

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL AP Academy

2019 – 2020 Advanced Placement Academy Contract

Advanced Placement (AP) courses follow a national curriculum governed by the *College Board*. The curriculum guidelines of AP courses encompass state objectives while meeting the more rigorous standards of *College Board* which are designed to prepare high school students to earn college credit on Advanced Placement Exams. The WHS AP Academy is a course-of-study-program. Program requirements are outlined on the attached course selection sheet. Course requirements are carefully outlined in the course descriptions found on the Westside High School AP Academy webpage. Course outlines and syllabi are available from the WHS AP Academy teachers.

Student, Parent, and Teacher Responsibilities

Student: I am familiar with the course description of the courses I have selected, or been assigned, in the WHS AP Academy. I agree to organize my time and effort to successfully complete the AP courses in which I enroll as a member of the WHS AP Academy. I will notify my parents and teachers immediately if I fall behind in class readings and/or assignments. I will subsequently attend tutoring and mentoring sessions to get back on track. I understand that summer assignments are required for every AP course I am enrolled in.

Student Accountability: Students must maintain an 80/ B in each course to stay in the AP Academy. Students who drop below an 80/B will be placed on probation for the following nine weeks. If the average rises above an 80/ B, the student can continue in the program. If the average does not improve, the student will be taken out of the program.

Parent/Guardian: I understand the level of commitment and rigor required of AP courses. I agree to be familiar with and accept the AP course requirements and policies, and to help my student organize study time in support of class assignments. I will take the responsibility of contacting my student's teachers immediately of any concerns I might have regarding the class or my student's progress. I will encourage my student to attend tutoring and mentoring sessions.

Teacher: AP Academy teachers agree to teach the courses at the pace and rigor that *College Board* and the State of Georgia recommend. Teachers agree to monitor and assist students in a way that will enable students to be successful. Students and parents will be notified if work and/or assessments are unsatisfactory on a timely basis. Examples of unsatisfactory work include but are not limited to: low performance on daily work or assessments, failure to turn in major assignments, failure to do required homework on time, and/or failure to participate.

Exiting Policies

The WHS AP Academy courses have a no exit policy. Students and parents agree to complete each yearlong class in which the student enrolls. Exigent circumstances requiring withdrawal from an AP Academy course will result in withdrawal from the AP Academy as a whole.

Exam Policies

All AP students in WHS AP Academy will take the course corresponding College Board AP Exam(s) in May.