

Chandler High School



Honors Information Night



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Goals / Objectives

- Parents and students will understand what honors options are available in grades 9-12 at CHS
- Parents and students will understand the value of honors classes as related to what comes after high school
- Parents and students will understand the general differences between the IB and AP programs
- Parents and students will be able to make informed decisions about class selection for next year and start thinking of a four-year plan



What is an 'Honors' Class?

- Available starting in 9th grade
- Weighted G.P.A.
- Challenging and rigorous
- Starting Jr. year: labeled “AP” or “IB”
- Develop content mastery and critical thinking skills expected in college
- Often the same curriculum as regular classes, but tailored for high-achieving students, covering additional topics or some topics in greater depth



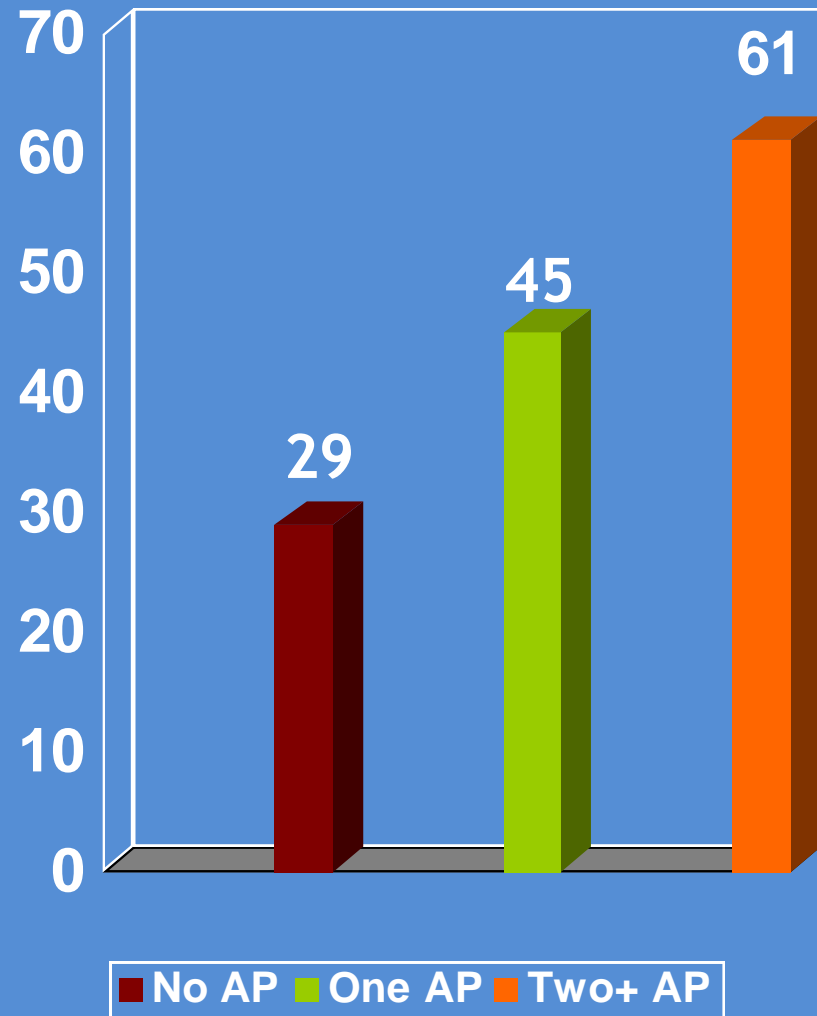
ACT[®] research

- *Students who take one or more courses **beyond core** are more likely to meet or exceed the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks.*
- This means that these students are more likely to **enter** college, be **ready** to take credit-bearing college courses, and **succeed** in those courses.

AP (or IB) and College Success™

Students who take AP (or IB) courses and exams are **much more likely** than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree *in four years or less*.

Source: Camara, Wayne (2003). College Persistence, Graduation, and Remediation. *College Board Research Notes (RN-19)*. New York, NY: College Board.



CHS BY THE NUMBERS

- We currently have **72** sections of IB and AP
- CHS has **89** sections of Dual Enrollment classes
- Last May: **699** AP exams and **257** IB exams
- Subjects tested: **20** AP and **15** IB
- **79.7%** of CHS AP testers scored 3+
- **27** students earned the IB Diploma
- **137** students earned special “Scholar” distinctions with AP scores
- IB: One diploma student earned 43 out of a total possible 45 points!



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Advantages of Honors classes

Weighted G.P.A.

- Honors classes are scored on a 5.0 scale
- A “B” in an Honors class is equivalent to an “A” in a regular class
- The extra point is given so that students choose to challenge themselves while not lowering their GPA
- The work load in an Honors class is heavier than a regular class

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Advantages of Honors classes

Admissions advantage

- National Association for College Admission Counseling: “student performance in college preparatory classes is the most important factor in the admission decision.”
- ***Admission officers may not be impressed by straight A's when they are all earned in regular courses.***
- **COMMON APP:** High School counselor is asked to answer *“In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is ...”*

**less than demanding, average, demanding,
very demanding, most demanding**

Advantages of Honors classes *in high school and in college admission process*

- Numbers matter ...
 - **but, you are more than just a number!**
- Independent learners
 - **with support**
- Critical thinking skills
 - **and the ability to express thoughts in writing and speaking**
- Take risks / Try new things
 - **this is an ideal time to try out a variety of subject areas and find your passion**

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CHANDLER-GILBERT
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



EMBRY-RIDDLE
AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

These programs represent:

- Opportunities for students to earn college credits
- Courses available with additional academic rigor
- Honors credit*
- Classrooms with teachers that have received additional training for special programs
- College-level material that will enhance the students' potential for success in college and beyond



International Baccalaureate

- An academically **challenging** and **balanced** program of education
- Aims to prepare students for effective participation in a rapidly evolving and increasingly global society
- Students develop **physically, intellectually, emotionally** and **ethically** through this program



International Baccalaureate

- In CUSD, CHS is the only school with IB program
- Unique and special program
- CHS has been an IB school since 1982
- One of only 3 schools in AZ with a 4-year IB Program
- Currently a candidate school for the new **IBCP** program which pairs IB courses with CTE programs

What are the characteristics of an IB learner?

All IB courses focus on the **whole student** and the following ten aspects of the “Learner Profile”:

Inquirers

Open-minded

Knowledgeable

Caring

Thinkers

Risk-takers

Communicators

Balanced

Principled

Reflective

As the core elements of the IB curriculum, these attributes help create students that are very prepared to be **successful in college and beyond.**

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International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB-MYP)



9th and 10th grade

Learn how to learn

Intercultural understanding

Conceptual understanding

Concepts - big ideas

Learning in context

Community service

Creative, critical and reflective thinkers



IB-MYP

students will...



- ❑ Be enrolled in at least one honors class as a 9th grader
- ❑ Complete 40 hours of Community Service by April of your sophomore year
- ❑ Use your research topic from Honors English 9 to develop a Personal Project to display in April of Sophomore year
- ❑ Take a World Language class in 9th and 10th grade (not a graduation requirement, but a requirement of the MYP program)
- ❑ Take a Social Studies class (**AP Human Geography or AP Comparative Government**) in 10th grade (not a graduation requirement, but a requirement of the MYP program)

IB-MYP



Value:

- Learn to navigate the large high school environment
- Get extra support from IB Program Coordinator
- Start building a solid portfolio/resume to help promote yourself on college applications and scholarship applications
- Participate in community service activities with other CHS IB students

Cost:

- Complete and reflect on 40 hours of community service over 2 years
- Complete Personal Project in 10th grade
- \$15 annual dues for ManageBac online system to log and track community service activities



Sign up for IB-MYP



- Anytime beginning now through the first month of school
- Scan cards / web link information on back of welcome flyer

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IB Diploma Program

- In 11th and 12th grades, honors classes are labeled as **IB** or **AP**
- We offer IB courses in: ***(26 different courses)***
 - English
 - World Languages (Spanish, French, German)
 - Social Studies (History, Psychology, Econ)
 - Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Env Systems)
 - Math (Mathematics and Math Studies)
 - Fine Arts (Drawing, Photography, Ceramics, Jewelry, Film)



IB Diploma Program

- Students can choose to complete IB courses in all 6 areas (**IB Diploma Candidates**)
- or ... A student can take just one to three IB courses (**IB Course Candidates**)
- These students complete assessments that can lead to college credit



Why do universities value IB students?

- IB students are prepared for **academic success**.
- IB students are more likely than others to **enroll in and graduate from** selective higher education institutions.
- IB students demonstrate a level of **emotional** and **intellectual maturity** for managing the demands of challenging coursework.
- They have extensive experience doing **independent research** and presenting what they have learned through presentations, papers and other projects.
- Participation in the IB Program shows that students have excelled in **multiple and diverse academic challenges** and is a strong predictor for success in university.

Cost of



- There is **NO** fee to take an IB course.
- There is a fee for exams that students take in **junior** and/or **senior** year with fee reductions for students on Free/Reduced Lunch program

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College credit opportunities

Advanced Placement (AP)

- AP Courses consist of a prescribed curriculum and an end-of-course AP exam.
- Students can earn college credit (university dependent) based on score on exam.
- Sends a powerful message to colleges and universities about the willingness to take a rigorous course and take a cumulative exam.
- A U.S. Department of Education study found that the strongest predictor of college graduation is participating in college-level (i.e. AP) courses in high school.

Cost of CollegeBoard Advanced Placement Program

- AP courses and exams are developed and scored by the College Board.
- There is **NO** fee to take an AP course.
- There is a fee for each exam (around \$92); with fee reductions for students on Free/Reduced Lunch program

College credit opportunities

Dual Enrollment

- We offer a wide range of courses that are opportunities to earn college credit at the same time as high school credit.
- The student **sits in the high school class** and **pays tuition to the college** for that course.
- Not all dual enrollment courses are honors classes.
- CHS currently partners with *Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Mesa Community College, Scottsdale Community College, Embry Riddle.*
- **Mostly Sophomore through Senior year.**
- Transferability of the credits earned varies by university or college.

College credit opportunities

Dual Enrollment

- ACCUPLACER tests:
 - Writing test required for Dual Enrollment in English
 - Math test required for Dual Enrollment in Math
 - Reading test required for Dual Enrollment in other areas

We will be giving the ACCUPLACER tests in May at CHS – watch for announcements!

You will also have a chance to take ACCUPLACER testing during the summer at CGCC or at CHS once school starts in July.

****Project Based Curriculum****

- Honors Introduction to Engineering Design**
- Honors Principles of Engineering**
- Honors Digital Electronics**

Dual Enrollment Opportunity

Through Embry-Riddle Aero. University
Credit valid at any university in the state
ERAU Credit at Community College Cost (\$)



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Advantages of Honors classes

- Studies have shown that the rigor of a student's high school curriculum is the **single best predictor of success in college**.
- Being accustomed to a **high level of challenge** and a **fast pace** will separate these students from their peers when they enter college.
- Students cover a **breadth** of information that will align with standards and expectations of post-secondary institutions.

Advantages of Honors classes

- A student may be able to enter college with 'advanced standing'.
- Honors level work may exempt a student from taking certain required college courses.
- This allows for more time in college for electives, advanced courses, study abroad, internships.
- Significant savings of time and money

The Bottom Line

- CHS offers **many** opportunities for students to be challenged.
- Students should take full advantage of the variety of programs offered here.
- Keep in contact with the high school counselor and teachers to ensure the student is meeting deadlines and requirements.



CHS IB on Social Media

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Questions?

In the foyer immediately following this presentation:

- IB MYP and Diploma Program students, parents, coordinator
- A representative from each department
- CHS Counselors
- CGCC Dual Enrollment