



Dear Parents,

I am reaching out to provide information about the Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at Sachem Central School District and to highlight the reasons we encourage students to undertake these college-level challenges.

**Benefits of AP Courses:**

AP courses enable students to engage with college-level coursework while still in high school. Students who perform well on the AP exams at the end of the academic year may earn college credit or even bypass introductory classes in college. This not only allows students to push their academic boundaries but may also save time and money on college tuition.

Beyond acquiring college credits, AP courses can be crucial in developing critical thinking, time management, and study skills. These skills are invaluable in preparing students for the rigors of college academics. Many former students return from college and attribute their successful transition to college coursework to the foundation laid by their AP courses. The various components, including writing assignments, lab work, and exam preparation, collectively contribute to this preparation.

**Supporting Student Success:**

Recognizing the demanding nature of AP courses, we are committed to providing comprehensive support to set students up for success. This support includes:

- Experienced AP teachers well-versed in the curriculum and exams.
- Extra help sessions are available three days a week after school.
- Teacher office hours one day a week during the school day, allowing students to attend as their schedule permits.
- Pre-exam review sessions.
- Facilitation of study group and peer tutoring.
- Availability of AP study guides and materials for additional proactive.
- Resources aimed at helping students manage their time and stress effectively.

**Encouraging Exploration:**

I encourage you to engage in a discussion with your student about the available AP options. Consider factors such as their academic strengths, interests, and future college plans when determining if one or more of these courses would be a good fit. If you have any questions or seek

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