

## Heritage High School Advanced Placement Agreement

We have read and discussed the expectations and requirements for involvement in the Advanced Placement program at Heritage High School. (The complete handbook is located on the Heritage website under the Academic tab.) We understand that these expectations and requirements include:

- Enrollment in the AP course for the whole year
- Completion of summer course requirements
- Regular assignment completion
- Active participation in class discussions and activities
- Required AP exams for all courses in which the student is enrolled
  - If exam is not taken or if course is dropped, student will not receive weighted GPA
- Payment of all fees required for AP involvement. These fees include:
  - Course fees
  - Fees for AP exams \$92 (\$139 for AP Seminar and AP Research)
  - \$15 per exam non-refundable fee, paid in August and applied to the May exam fee
  - Purchase of AP textbooks, if required

Please return this agreement with all signatures to your counselor on the date you will be in the computer lab to register for classes. Failure to return the AP Agreement will result in student not being placed in an AP course.

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Advanced Placement Reality Check

This worksheet is meant to engender some serious thinking on your part about your schedule for next year. We would like you to think about your priorities and how you would like your life to unfold next school year. We encourage you to stretch academically, to participate in other activities and to be healthy. Answer these questions truthfully, talk to your parents, teachers, counselors, peers, and do some research about what particular schools want to see. We sincerely encourage you to get all the information that you can and then make the best informed decision for you.

## Why am I considering an AP Course?

### **The right reasons:**

- Love the subject
- Want to learn more about the subject
- Want to go into more depth in this area
- Want to challenge myself

### **Other reasons:**

- Looks good on my college app
- All of my friends are taking it
- I am feeling pressured to take it

## Is there summer work to prepare for the class and do I have time to devote to it during the summer?

Talk with the teacher for the course or view the summer work posted on the Heritage website under the Academics tab and Advanced Placement.

## How much time do I have to devote to one or more AP Course during the school year?

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| Do I have a job?                            | Hours per day _____       |
| Do I participate in a sport or activity?    | Hours per day _____       |
| Do I do volunteer work?                     | Hours per day _____       |
| Do I have responsibilities at home?         | Hours per day _____       |
| Time required to do well in each AP Course. | Hours per day _____       |
|   | Total hours per day _____ |

## Questions to consider and discuss before I register.

Before you meet with your counselor, be sure that you have seriously considered the following questions and discussed them with your parents. While no one expects to be overwhelmed by too many commitments, it does tend to happen, even to the best of us.

-  Am I taking the course(s) for the right reasons?
-  Do I have enough time in the day for all of my commitments?
-  How committed am I to doing well in this course if it proves a challenge for me?
-  Have I considered the cumulative effect of taking multiple honors/AP courses?
-  What will happen if this course load is difficult and I cannot change my schedule?
  -  Would I be willing to adjust hours or give up a job?
  -  Would I be willing to drop a sport or activity?
  -  Would I be satisfied with a grade less than a B?