



AP Courses

What are AP tests?

Academic Placement (AP) tests are college-level courses that students can take in high school.

After taking a final exam, students will be scored on a scale of 1-5. Students can earn free college credits or advanced placement or both at universities based on their scores.

There are more than 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States that accept AP test scores. AP exams are also a way for students to stand out on college applications.

AP Exam Information

AP exams are held in May each year, even though courses are offered year-round. Students should contact their counselors in February to find out exact dates of the exams and information on registering for them.

Each AP exam has a registration fee. Pitt County Schools pays for the first exam students sign up for and half of the second exam for each semester.

When registering for AP exams, students have the option of picking universities to which they would like their scores sent. Each university has their own score they accept for college credit. In most cases, the score required is a 3 or higher. Look on university websites or ask a school counselor if concerned about acceptance scores for different schools.

Pitt County Standings

Pitt County high school students enrolled in 1,373 AP courses in the 2009-2010 school year.

Pitt County high school students took a total of 1,333 AP tests last May.

Over 55% of Pitt County students that took an AP test for the 2009-2010 school year scored a 3 or higher.

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Courses Offered in Pitt County

- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Lang/Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Government Composition
- AP Government and Politics: US
- AP Human Geography
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP US History
- AP World History

AP Testing Tips:

- Take courses during Spring semester if possible
- Go to every review session offered
- Don't overload yourself by taking too many
- Talk with your counselor

PLEASE NOTE: *Not every course is available at each high school. This is a compiled county wide list. Check with your high school for courses available.*

If an AP course is not available at a student's school, students can see if it is available on NC Virtual Public School. If it is available, students can work with their counselors to set up a free period in their schedule where they can take the class through the virtual school. <http://www.ncvps.org>