

**Halton Catholic District School
Board**

**Corpus Christi Catholic
Secondary School**

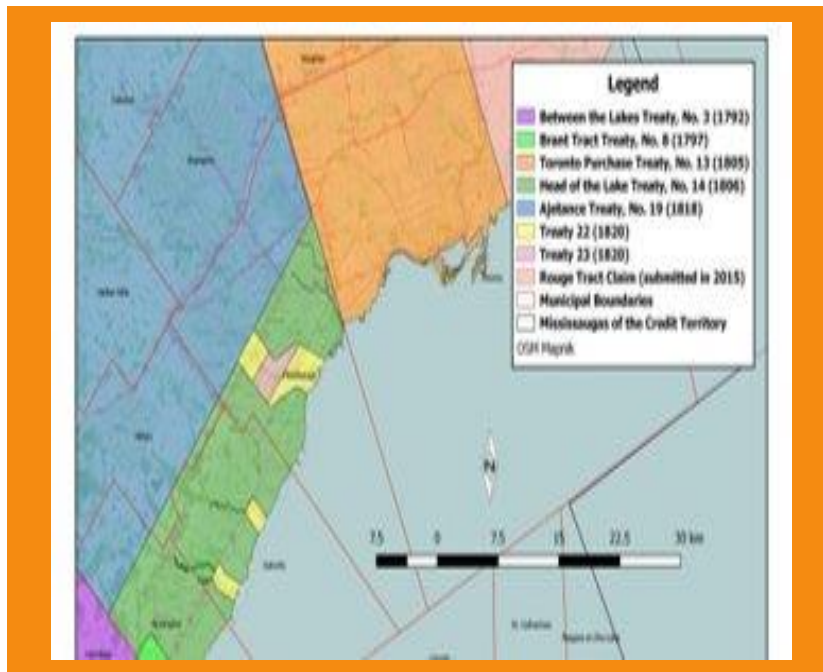
**THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT
PROGRAM**

Achieving Believing Belonging

***Loving God,
Our Creator, our friend, our companion,
Bless our journey of learning.
Refresh our souls and renew our spirits.***

***Lead us in paths of wisdom,
compassion and understanding.
Bless us with an enduring love of learning.
May the Holy Spirit flow freely
through the classrooms and halls
of our school; through the rooms and
gardens of our homes and workplaces.
Together in His name,
Amen***

Land Acknowledgement



Halton, as we know it today, is rich in the history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the lands of the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis, these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. As we gather today on these treaty lands, our Catholic Social Teaching call us into Solidarity with Indigenous brothers and sisters to honour and respect the four directions, lands, waters, plants, animals and ancestors who walked before us. All these wonderful elements of creation exist, gifted to us by our Creator God. We acknowledge and thank the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this traditional territory.

The Advanced Placement Program

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Corpus Christi School Culture



- Catholic Caring Community
- Strong Home/School/Parish Relationships
- Parent Engagement and Student Voice
- High Academic Standards
- Extracurricular activities/Sports

What is Advanced Placement?

AP Preparation and AP courses provide:

- topics and material studied in greater depth
- opportunities for enriched learning that go beyond facts and figures
- learning environment built on critical thinking and application of concepts
- rich course material
- thought provoking classroom discussion
- assignments – enhanced rigor
- development of knowledge and enhanced critical thinking skills
- AP courses offer university level content to students at the Grade 12 level.





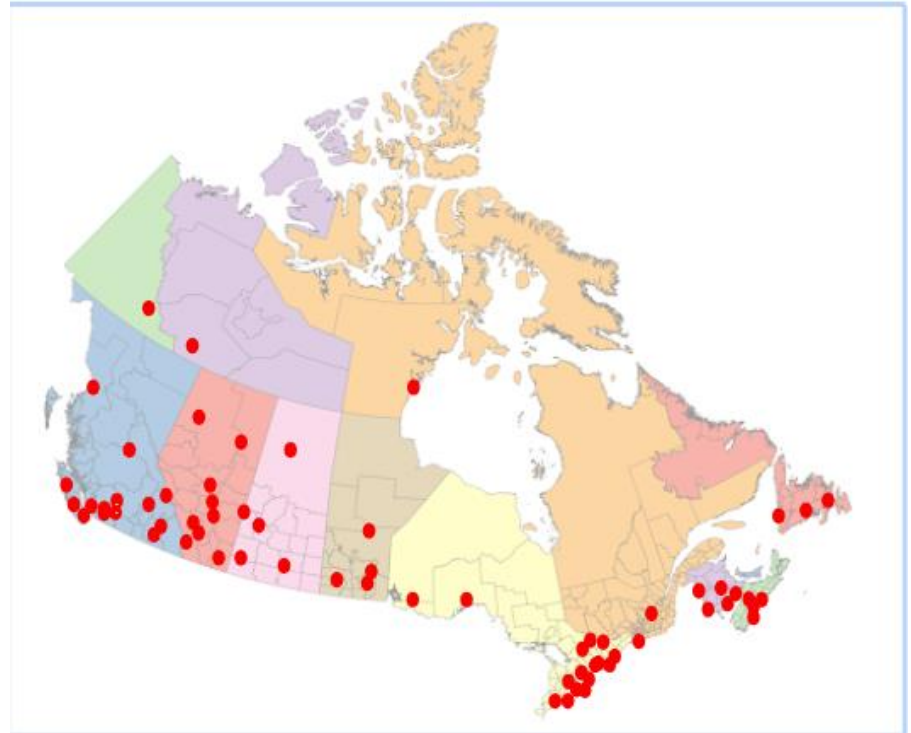
What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement[®](AP) Program **helps students connect with university opportunities globally.**

- University-level courses taken in secondary school.
- End-of-course assessment externally developed and scored by university faculty and experienced AP teachers.
- Recognized by universities in more than 60 countries for admission.
- Advanced standing granted by universities in the U.S. and Canada.

Advanced Placement in Canada

- 32,014 students from 580 schools participated in AP
- 100,000+ students from 800+ schools in 250+ communities participated in **AP pathway courses**
- Students from every province & territory
- Advanced Credit granted by every English-speaking university



A National Survey of Canadian AP Students

Participation

- 465 students (Ontario, BC, and Alberta)
- Fall/Spring 2022/23 (2nd year university students)

Results

- 93% of students said taking at least one AP course significantly reduced the stress of their first year of university
- 94% of students said that AP gave them an advantage over their peers in the same class
- 98% of students said they would take AP again in high school if given the chance



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY



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ALBERTA



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TORONTO

University of
Waterloo



Western



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The Grade 12 AP Program

AP exams planned for Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School are:

English Literature and Composition (ENG 4UA)

Chemistry (SCH 4UA)

Biology (SBI 4UA)

Calculus AB (MHF 4UA & MCV 4UA)

Other possible courses based on interest:

Geography (CGW 4UA)

History (CHY 4UA)

Physics (SPH 4UA)



What is AP Preparation?

The AP Preparation courses are an advanced series of courses that are designed to be a rigorous preparation for the AP courses and exams in grade 12. These courses also prepare students for success in university. They are intended to be challenging, but the benefits to students are well worth it.



The Grade 9 AP Preparation Program

The Grade 9 AP Prep Program at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School will offer:



English (ENG1WA)

French (FSF 1DA)

Geography (CGC1DA)

**Mathematics
(MTH1WA)**

Science (SNC1WA)

*minimum of 1 course per year

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The Grade 10 AP Preparation Program

The Grade 10 AP Prep Program at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School will offer:



English (ENG2DA)

History (CHC2DA)

Mathematics (MPM 2DA)

Science (SNC 2DA)

*minimum of 1 course per year

Alignment of AP with the Ontario Curriculum

The AP curriculum significantly builds on the Ontario secondary school curriculum in the indicated subjects

Students in AP prep courses complete academic (9/10) or university prep (11/12) curriculum with appropriate extensions

The courses in grades 9-12 are designed to prepare students to write the AP Exams in grade 12



Assessment and Evaluation



- ✓ Students will be evaluated according to the Ministry's assessment and evaluation policy documents.
- ✓ Students will be evaluated on the appropriate grade level curriculum expectations.
- ✓ Teachers of AP preparation and AP courses attend additional AP training.
- ✓ The course mark as determined above, will be multiplied by 1.05 to determine the mark that will be reported on the Provincial Report Card.

Looking Ahead: AP Exams and Scores in Grade 12

AP exams are written in May in your own school. They are distributed by the College Board and administered by the school.

Each AP exam mark is a weighted combination of the student's scores on the multiple-choice section 50% and the open response section 50%.

The final mark is reported on a 5-point scale:

- 5 = extremely well qualified**
- 4 = well qualified**
- 3 = qualified**
- 2 = possibly qualified**
- 1 = no recommendation**

The submission of AP exam results is determined by the student.



Transitions for AP Students from High School to University

- Depth
- Breadth
- Academic Preparation
- Time Management
- Catholic Graduate Expectations
- Exam Preparation



HCDSB AP Students Testimonials



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What are some characteristics of a successful AP student?



ORGANIZATION

SELF-MOTIVATION

ENTHUSIASM
FOR SUBJECT

GROWTH
MINDSET

LEARNING SKILLS
AND WORK
HABITS

LOOKING FOR A
CHALLENGE

INTERESTED IN
LEARNING

TIME
MANAGEMENT

COLLABORATION

Scholarships

Scholarships totaling over \$100,000 awarded to HCDSB AP graduates.
Various programs that our AP graduates have entered:

Ottawa Life Sciences

Waterloo Mechatronics

Waterloo Bio Medical

Waterloo Mechanical Engineering

Toronto (UTM) History

Queens Commerce

Queens Engineering

McMaster Engineering

American Universities and NCAA Athletics



**99.7%
SUCCESS
RATE FOR
OUR STUDENTS
IN AP**

**\$1.3 MILLION IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
REPORTED BY
BISHOP REDING
AP STUDENTS**

**82% OF STUDENTS
ARE QUALIFIED TO
EARN UNIVERSITY
CREDITS BEFORE
LEAVING
BISHOP REDING**

STUDENT SUCCESS



Advanced Placement (AP) Credit Policies at Ontario Universities

Most universities have an AP credit policy that states:

- the maximum number of university credits a student may earn through AP testing (often 2 – 3, but sometimes more)
- the minimum score required to earn a university credit (usually a 4 or a 5 out of 5).

<https://universityadmissions.ca/ap-credit-policies/>

Important Dates to Note



- **Dec. 5, 20223**
AP Application Opens
- **Jan 19, 2024**
AP Application Deadline
- **Beginning of Feb. 2024**
AP Decision Emailed

**Parents will be notified of Committee decision through the email provided in your online AP Application.

Admission Process and Required Paperwork

AP Application Deadline: January 19, 2024

AP Admission is based on the following:

- Grade 7 June report card to be submitted with application
- Evaluation of Learning Skills and Work Habits on Grade 7 June report card
- May require Grade 8 mid-terms for final acceptance

******* Students applying from outside of HCDSB –in addition to the AP Application, will be required to complete the registration process. Further information on how to register will be provided upon acceptance to the program.

GR 9 AP PREP APPLICATION

Corpus Christi's AP Application will be completed online. This is for students who are currently in grade 8 and will be entering grade 9 in September, 2023.

Online Application Check-list:

- Complete and submit the online AP Application posted on Corpus Christi's website
- Scan your child's grade 7 June report card to a PDF file. Follow instructions provided in the Grade 9 AP Preparation Application
- Include any relevant information about your child's progress by the end of grade 7.
- If your child is not currently attending one of Corpus Christi or Notre Dame's family of schools, you are asked to complete the online Registration to attend Corpus Christi CSS. This is to be completed in addition to the online AP Application.
- Upon acceptance, we will contact you to finalize registration.

The AP Application can be found on our website between Dec. 2 - Dec. 22, 2022

Transportation

- The AP preparation and AP programs are specialized optional programs.
- As per HCDSB Policy 1-04: Transportation is only provided for students living within the Corpus Christi boundaries who qualify for bussing according to board policies.
- As per HCDSB Policy 1-04: Cross Boundary students attending the AP preparation or AP program DO NOT require a cross boundary form.
- Cross Boundary AP preparation and AP students are responsible for their own transportation.
- Visit www.haltonbus.ca if you have any questions related to bussing..



For Additional Information

Visit the College Board website for Canadian AP Schools:

<http://apcanada.collegeboard.org/>

- ❑ A list of Canadian schools participating in AP programs. (i.e. U of T, UW, Western, Queens)
- ❑ Data regarding the participation of students throughout Canada
- ❑ Research with respect to student achievement and AP
- ❑ AP preparation and AP course outlines and resources
- ❑ AP exam descriptions

AP courses are recognized

- ✓ by 90% of post-secondary institutions in North America
- ✓ by over 600 universities in over 60 countries around the world

Closing Reminders

If you have any questions about the AP Program or the application process, please reach out to Mrs. Serafim (serafimc@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Papa (papad@hcdsb.org).

This presentation, along with any links we shared, will be posted to Corpus Christi's website for your reference.

Thank you for joining us and we hope this has been an informative presentation.