives of member colleges; and its operational services are provided by the Educational Testing Service.

Advanced placement can serve three groups:

1. Students who wish to pursue college-level studies while in high school;
2. Schools that desire to offer the opportunity for their students; and
3. Colleges that wish to encourage and recognize such achievement.

Course Description

Each course covers the equivalent of a college full year course and is the responsibility of the secondary school committee and the college teachers. Course descriptions are distributed to participating schools. Courses are available in these areas: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, French, German, History, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Spanish.

Criteria for Course Enrollment

1. Student desire to participate in the advanced placement program;
2. Parent approval for child to participate the program; and
3. Teacher, counselor, and/or principal recommendation.

Recommendation will be given for students in the 95% or above on standardized achievement tests in specific course areas.

Grading

Grading for Varnum High School: Advance Placement courses should be weighted to reflect the quality and quantity of work undertaken.

A = 5.0
B = 4.0
C = 3.0
D = 2.0
F = 0

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Grading on Advance Placement Exam

Candidates who take the advance placement examination in May receive an overall grade on a five-point scale:

- 5 = extremely well qualified
- 4 = well qualified
- 3 = qualified
- 2 = possibly qualified
- 1 = no recommendation

Advance placement grade reports are sent in early July to the student's home address, the school, and if requested, to the student's college. Students enrolled in advance placement work are not required to take the advance placement exam. However, if college credit is desired, the exam is required. College credit is given only for advance placement exam scores of three and above.

Exam

Most advance placement exams are three hours in duration and are administered at participating secondary schools. All exams contain an essay (problem solving) section and a multiple-choice section.

Payment of exam fees is the sole responsibility of the parent and/or student. Fee reductions are available for students with financial need or those students taking more than one advanced placement test in one year. Advance placement courses are not required to take the exam.

State institutions that use advance placement exam grades in the determination of advance placement and credit are:

- University of Oklahoma
- University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center
- Oklahoma State University
- Oklahoma State University, Technical Institute
- Oklahoma Christian College
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- S. W. Oklahoma State University
- University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
- University of Tulsa
- Central State University
- East Central University
- Eastern Oklahoma State College