

**Advanced Placement
College NOW
College Application Process**

Fall 2018

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An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Shawnee Mission South

What We'll Cover

- What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The Benefits
- AP® Exams
- What Is It Like to Take AP?
- Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices



What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®] : The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school.
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses.
- Students may take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work.
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.
- Last year, SMS gave over 450 exams to over 250 students.
- AP is valued over transfer credit in some college admissions offices.
- Students have the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing in college.

Our AP[®] Courses

- **Arts:** Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics 2: Algebra-based
- **World languages:** French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture



AP[®]: The Benefits

AP[®] Benefits for College

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions and many colleges rank grades in college preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as a top factor in admission decisions.
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.
- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time. Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college, with the average cost of college for a single year being nearly \$25,000 for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.

AP Benefits in High School

- ↗ AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level and gives:
- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
 - More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
 - High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

AP[®]

AP[®] Exams

AP[®] Exams

↗ AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year. Exams are typically about 4 hours each and include:

- Multiple-choice questions
- Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2019 and will be about \$100 per exam.

- *****Change for 2019 Testing*****

Because many AP tests fall during the final week of school and/or the week of graduation, Shawnee Mission South is looking at ways to keep testing and classroom disruptions to a minimum, including having tests proctored offsite. Possible locations would include Shawnee Mission's new Center for Academic Achievement (71st and Antioch) and local churches. Please be aware that students may need to make their way to an offsite location to test. Details to come . . .

Credit and Placement Opportunities

- ↗ Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy



What is it like to take AP[®]?

Students & Parents ... In Their Own Words

www.youtube.com/advancedplacement

- ↗ An AP teacher talks about her high expectations for her students
- ↗ AP Program: Turning Curiosity into a Science
- ↗ Karl describes AP classes as a glimpse into what college is like
- ↗ The Value of AP for Latino Students (in Spanish)
- ↗ Teachers recognize AP student achievements
- ↗ AP Program: Creativity Makes A Mark

College Admissions Officials In Their Own Words

AP Program: The impact of AP credit and placement on the college experience





Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart[™]
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

AP Testing

Advantages:

- Credits may be more widely accepted than College Now, specifically at selective colleges.
- Less expensive than College NOW.
- *Some* teachers waive 2nd semester final if AP exam is taken.

AP Testing

Things to consider:

- Students need to do some prep outside of class, on their own.
 - Many teachers have review sessions.
- Student has 1 chance to perform well on day of testing.

Types of College Enrollment

- **College Now (Concurrent or Dual credit enrollment)**
 - HS student takes an approved SMS class from an approved HS teacher and receives both HS and college credit
 - No limit on the amount of credit a student may earn
 - Athletes→see Mr. Heil/Dr. Johnson for NCAA eligibility rules

- **Quick Step Plus College Algebra (QSPCA)**
 - College Algebra/Trig ONLY
 - Independent from College NOW

College NOW Classes

Class	Teacher
AP ELA 4	McFall
AP US History	Hirons
AP European History	Hirons
AP Spanish 5	Rysko
AP Statistics	Dale
AP Government & Politics	Budetti
AP Macro/Micro Economics	Budetti
AP Biology 2	Wannamaker

Who is eligible for College NOW?



Kansas Board of Regents

- Any freshman (with a gifted IEP)
- Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Benefits of College Now

- **Quality Instruction** – All CN instructors meet HLC Compliance, or have a plan in place to meet compliance.
- **Low Cost** – Significantly lower than area colleges and universities.
- **TEXTBOOKS ARE PROVIDED \$\$\$**
- **JCCC Campus Access** – Access to all resources, such as the Math Resource Center, the Writing Center, library, and computer labs.
- **College Flexibility** – Graduate from college early, graduate on time, study abroad without add'l semesters, double major, add a minor, etc.

College Now Program

- **Cost is \$93/credit hour for Johnson County resident.**
- **All courses are 3 or 4 credits**
(\$279, \$372)
- **There is a grant program for students on free or reduced lunch. See your counselor for an application.**
- **Reasonable price for college credit**
KU 1 credit = \$339 / KSU 1 credit = \$313
- **Textbook is provided in the College Now program**

How do these classes transfer?

- Excellent transferability to colleges/universities in Kansas.
- ALWAYS check the school directly (website or in-person)
 - Most credits transfer
 - How it transfers to each school/major may be different.
 - Ask if classes are figured into that school's GPA or just transfer as credit.
- Research potential majors to see what class requirements a student may need. This will help you better determine which classes you should take now while in high school.

Transfer Equivalency Guides

Johnson County Community College

<http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/high-school/college-now/transfer.html>

Emporia State University

<http://www.emporia.edu/admissions/transfer-guides.html>

Kansas State University

<http://www.k-state.edu/undergradadmit/transferequivalency.html>

Pittsburg State University

<http://www.pittstate.edu/admission/undergraduate/trequiv.dot>

University of Kansas

<http://www.admissions.ku.edu/credits>

College Now Program

- Some classes require a minimum ACT score
- Students may also take the Accuplacer at JCCC
 - JCCC website for hours, study guides, and what to bring
 - **(Important to follow their guidelines)**
- Speak to your teacher or counselor with specific Q's

JCCC Class	SMS Class	Test Score Needed
ENGL 121: Composition 1	English 12 AP	19 on ACT English
MATH 181: Statistics	AP Statistics	26 on ACT Math

JCCC College Now Program

Steps to Enroll jccc.edu/collegenow

1. Apply online to JCCC (1 time only while in HS-FREE)

Application MUST be done by August 31, 2018

2. Provide test scores or take ACCUPLACER test if needed
(see list of courses that need score)

3. Enroll in class with the numbers provided by JCCC

Enrollment must be done by September 14, 2018

4. Pay for the class

Ready to enroll?

- **Enroll in ALL of College Now classes at one time**
- If you enroll separately you may find yourself with a registration-preventing Unpaid Balance (UT) hold.
- Wait until test scores are loaded before enrolling
–then enroll in every class they want.

Helpful College Now Website

JCCC Admissions - <http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/>

JCCC College Now - <http://www.jccc.edu/collegenow/>

JCCC Placement Testing - <http://www.jccc.edu/testing/>

JCCC Quick Step -
<http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/high-school/quick-step/index.html>

jccc.edu/collegenow



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Community Resources

College Now Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students

The College Now program provides high school students the opportunity to earn college credits through concurrent enrollment while completing their high school requirements.



Attend an Info Night session

Need More Information?

Apply – Admissions

Phone: [913-469-3803](tel:913-469-3803)

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[Contact Us](#)

Test – Testing Services

Phone: [913-469-4439](tel:913-469-4439)

Fax: [913-469-2523](tel:913-469-2523)

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Enroll – Registrar's Office

Phone: [913-469-3803](tel:913-469-3803)

Fax: [913-469-2300](tel:913-469-2300)

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Pay – Bursar's Office

Phone: [913-469-2567](tel:913-469-2567)

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Can a student do both?

- Yes, a student can take College Now and also take the AP exam. You will need to check with colleges to see how they handle a student who has both AP and college credit.
- Most students choose to do one or the other.
- Many students optimize their college credits with a combination of AP and College Now.
- ***Consider the financial cost of doing both.***

College Now Program

MEET THE DEADLINES

August 31 – Application, and ACT scores DUE – Priority Deadline.

September 14 – ACCUPLACER testing, enrollment, payment DUE

Quick Step Plus College Algebra

- **College Algebra/Trig**
- Student grade based on 5 Unit Assessments & Final
 - JCCC Professor gives assessments at South
- ACT Math sub score ≥ 25 or take ACCUPLACER

Quick Step Plus (Quick Step)

Year-long Course (2 semesters)

Enrollment Deadline

- **Apply by 9/28, take ACCUPLACER if needed**
- **During October (10/5)**


Grading

- **JCCC Grade: given by JCCC Professor**
- * **The JCCC professor controls all assessments for the college grade.**

GETTING COLLEGE READY

*Jasmine Morgan
College Adviser*

Take the ACT

- ACT scores are required at most 4-year universities
 - Juniors should take the ACT in the spring
 - Registration for the exam is online at act.org
 - Exam Fees
 - Without Writing: \$50.50
 - With Writing: \$67.00
 - Students on free or reduced lunch qualify for two fee waivers throughout their high school career
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Upcoming ACT Testing Dates

October 27th

- Registration Deadline: September 28th
- Late Registration September 29th-October 14th

December 8th

- Registration Deadline: November 2nd
 - Late Registration: November 3rd-19th
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FAFSA

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1st!
 - In order to qualify for federal aid, students must file the FAFSA
 - Parent's tax information is required to complete application
 - FAFSA completion workshops will be hosted at South starting in October
 - **District-wide FAFSA Night: November 8th, 6:00pm-8:00pm Shawnee Mission South Learning Commons**
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College Acceptances

- Students can start receiving acceptance letters and financial aid packages as early as December.
 - Not all financial aid packages are the same and it important to choose college/university that is best for the student and their family.
 - Colleges cannot require your deposit or commitment to attend before May 1.
 - If a student has been waitlisted or conditionally accepted, they should be sure to stay active in school and keep their grades as it could affect their admission status.
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