

AP Program at RHHS - Frequently Asked Questions

How does my child register for the AP program at Richmond Hill High School?

Students do not register to take AP courses at our school until grade 11. Students simply need to select AP courses during course selection time. There is no additional process.

What are the prerequisites for taking an AP course at Richmond Hill High School?

Students should have a desire to challenge themselves by learning material at a university level. Typically, students are achieving strong marks in the prerequisite subjects in grade 10, however there is no set cut-off. Many students who take AP courses at Richmond Hill High School come from our Gifted program in grades 9 and 10, however this **is not a requirement for the program**. Please note that as Richmond Hill High School is currently closed to transfers, **we only register students at our school who live within our attendance boundary**.

Do students have to take all AP courses available in the school?

No. Students can choose which AP courses they want to take. There are no minimum requirements and there is no maximum limit .

Do students need to take an AP course in order to write an AP exam?

Yes. If our school offers the corresponding AP course, students must be enrolled in it in order to write its AP exam. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only RHHS students are eligible to write AP exams at our school.

Do students need to write the AP exam once enrolled in the AP course?

Students are strongly encouraged to write the AP exam if they are taking the AP course. However, we are aware that from time to time students and parents will feel that this is not the best choice for them.

When are AP exams written and when are results received?

AP exams are typically written in the first two weeks of May; a schedule is distributed in the fall. Students receive their results in early July. Students will need to create an online account with the College Board in order to access their scores.

How do universities receive AP exam results?

Students are responsible for forwarding their AP exam scores to universities once they receive them. **RHHS is not involved in this process**. Universities handle this in their own way so it is up to students to understand the process for the schools to which they are applying. Remember, it is the student's choice whether or not to send results to the university.

Resources for AP:

There is a lot of information available online about AP. Here are some of the websites you may want to look at:

- **AP Student Website:** <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>
- **AP Credit Policy for various college/universities:**
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

If you still have questions about the Richmond Hill High School AP program, please contact the AP Coordinator at RHHS:

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