

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Do I have to be in Pre-AP English in order to take AP Capstone?** No. While Pre-AP/AP experience will help to prepare you for AP Capstone, it is not a prerequisite for enrollment. If you have a deep interest in researching complex real world issues, we encourage you to consider AP Capstone. Please see your Counselor and current English teacher for options and advisement.
- 2. Does the AP Capstone course consist of non-stop reading and writing?** The answer is yes and no. We do read and write a lot, but we also work on projects and have many group discussions. One of the goals of this class is to prepare every student for the AP exam. Much of the exam preparation requires reading and writing, just like you would produce in a college course. A benefit of enrolling in Capstone is that your teachers are available to work with you and help you succeed in this college-level course.
- 3. Is the exam expensive?** The price of the exam is \$150. This fee covers the exam and the cost of the Digital Portfolio/EbscoHost Database Subscription. The cost is less than paying for a college course. If you have a financial need, there is a possibility for a reduction or discount available. See your counselor for this option.



If you have additional questions about AP Capstone, please contact one of our AP Capstone Teachers.

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Discovery, Research, Distinction



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TRADITIONAL
CLASSROOM**

WHAT IS AP CAPSTONE?

AP Capstone is a two-year course sequence designed by the College Board to give students an opportunity to learn how to engage in college-level research, while studying areas of personal interest. Unlike other AP courses, the two Capstone courses are not graded solely on the completion of daily work. Grades are comprised of techniques and strategies learned through the fall semester. These skills then support your work on several projects during the spring semester. These projects will truly showcase your passion, interests, and unique knowledge. This college-level experience will build skills that are transferable to all subjects.

BENEFITS OF TAKING AP CAPSTONE:

AP Capstone allows students to master inquiry and research skills through training and independent work. Further, students will:

1. Earn credit for college English, Speech, and more through advocacy and demonstration of mastery.
2. Be trained to research and work like a Senior-level college student.
3. Earn additional scholarship opportunities when they complete the Capstone program.
4. Earn a College Board Diploma.
5. Gain an advantage in applying for college.

WHAT DO CAPSTONE STUDENTS DO?

Use the QR codes or links to access the personal experiences of some Capstone students.

Video 1: Seminar Performance Task 1



<https://youtu.be/0bS2qJra0-U>

Video 2: Seminar Performance Task 2



<https://youtu.be/9aAt7iXHRRM>

MUST I TAKE THE AP EXAM?

Taking the AP exam is an expectation for ALL Capstone students. This course is an active AP Testing Course for half of the year. Our work is most effective when we establish and maintain an environment where we are all working toward the same goal.

BENEFITS OF TAKING THE AP EXAM:

1. Colleges look favorably on students who take the AP exams. Even if you fail to earn credit, taking the exam demonstrates perseverance and diligence.
2. AP Capstone courses have one of the highest passing rates with students earning a 3,4, or 5 when compared to all other AP course exams.
3. Taking the exam will demonstrate the gains you've made throughout the year. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CAPSTONE?

Seminar is the first course in the series. If you are considering this program meet with your counselor, current English teacher and/or the AP Capstone teacher for advisement regarding enrollment.