



**Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School**  
Advanced Placement (AP) Programme



# **The Advanced Placement Program**

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# Honouring the Land and Territory



***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.  
Amen***



# Presentation Agenda

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# Greetings From Our Principal

Catholic Graduate Expectations



Academic Excellence



# Holy Trinity School Culture



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

# What is Advanced Placement?



- Advanced Placement (AP) is an internationally recognized program that allows students to enrich the Ontario Curriculum with the goal of achieving university accreditation while enrolled at Holy Trinity CSS.
- **AP** courses are offered in **grades 9 – 12**.
- **Grade 12.** Courses are audited by the AP College Board and include writing AP exams in May and June of that year.



# What is Advanced Placement?



- Grade 9-12 enrichment courses
- Aim of courses: prepare students to successfully write standardized exams for potential first year university course credit
- For consideration in earning university credit students must achieve 3 or better out of 5 on an exam
- Overseen by the College Board, an internationally recognized U.S. non-profit membership association.

# AP Courses

AP courses provide:

- topics and material studied in greater depth
- enriched learning opportunities
- thought-provoking discussion
- interaction with other motivated learners
- The focus is not to create more work, but a different kind of work that challenges a student's higher order thinking skills.
- AP courses offer university level content to students at the Grade 12 level.



# What is AP Preparation?



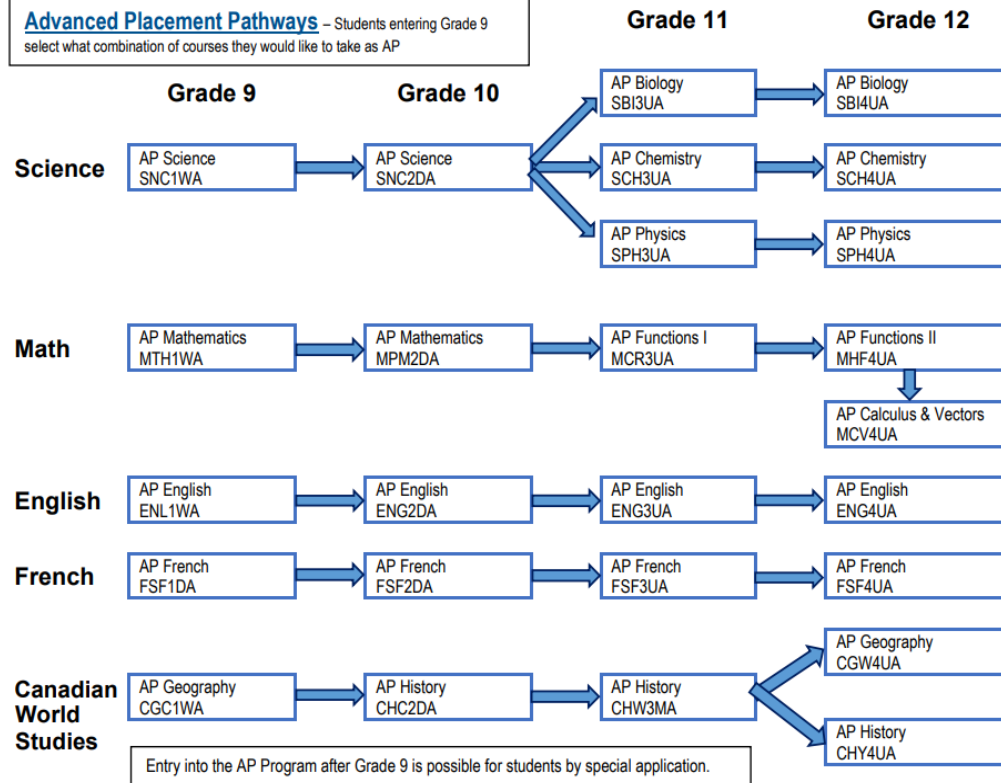
- AP Preparation (Pre-AP) courses are an advanced series of courses for students to help begin preparing for university.
- The Pre-AP Program begins in Grade 9 with classes in which students study both the Ontario Curriculum and the Advanced Placement Curriculum.
- They are designed to be a rigorous preparation for AP courses in grade 12. The courses are intended to be challenging, but the benefits to students are well worth it.
- The program offers students the flexibility to select the number of pre-AP and AP classes that best serve their academic needs.

# The Grade 9 AP Preparation Program

| Grade 9            | Grade 10             | Grade 11             | Grade 12              |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| English (ENL1WA)   | English (ENG2DA)     | English (ENG3UA)     | English (ENG4UA)      |
| Math (MTH1WA)      | Math (MPM2DA)        | Functions (MCR3UA)   | Functions II (MHF4UA) |
| Science (SNC1WA)   | Science (SNC2DA)     | Biology (SBI3UA)     | Calculus (MCV4UA)     |
| French (FSF1DA)    | French (FSF2DA)      | Chemistry (SCH3UA)   | Biology (SBI4UA)      |
| Geography (CGC1WA) | History (CHC2DA)     | Physics (SPH3UA)     | Chemistry (SCH4UA)    |
|                    | AP Capstone (HRE2OA) | French (FSF3UA)      | Physics (SPH4UA)      |
|                    |                      | History (CHW3MA)     | French (FSF4UA)       |
|                    |                      | AP Capstone (HSE4MA) | Geography (CGW4UA)    |
|                    |                      |                      | History (CHY4UA)      |
|                    |                      |                      | AP Capstone (HRE4MA)  |

❖ Eight courses are required to complete the grade 9 timetable

**Advanced Placement Pathways** – Students entering Grade 9  
select what combination of courses they would like to take as AP



# Alignment of AP with the Ontario Curriculum



The AP curriculum and the Ontario secondary school curriculum overlap to a very large extent. Students in AP prep courses complete academic (9/10) or university (11/12) curriculum with appropriate extensions designed to prepare the student for writing the AP exams. Preparation for the exams is built into the program from Grade 9 through 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.

# Characteristics of an AP student:



- Highly able learners looking to be challenged
- Students with a passion for learning
- Self-motivated learners with strong communication and analytical skills
- Passionate about learning
- Well organized with good time management skills
- High academic achiever



# The Grade 12 AP Program

AP exams planned for Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School are:

| Grade 12                         |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| English Literature & Composition | (ENG4UA)             |
| Geography                        | (CGW4UA)             |
| History                          | (CHY4UA)             |
| Calculus AB                      | (MHF4UA)<br>(MCV4UA) |
| Biology                          | (SBI4UA)             |
| Chemistry                        | (SCH4UA)             |
| Physics                          | (SPH4UA)             |
| French Language                  | (FSF4UA)             |

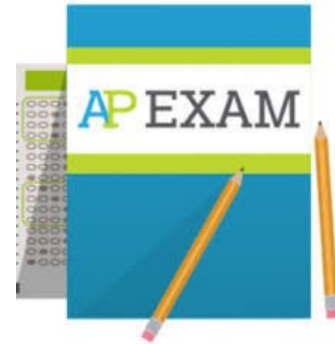


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# AP Exams and Scores

- Written in May at Holy Trinity.
- 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:

| Grade | Meaning                  |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 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.

# Advanced Placement (AP) Credit Policies at Ontario Universities

Most universities have an AP credit policy that states:

- both 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/>

# Transitions for AP Students from High School to University

- Depth of course material
- Academic Preparation
- Time Management
- Exam Preparation

# Scholarships

**Scholarships totaling over \$100 000 awarded to HCDSB AP graduates over the years.**

**Various programs that our AP graduates have entered:**

Ottawa Life Sciences

Waterloo Mechatronics

Waterloo Biomedical

Waterloo Mechanical Engineering

Toronto (UTM) History

Queens Commerce

Queens Engineering

McMaster Engineering

American Universities and NCAA Athletics



# GR 9 AP APPLICATION

Holy Trinity's AP Application can be completed online between

**November 8th - December 6th, 2024**

(This is for students who are currently in grade 8 and will be entering grade 9 in September 2025).

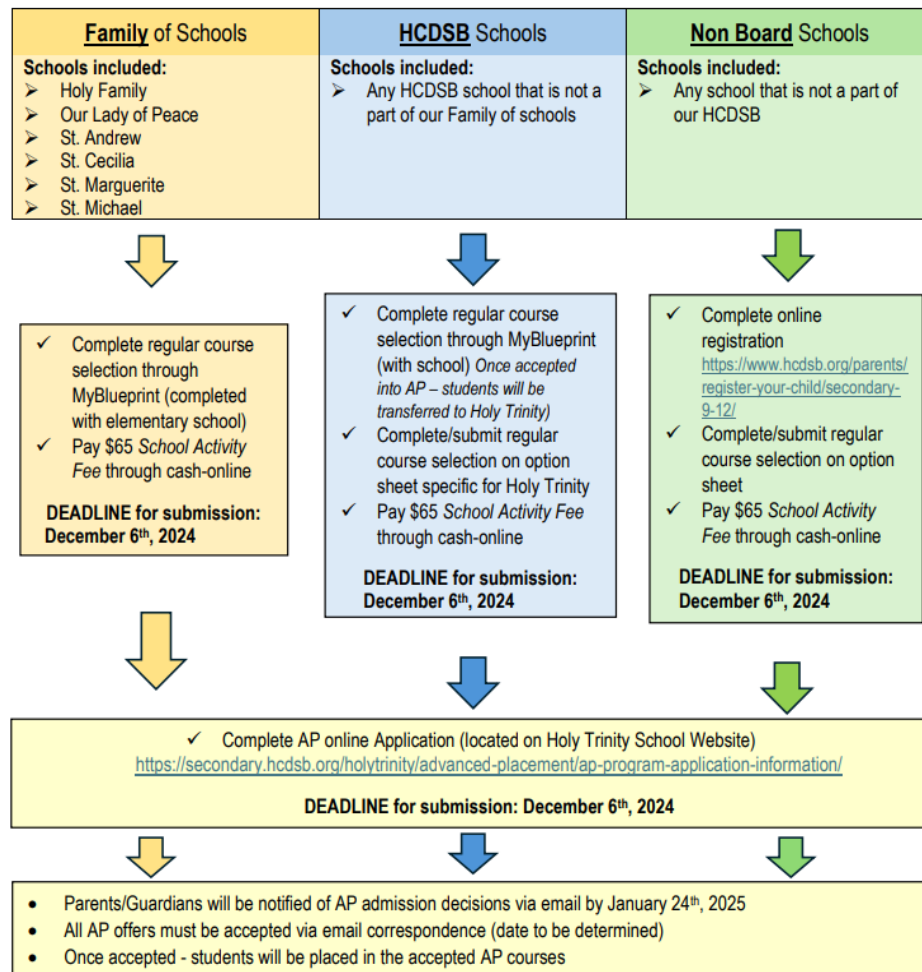
**In order to complete the AP online application you will require:**

- An active gmail account
- Your child's grade 7 final June report card scanned in a pdf file  
(You will also need access to a copy of this June report card as you complete the application)

The AP online application can be accessed on our school Website under Advanced Placement: <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/holytrinity/>

**\*Please note the Holy Trinity School Registration package is a SEPARATE application and must also be submitted by December 6th. Please see our school website for more information.**

# Holy Trinity Advanced Placement Registration Process



# Admission Process and Required Documentation

**AP Application due date: December 6th, 2024**

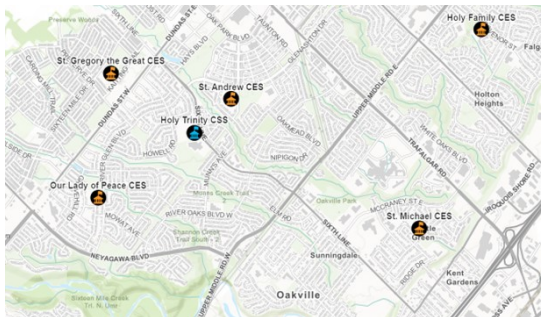
**AP Admission is based on:**

- Grade 7 June report card to be submitted with application.
- Evaluation of Learning Skills on Grade 7 June report card. These grades must be maintained in their Grade 8 year.
- Holy Trinity Registration Forms must be fully completed and submitted.
- Parents will be notified of admission decision via email on January 24th, 2025.



# Cross Boundary

- Holy Trinity accepts cross-boundary students who are accepted and remain enrolled in the AP program
- Cross boundary students who withdraw from the AP program will be directed to their home school
- Cross boundary siblings of AP students cannot attend Holy Trinity unless also registered in the AP program.
- Visit <https://schoolplanning.hcdsb.org/find-your-school/> to check if you live within our school boundary.



# Transportation

- The AP program is a specialized optional program.
- As per HCDSB Policy 1-04: Transportation is only provided for students living within the Holy Trinity boundaries who qualify for bussing according to board policies.
- As per HCDSB Policy 1-04: Cross Boundary students attending the AP program DO NOT require a cross boundary form.
- **Cross Boundary AP students are responsible for their own transportation.**
- Students in a specialized program who “OPT OUT” of the AP program will be required to return to their home school.
- Visit [www.haltonbus.ca](http://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 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 55 countries around the world

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. Are there any fees associated with the AP program?**

Yes, there is a one-time fee of \$150 upon acceptance into the program. Beyond this initial fee, there are no additional program costs, aside from the AP exam fees in Grade 12.

## **2. How much homework can a student expect as part of the AP program?**

The short answer is that there is generally the same amount of homework for students in AP Prep/AP as in an academic program.

## **3. Can I join the AP Program in grade 10?**

There are limited spaces available in grade 10. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis with feedback from their grade 9 teachers and report card.

## **4. Can I be a part of both the Extended French and AP Programs?**

Yes, but students who chose Extended French, cannot select AP Geography and French as these courses are bundled in the Extended French Certificate Program.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **5. How do you decide how students are admitted to the AP program?**

A committee reviews the applications and makes a determination. The decision is based on a combination of learning skills and level four marks. There is no entrance test for the AP program.

## **6. When is the deadline to submit applications?**

The application for Grade 9 is due December 6, 2024

## **7. How many students do you let into the program in each grade?**

We receive many applications for the AP program. Each application is reviewed independently. We accept all students who meet the application criteria

# Questions?

If you have any further questions with respect to our AP program please contact us at [htap@hcdsb.org](mailto:htap@hcdsb.org)

If you would like to receive **general Holy Trinity school** information please scan the QR code.

\*Please note that all AP specific information with respect to your child's application will be communicated via the email you provide on the AP Application.

