

# AP Chemistry Application 2020-2021



AP chemistry is a valuable course to have completed if you plan to enter a math/science/engineering field in college. This course, designed by the College Board, extends the topics covered in the Chemistry course offered at OHS. AP Chemistry leads to a deeper level of understanding of physical chemistry and provides opportunities to look at more challenging variations of problems. There are 16 major labs suggested by the Board that help students experience these concepts in hands on, memorable ways.

Reasons to take AP Chemistry are plentiful! It looks great on a transcript and might help you get in to more selective schools. With some scores on the AP exam, you may be allowed to waive a chemistry course requirement so you can move on to the next course on your list or choose something else entirely. This class will help you be more successful in chemistry courses at college. Many OHS graduates say that they feel so solid in their chemistry compared to many of the freshmen they meet. They often tutor their roommates! Taking this level of chemistry in a class where there is a maximum number of 30 students and a teacher that *truly cares* how you do is an experience that would be almost impossible to match at a college. You will learn to apply knowledge to new situations, synthesize information, write your own lab procedures, apply math skills, collaborate with others by drawing conclusions from shared lab results, use amazing digital equipment that is better than at many colleges and much, much more. This is NOT a course where a person can get by with simple memorization. The skills listed here will train you for success in college and in life!

Selection for admission to the AP Chemistry course is based on the following:

1. Earning a minimum of 90% in Chemistry class or the Chemistry Test out
2. A positive recommendation from your Chemistry teacher and other science and math teachers
3. A or B grades in previous science and math courses

Note: If you have not taken the Chemistry course at OHS or another high school but would like to take AP Chemistry, you **must take the chemistry test out exam in August and earn a minimum of 90%**. You cannot enroll for the AP Chemistry course this spring. AFTER you have passed the exam in August with a 90% or higher, you can add the course through the drops and adds process offered by the guidance office. Please note: MIVHS and LCC courses are NOT sufficient for admittance to AP Chemistry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chemistry Instructor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Or -

Planning to test out of chemistry:

(check if appropriate)

## FOR PARENTS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS

Okemos High School offers the Advanced Placement Program of studies for talented students who are capable of doing college level work. There is an application/selection process for admission to each Advanced Placement course. Students who take Advanced Placement courses are required to take the Advanced Placement Examination in that area which is given annually in May. The Advanced Placement exam is an integral part of the Advanced Placement course, and the content of that exam shapes the framework of the course. Students taking Advanced Placement courses are making a commitment to excellence, and the Advanced Placement Examination provides both a unity of purpose and the measure of integrity of the course experience. Fairness to all (the others in the class, the teacher, and the colleges seeing AP on a transcript) decrees that all students complete the requirements of the Advanced Placement course by taking the Advanced Placement Examination.

There is an Advanced Placement Examination fee that the student must pay. However, there is a fee waiver provision for any student who may have difficulty paying it. If a student has difficulty paying the fee, Mrs. Akers in the Counseling Office should be contacted and arrangements to discuss fee reduction or waiver will be made. Each year the College Board provides fee reductions for candidates who are unable to pay the full fee for each Advanced Placement AP Examination. Available funds are limited. Therefore, fee reductions should be requested only for those students whose financial needs are clear. The basic guidelines for financial need is membership in a low-income family.

**The fee for the Advanced Placement exam is due in September 2020. If the payment is not submitted by the due date, a late fee will be applied to each exam fee.**

**If a student withdraws from an Advanced Placement course, the colleges and universities to which the student has already applied will be informed of the change in the student's schedule.**

**I have read the above statement and agree to abide by it.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the above statement and am aware of and support the commitment made by my son/daughter to the requirements listed here and on the application form.**

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If a student fails to apply for an advanced placement course by the February deadline, that student's approval for AP enrollment will be based on the same criteria required of the February deadline but may also be limited by seat availability. (The number of sections offered is determined by on-time applications.) Late applications should be submitted to the AP teacher who will then conference with the advanced placement committee to determine whether or not the late applicant will be placed on the approved list. Placement on the "approved list" does not ensure placement in the course if seats are not available. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students meet the AP application deadline.