

Tips for Success in an Advanced/Pre-AP Course

Pay Attention in Class

Listen to your teachers and participate in all discussions. Take notes so that you can review them later.

Create an Organizational System

Color code your materials for each subject and assign a specific place to put homework to be completed and homework that is to be turned in.

Do Your Homework

By previewing material before class and practicing what you have learned, you will increase your chances of retention. Even if you don't have assigned homework, spend a few minutes in the evening reviewing the material you have learned. Complete assignments as soon as possible—not at the last possible moment.

Go to Tutoring Before You Need It

Tutoring is a way to ask questions and clarify your understanding of information and skills.

Create a Study Group

Form a study group and meet regularly outside of school. Create study materials and quiz each other .



Resources

Pearland ISD Advanced Academics
www.pearlandisd.org -> Departments ->
Advanced Academics

CollegeBoard
www.collegeboard.org

Pearland Public Library

DHS and PHS Counseling webpages

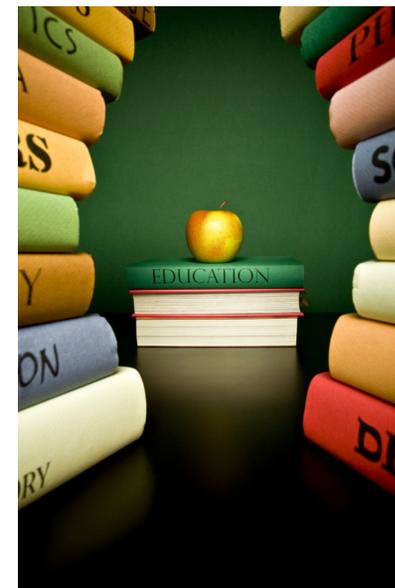
Planning for College
<http://www.aie.org>

National Repository of Online Courses
www.hippocampus.org

MIT Open Courseware
<http://ocw.mit.edu/high-school/>

Texas Virtual School Network
www.txvsn.org

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The work you do in an Advanced/Pre-AP course will help you develop skills and study habits that will be vital in your education. You will learn how to analyze problems effectively, improve your writing skills, and prepare for exams. These are tools that will serve you throughout junior high, high school and into college.

Advanced and Pre-AP students should be independent learners who demonstrate:

1) Motivation

Some students take Advanced/Pre-AP/AP classes because it is the best preparation for college, the work force, and life after high school. Others take advanced classes for possible college credit, preparation for college, for higher grade points, or purely for the love of learning. Whatever the reason, students should apply their best effort.

2) Time Management and Organization

Beginning assignments when they are assigned, using planners and schedules when multiple projects are due, and developing the self-discipline to make academic achievement a priority are key to success in Advanced/Pre-AP/AP classes.



3) Positive Attitude

Advanced/Pre-AP/AP courses demand more attention, work, and effort than regular classes. Students should persevere, and when faced with challenges, take the necessary steps to succeed in the class (attend tutorials, form study groups, etc.). Students who can adjust to the rigor while in middle, junior high, and high school find greater success in college.

4) Strong Work Ethic

Students should be committed in their goal to be successful in Advanced/Pre-AP/AP and demonstrate that commitment by good attendance, punctuality, and by showing respect for themselves and others. Students should expect to do a considerable amount of study and preparation outside of class, and to complete all assignments on time.

How Will Teachers Support Learning in an Advanced/Pre-AP Class?

- ◆ Before or after school tutoring
- ◆ Ongoing communication
- ◆ Reteaching during class
- ◆ Differentiating instruction
- ◆ Project-based Learning
- ◆ Providing Real World Connections
- ◆ Adjusting the pace of instruction



Glasser's Percentage of Information Retention

You will remember:

10% of what you read

20% of what you hear

30% of what you see

50% of what you see and hear

70% of what you discuss with others

80% of what you experience personally

95% of what you teach someone else



How Can Parents Support Learning in an Advanced/Pre-AP Class?

- Create a partnership with the teacher. Share your child's strengths and areas for improvement. Ask what you can do specifically to support learning in each subject area. Meet with or have a phone conference if your child is struggling in class.
- Make it clear that it is important to your family that effort is put into doing well in school. Good grades are welcome, but hard work is just as valued.
- Provide quiet, interruption free space for homework. If your child does not have homework, encourage them to read a book or teach you what they learned in school that day.
- Keep plenty of reading material in the house, and make sure your children see you reading for work and pleasure.
- Ask your child questions like: What did you learn that was new today? Or What did you study in Math today?
- Some students find difficulty transitioning from A's in regular course work to struggling for B's or C's in advanced classes. Be patient and encourage your child to work hard and attend tutoring to help improve his/her grade.