

# The Advanced Placement Program

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic  
Secondary School



# 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<sup>®</sup> (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.

# The Grade 12 AP Program

St. Kateri will be starting the AP-Preparation courses for grade 9 students starting September 2024. We will be implementing further courses as the cohort advances each grade. More information will be available in October 2024.

**IB Students will be eligible to write AP exams in grade 12 without taking the courses.**

**ALL AP students MUST take AP Religion on top of selected AP courses**

## Grade 9 – AP-Prep Courses (September 2024)

- English (ENL1WA)
- French (FSF1DA)
- Geography (CGC1WA)
- Mathematics (MTH1WA)
- Science (SNC1WA)
- Religion (HRE1OA – Capstone Preparation 1)

# Grade 10 – AP-Prep Courses (Tentative for September 2025)

- Art (AVI2OA)
- Computer Engineering (TEJ2OA)
- English (ENG2DA)
- French (FSF2DA)
- History (CHC2DA)
- Mathematics (MPM2DA)
- Religion (HRE2OA – Capstone Preparation)
- Science (SNC2DA)



# 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.

# 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.**

# 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/>



# GR 9 AP PREP APPLICATION

St. Kateri Application will be completed **online**. This is for students who are currently in grade 8 and will be entering grade 9 in September 2025

## Online Application Check-list:

- ☐ Complete and submit the online AP Application posted on St. Kateri website. AP Application Registration opens December 2 and closes December 20, 2024.
- ☐ Scan your child's grade 7 Final 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 St. Kateri's family of schools (I.E. St. FX), you are asked to complete the Registration at your own boundary school. This is to be completed in addition to the St. Kateri online AP Application.
- ☐ If you are a non-HCDSB student you are to apply through the St. Kateri online AP APPLICATION. If accepted, we will contact you with next steps.
- ☐ Upon acceptance, we will contact you to finalize registration and full payment of \$150 (non-refundable) HCDSB AP fee.
- ☐ You will have your schedule created only once your fee is paid. Late fee payments may result in not getting selected courses as courses reach capacity.