

## Application for enrollment in AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

AP Computer Science Principles offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation. The course will introduce students to the creative aspects of programming, abstractions, algorithms, large data sets, the Internet, cybersecurity concerns, and computing impacts. AP Computer Science Principles will give students the opportunity to use technology to address real-world problems and build relevant solutions. Together, these aspects of the course make up a rigorous and rich curriculum that aims to broaden participation in computer science. The curriculum focuses on the innovative aspects of computing as well as the computational thinking practices that help students see how computing is relevant to many areas of their everyday lives.

The AP Computer Science Principles assessment consists of two parts: completion of through-course performance tasks and the end-of-course AP Exam. Both of these will measure student achievement of the course learning objectives. For the through-course assessment, students will upload digital artifacts and written responses via a Web-based digital portal.

AP Computer Science Principles students will receive a final exam score of 1-5 based on two through-course performance tasks submitted online and a multiple-choice paper-and-pencil exam administered during the AP Exam administration in May.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current math course information (Pre-requisite is Algebra I):

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Semester I grade \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that this is a rigorous course requiring extra study and preparation time, and I am able and willing to commit the time required. I also understand that part of the requirement of the Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles course is to take the AP examination, and I agree to do so.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

**Please have a parent or guardian read this information, and sign to indicate awareness and support of this application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

## 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.