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## Grand Rapids Christian High School Advanced Placement (AP) Contract (2014 – 2015)

*To enroll in an AP course, this contract must be signed and returned to your counselor with your course Registration Form. A student will not be permitted for consideration of an AP course unless this contract is signed by both student and parent and returned to the Counseling Office.*

GRCHS is committed to providing an environment in which all students have access to a challenging academic curriculum, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Students enrolling in an AP course are demonstrating a willingness to meet the challenge of AP curriculum.

An AP course offers material that is intellectually stimulating and challenges students beyond the scope of regular classroom work; assumes a mastery of the basics required for further study in a given area; emphasizes the quality of work even though more work will be given; provides depth of knowledge through the study of ideas, themes, and problems; encourages use of higher order thinking skills including abstract reasoning, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation; requires flexibility in thinking; calls for proven student work ethic and full engagement in learning; and promotes the use of variety of in-depth performance tasks and assessments.

GRCHS requires that all students and their parent/guardian(s) sign this contract to acknowledge that the student is making an informed decision regarding enrollment in an AP course. **In addition to this contract, students are also required to watch an online webcast of the respective AP course for which the student has enrolled.** During this webcast, the teacher(s) will present on the nature of the course, course expectations, and some of the benefits for enrolling in the course. Webcasts are available on the GRCHS website (<http://www.grcs.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=1937>) under “AP Program.”

Student and parent/guardian(s) review the following contract information:

1. I understand that participation in an AP class requires me to demonstrate:
  - a high level of student independence
  - a high degree of student responsibility
  - independent mastery equivalent to a college level course
2. I understand that I am expected to:
  - uphold the GRCHS Academic Honor Code
  - remain in the class for the entirety of the first semester unless I drop the class within the first four weeks of the semester as in accordance with Parent-Student Handbook (A grade penalty of “E” will be imposed if the class is dropped after the four week time frame.)

We are excited about providing an opportunity for your student to take such a rigorous academic course, and we commend both you and your child for accepting such a challenging opportunity.

Thank you,

GRCHS Counselors and AP Teachers

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We, the undersigned student and parent/guardian(s), have carefully read and discussed the requirements and expectations of enrolling in an intensive/accelerated AP course. We have also watched the webcast for the course, and therefore agree to honor this contract.

- € **AP English Language and Composition**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in English courses
- € **AP Literature and Composition**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in English courses
- € **AP Statistics**  
*Requirements:* Demonstrated proficiency in Math courses  
*Prerequisite:* Functions, Statistics and Trigonometry I and II
- € **Calculus AP**  
*Requirements:* Demonstrated proficiency in Math courses  
*Prerequisite:* Pre-Calculus I and II
- € **Biology AP**  
*Requirements:* Students must be concurrently enrolled in the Biology AP-LAB  
*Prerequisite:* Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry (concurrent enrollment in Chemistry may be allowed)
- € **Chemistry AP**  
*Requirements:* Students must be concurrently enrolled in the Chemistry AP-LAB  
*Prerequisite:* Physical Science
- € **Physics AP C**  
*Requirements:* Students must be concurrently enrolled in Calculus AP  
*Prerequisite:* Physical Science
- € **American Government AP**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in Social Studies courses  
*Prerequisite:* World Cultures, U.S. History
- € **European History AP**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in Social Studies courses  
*Prerequisite:* World Cultures, U.S. History

**\*\*Please be aware that some of these courses require a departmental application in addition to this contract.**

**Course(s) I am registering for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out all information clearly. Thank you.**

PRINT Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_