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An Introduction to the Advanced Placement[®] Program

Parkway South High School



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Welcome

Parkway South High is committed to every student's success. We believe access to college-level studies such as Advanced Placement (AP) plays an important role in that success.

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What Are Advanced Placement Courses?



The Basics

- AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school.
- Courses reflect what is taught in introductory college courses.
- Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work.
- Students can typically earn college credit and/or placement into honors or advanced courses when they score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

Parkway South High's AP Courses

- **Arts:** 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Drawing, Art History, Music Theory
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Human Geography, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History: Modern
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2: Algebra-Based, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World Languages and Cultures:** French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture

AP at Parkway South High



- There are more students enrolled in AP classes than there are that take the AP exam for that course. At South High, taking the AP exam is optional. It is the student's decision.
- Looking at the exam an score numbers for the past 5 years:
 - Number of exams taken in 2020: 708
 - ▶ 78% of students earned a score of a 3, 4, or 5
 - Number of exam taken in 2019: 803
 - ▶ 75% of students earned a score of a 3, 4, or 5
 - Number of exams taken in 2018: 810
 - ▶ 80% of students earned a score of a 3, 4, or 5
 - Number of exams taken in 2017: 658
 - ▶ 76% of students earned a score of a 3, 4, or 5
 - Number of exams taken in 2016: 633
 - ▶ 79% of students earned a score of a 3, 4, or 5



Benefits of Taking AP

A Head Start in High School

Research consistently shows that AP students are better prepared for college than students who don't take AP. They're more likely to enroll and stay in college, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years.



Get a Taste of College

Get familiar with college-level work—and boost your confidence by tackling it.



Develop College Skills

Time management, critical thinking, scholarly writing—AP courses help you hone the skills you'll need in college and career.



Discover Your Passion

Studying a subject in depth could give you new insights and even put you on the path to a career.



Boost GPA <Include this bullet if applicable>

Our school offers a GPA boost to students who take AP courses and/or exams. This helps students stand out on college applications and stay motivated to take AP courses.

An Edge in College

Taking AP courses in high school could give you an advantage in college.



Earn College Credit

Your AP score could earn you college credits before you even set foot on campus.



Stand Out to Colleges

“AP” on your high school transcript shows colleges you’ve tackled college-level work.



Earn Placement in Advanced or Honors Courses

Your AP score can let you skip introductory courses in college.

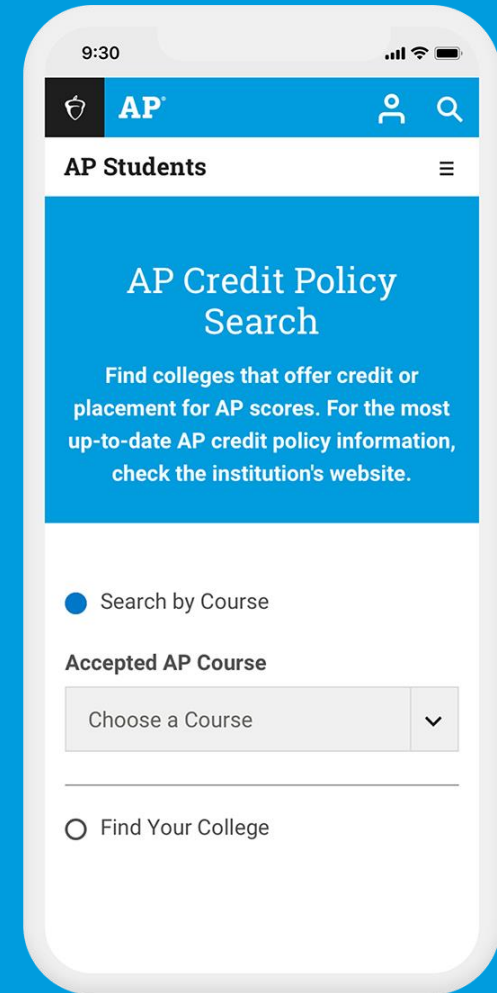


Save Money and Time

Earning credit or placement can free up time on your schedule or even let you graduate early.

Credit and Placement Opportunities

- Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP credit and placement.
- Find colleges that grant credit, placement, or both for AP Exam scores at collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy
 - Search by course or college
 - Data for each college includes a direct link to that college's website detailing AP credit and placement policies
 - A statement from the college or university about its AP policy



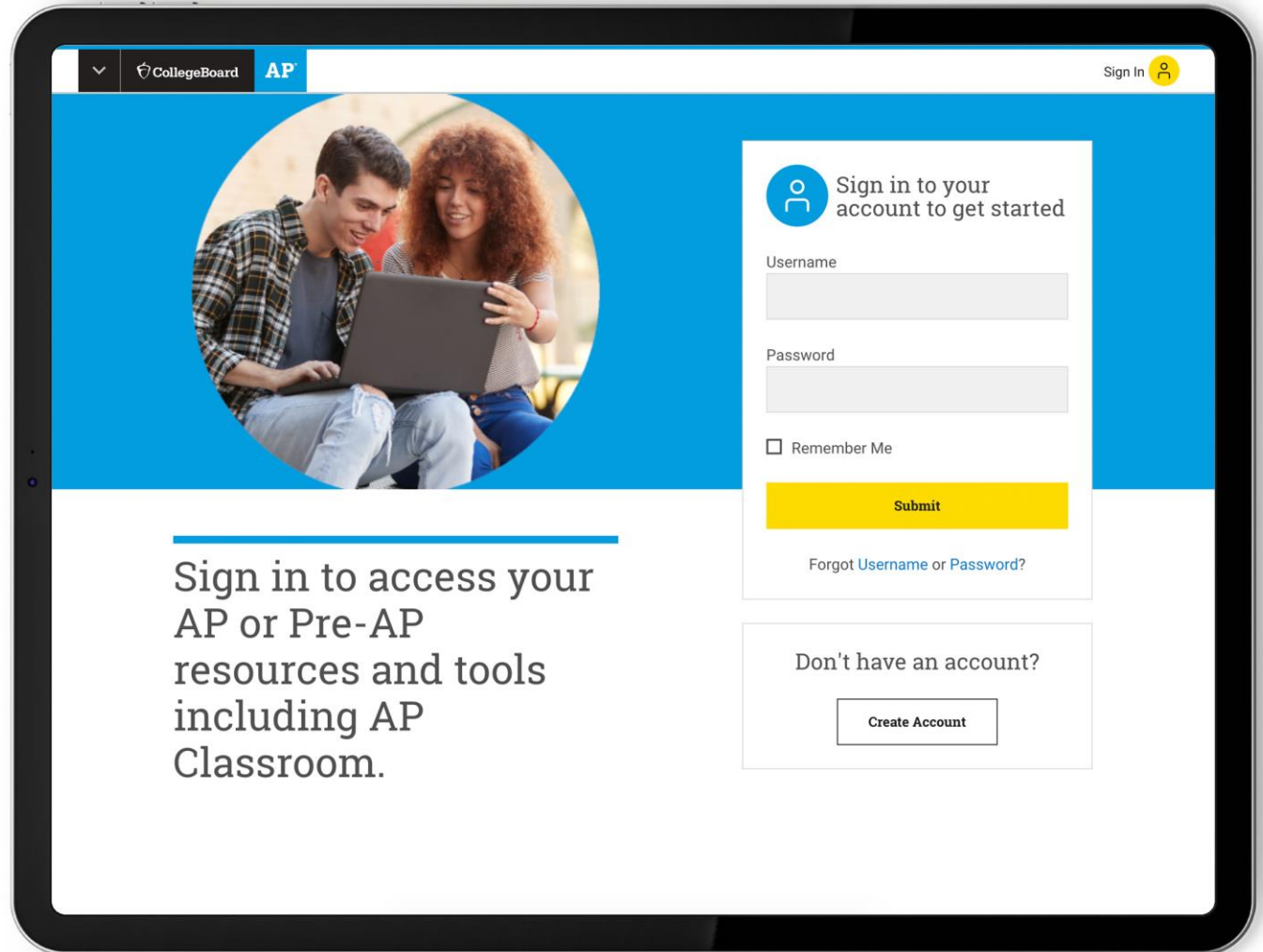


Resources and Supports for Student Learning

Sign in to access AP Resources

myap.collegeboard.org

- AP Classroom is an online resource that helps students improve their performance all year long.
- It's mobile friendly, so students can access it anytime, anywhere, once they've joined the class online.
- AP Classroom includes:
 - AP Daily Videos
 - Practice Questions
 - Personal Progress Checks
 - Progress Dashboard



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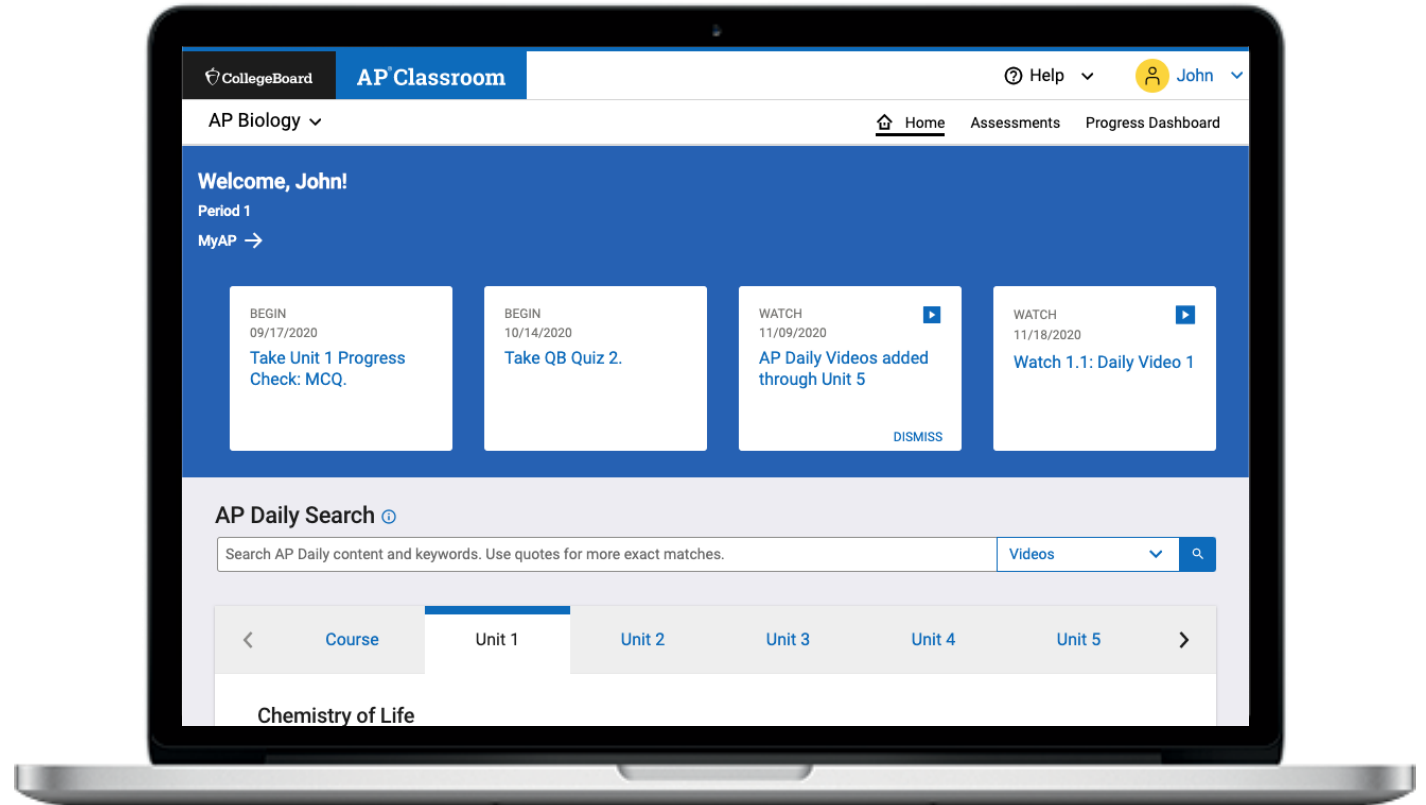
Don't have an account?

Create Account

Sign in to access your AP or Pre-AP resources and tools including AP Classroom.

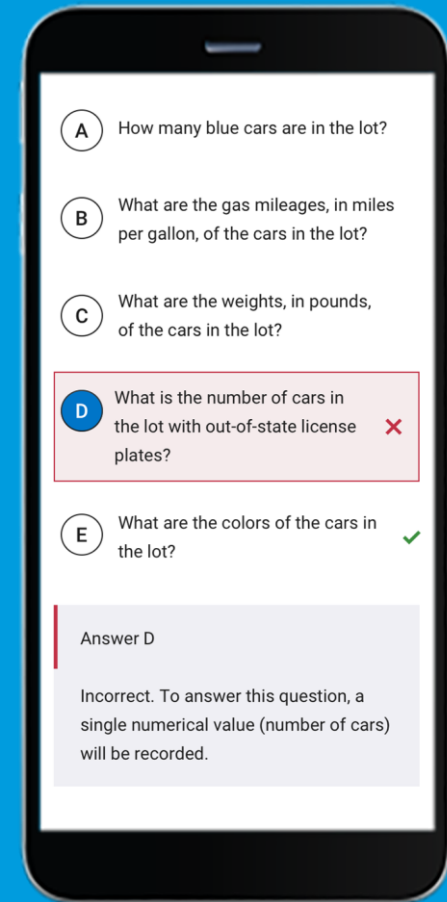
AP Daily Videos

- Short learning videos on every topic in every unit for targeted support to help students build knowledge and skills
- Roughly eight minutes in length
- Two or three videos for every topic and skill pairing within a given unit
- Led by expert AP teachers
- Accessible anytime from anywhere by students to get answers to questions the moment they have them



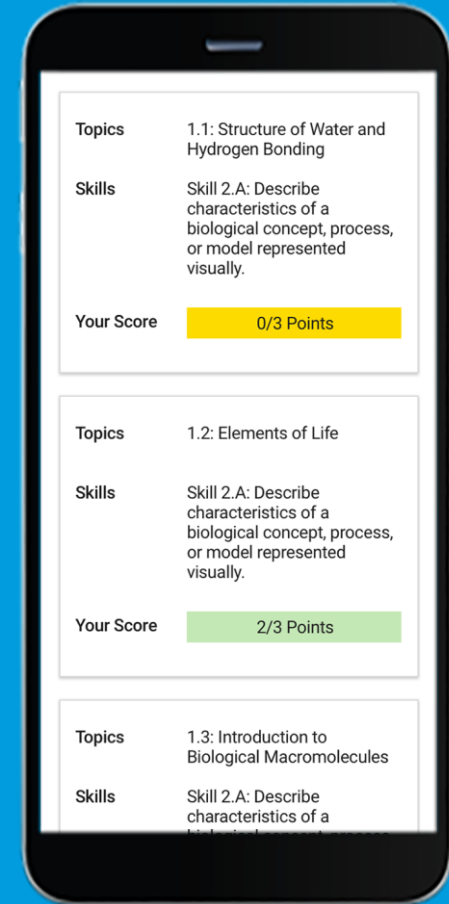
Practice Questions

- Topic Questions provide students with practice applying the content and skills for each topic within a unit.
- Topic Questions give teachers and students just-in-time feedback and insights into student misunderstandings.
- Students can complete these quick checks for understanding from their cell phone, a tablet, and a computer.
- Responses give students and their teachers insights into how they're progressing in the course.



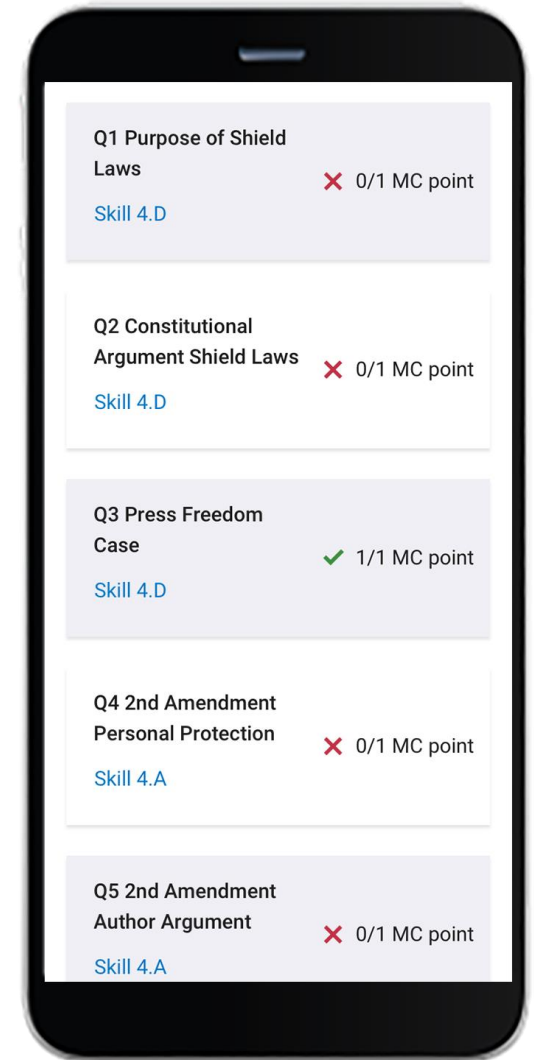
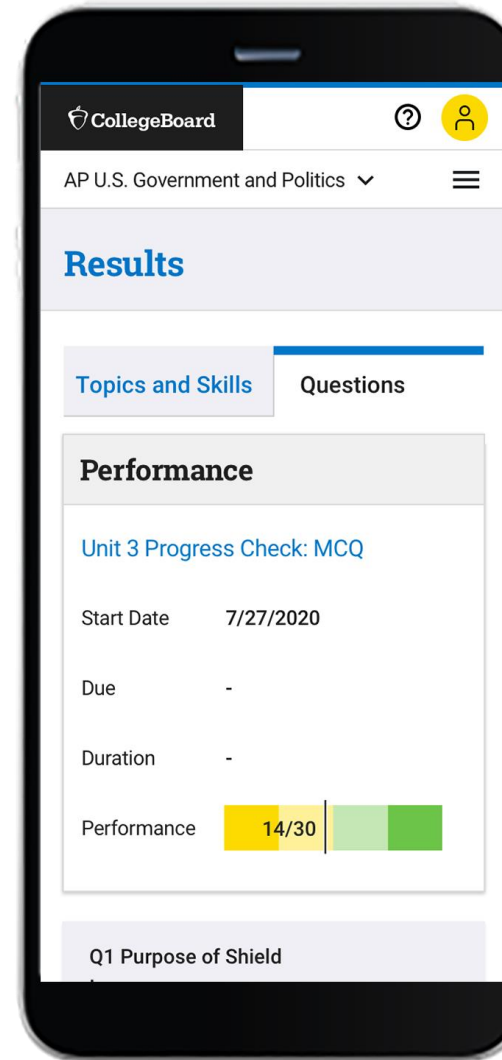
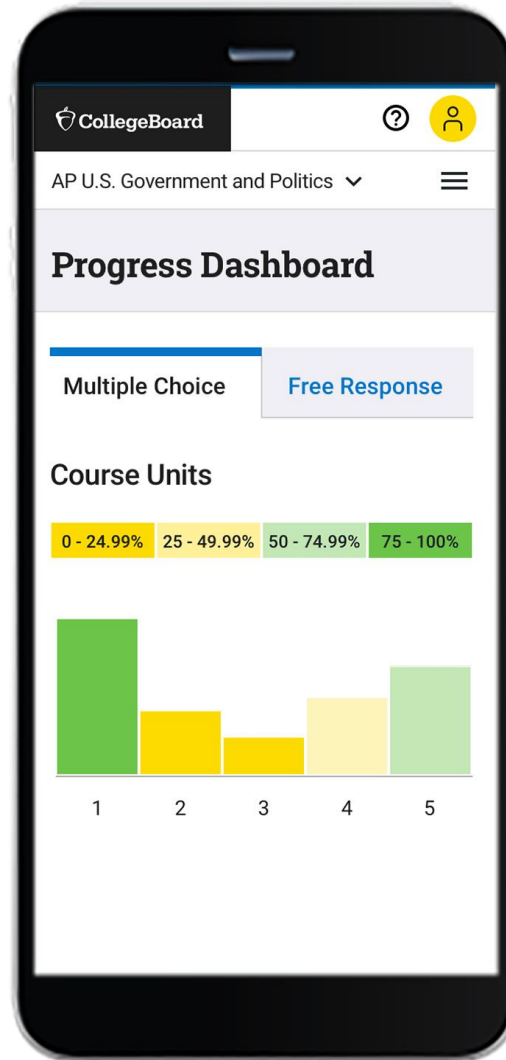
Personal Progress Checks

- Real-time feedback on the topics and skills in each unit as the teacher unlocks progress checks
- Formative assessments of college-level knowledge and skills designed to:
 - gauge student progress over time
 - highlight areas of strength
 - identify areas students need to work on or get support for
- Personal Progress Checks are assigned at the end of each unit, after students have learned the unit's topics and skills



Student Progress Dashboard

- Enables students to view their progress, unit by unit
- Allows students to celebrate successes and focus on areas of growth





AP Exams

About AP Exams



- Standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course
- Fall registration
- Administered by schools worldwide every year in the spring
- Created and scored by teams of AP teachers and college professors



The Reality of AP

Myths and Facts About AP

Myth #1 – AP courses are for students who always get good grades.

Reality – You don't need to be top of your class to be an AP student, but you'll want to be prepared for the AP course you choose. AP courses ask that you come willing to do your best work.

Myth #4 – Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.

Reality – *<Describe any extra weighting for AP course grades that your school may offer.>* Taking AP courses show colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.

Myth #2 – AP courses are too hard and stressful.

Reality – AP classes can be challenging, but that doesn't mean you're not up to the task. If you're willing to work hard and if you're prepared academically, you should be able to succeed in an AP course.

Myth #5 – I'm not sure AP is for me. How do I know if I'm ready?

Reality – If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself—talk to a teacher or counselor.

Myth #3 – I don't think I'll score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.

Reality – Many colleges grant credit, placement, or both based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

Myth #6 – The final step in your AP journey is taking the AP Exam.

Reality – Every year that you take AP Exams, you can send one score report for free to the college, university, or scholarship organization of your choice. Be sure to take this important last step.



Next Steps

- Decide which AP courses are right for you:
 - What subjects do you enjoy most?
 - Which subjects do you excel in?
 - Have you completed the course prerequisites?
- Talk to your teachers and counselor.
- Talk to other students who have taken AP courses
- Deadline to register for AP courses: <Insert your school's deadline. Include any specific steps students need to take to register.>

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