Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE)

Opportunities for our Students

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School Counseling Services
How do students decide which courses (AP or DE) to choose?

- Parents and students share interest with teachers and counselors
- Teachers make the initial class recommendations w/ student input.
- Counselors meet with students individually and review:
  - Course requests
  - Interests
  - Outside activities
  - Academic & career goals
  - Rigor vs. balance
How do students and parents learn about AP and DE courses?

- Scheduling Nights, Curriculum nights, Academic Fairs, Department Information Nights
- Counselors meet with each student individually
- Academic Departments provide course information during class.
- AP Information sessions facilitated by AP Teachers
- DE Information sessions facilitated by NOVA liaisons and DE teachers.
- LCPS Annual College Fair allows families to ask the colleges questions about their requirements
Do School Counselors promote a balanced perspective AP vs. DE?

- **Counselors Provide Balanced Perspectives:** “We want all students to select a course schedule that will provide them with a level of challenge to stretch themselves and pursue individual interests while maintaining a balance emotionally, physically, academically, and socially!”

**INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- College panel night provides information about what courses colleges and universities will review and/or accept
- AP/DE teachers present and discuss similarities and differences in both an AP and DE course.
- Information about the AP and DE programs are posted on school websites
- **NOTE:** Due to required teaching credentials and NOVA requirements, schools offer a variety of courses based on staff certification.
Are there any advantages between AP or DE credits?

Dual Enrollment

- Students are guaranteed transfer credit on passing DE coursework in Virginia as NOVA has agreements with most of our four-year institutions
- Guaranteed 6 credits but credits not always accepted by all institutions (in-state or out-of-state)
- DE is a gaining momentum and enrollment due to guaranteed credit to send to colleges
- DE is a great option for financial savings

Advanced Placement

- AP is universal. If the institution accepts a specific score for credit, students are encouraged to take the AP Course Exam.
- The AP courses require performance on a test, on a particular day, with each college determining whether the score of 3, 4, or 5 will earn college credit
- Many of the “more competitive” colleges recommend AP to parents and students because of the standardized test.
Where is the influence coming from to take AP courses?
Discussion or Questions