

New Haven Public Schools
Advanced Placement Course Contract 2018 - 2019

Student Name (please print) _____

This Contract applies to all AP courses. Failure to list a course does NOT void this Contract.

AP Course(s) 1.) _____ 2.) _____
3.) _____ 4.) _____
5.) _____ 6.) _____

Student's District ID # (Power School/Lunch #) _____ Student's Grade _____

Advanced Placement courses are university-level courses taught in high school for which students may earn college credit if they perform well (score 3, 4, or 5) on the official College Board AP Exam, depending on the policies of the college they eventually attend. Each student and parent of a student enrolled in an AP class is required to sign this contract, which describes the terms and conditions of enrollment in NHPS AP courses, affirming the fact that the student will take the related College Board AP exam(s) administered at the student's school in the current academic year. The District AP Contract is required for enrollment in every AP class and must be submitted with student and parent/guardian signatures by September 28, 2018. Failure to do so will result in the student being dropped from the class immediately. No student will earn a grade or AP credit unless a District AP Contract signed by both parent and student is turned in to the AP Teacher/AP Coordinator, as directed in their building.

IMPORTANT Failure to turn in the attached "Alternative Income Survey" will result in the District not paying for the AP exam. The parent/AP student will have to pay for the exam if a District Contract has been turned in without the "Alternative Income Survey". This is a requirement of the College Board, in order to document all students eligible for fee assistance. Each exam costs \$100.+

AP Exam Required Enrollment in NHPS AP course(s) requires that the student take the corresponding AP exam(s). If the student named above **does not take** the AP exam for the corresponding class, the class credit earned will be changed on the academic transcript to "Honors", rather than "AP". Further, any student who does not take the required exam will pay to the New Haven Public Schools any and all fees for each exam ordered. Currently, each exam costs **\$85.00**, and there is an additional fee charged by the College Board for each AP exam ordered but not taken (this fee will be **\$15.00** or greater). A student who is ill the day of the AP Exam must call the AP Coordinator by 8 A.M. that day or no make-up exam will be ordered. AP students who attend UNH Outstanding Senior Program are not required to take their AP Exam(s) and are not subject to this penalty.

Student Withdrawal From AP Course Students may withdraw from AP courses, without penalty, if withdrawal is submitted on or before September 28, 2018. AP students who withdraw from an AP course after that date will receive a grade of W on their school academic transcript. PLEASE NOTE: Student withdrawals may result in an inability to enroll in other replacement courses of choice, as the general population has already completed their course registrations. Therefore, the student may be enrolled in a lower level of course credits or other undesirable course schedule adjustments may be required.

Academic Credit For AP Courses. AP level credit will be granted to students who successfully complete the required course work and take the related AP exam. Any student who passes an AP class, but does not take the AP exam or violates an AP test policy will receive "Honors" level credit for that class.

Advanced Placement Course Commitment

The New Haven Public School District recognizes the value of student participation in advanced academic courses and encourages students to graduate from high school with at least one AP or college class as a foundation of college readiness. AP courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academics and prepare them for success in future advanced academics. Students may require additional encouragement and support from both family and school to be successful in AP courses.

Student Commitment - The student commits to Advanced Placement courses by recognizing the long term benefits of participation and seeking assistance when needed. As a student enrolled in an AP course:

- I understand that AP courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in the course.
- I will meet with my teacher and attend any scheduled tutorials after school and/or on Saturdays.
- I understand that I must take the AP Exam in order to earn AP credit for the course.
- **I understand that if I do not take the AP exam, I will owe a \$100 obligation fee to New Haven Public Schools.**
- I understand that success on the AP Exam may earn me college credit, higher placement, or both in my college of enrollment, and that I am the only one who can submit my scores to a college.
- I understand that participation in AP coursework prepares me well for college and increases my chance of finishing a college degree in four years and earning a higher GPA.
- I understand that if I withdraw from the AP course after September 28, 2018, I will receive a grade of W on my report card and transcript.
- **I understand that if I violate any College Board test policy, including the cell phone policy, by bringing my cell phone into the exam room or using any cell phone during the break, the phone will be confiscated and accessed, I will lose AP credit, my exam will be cancelled, and I will owe a \$100 obligation fee to New Haven Public Schools.**

Parent Commitment - The parent commits to Advanced Placement coursework by supporting student learning in the AP course and by supporting teacher efforts to provide challenging, quality instruction. As a parent of an AP student:

- I will encourage my child to be prepared for class each day.
- I am aware that AP courses may seem challenging at first and initial grades may not reflect later grades in the course.
- I expect my child to meet with the teacher and stay for any scheduled tutorials after school and/or on Saturdays.
- After September 28th, if my child wishes to withdraw from an AP class, I will communicate with the AP Coordinator, School Counselor, and AP teacher.
- I understand that if my child withdraws for an AP class after September 28th, 2018, they will need to accept whatever replacement course is available.
- **I understand that if my child does not take the required AP Exam, my child will not earn AP level credit and I will owe a financial obligation fee of \$100 to New Haven Public Schools.**
- **I understand that if my child violates any College Board policy including bringing a cell phone into the AP Exam room or using any cell phone during the break, the phone will be confiscated and accessed, they will lose AP credit for the year, the exam score will be cancelled, and I will have to pay a \$100 fee obligation to New Haven Public Schools.**

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Additional AP Policies

- Students who drop AP courses must do so by Contract Deadline of September 28, 2018, to avoid penalty.
- Only students enrolled in an authorized College Board AP course at the school will receive AP credit on the academic transcript, so long as they take the AP Exam for that course.
- Students may not take an AP exam for an AP class in which they are not enrolled at their school.