

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE REQUEST POLICY

## RANCHO BERNARDO HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Rancho Bernardo High School who plan to attend a four-year college or university following graduation from high school are highly encouraged to complete one or more advanced placement courses during their high school career. These courses are outstanding, rigorous, college-level classes that are designed to help students prepare for a successful college experience.

When students request enrollment in these classes through the Course Request Form process, much work goes into ensuring that the appropriate number of courses, taught by qualified teachers, are made available. In past years when students dropped these classes, significant and expensive scheduling challenges occurred that negatively impacted other students.

Therefore, once a student requests enrollment in an advanced placement class, that student will not be dropped from the class based upon either a student or parent request. The only drops that will be honored will be when the teacher or counselor determines that a student is academically unprepared and that a reasonable effort on the part of the student would not be sufficient for the student to earn a grade of at least "C."

Advanced placement classes require students to approach their work very seriously. The effort required by students (including the completion of "summer assignments" for certain classes) is far greater than that required for comparable non-AP classes. Because of this, students should carefully consider if concurrently taking more than one AP class would be in their best interest.

Along with these greater demands come the benefits of a challenging college-level curriculum. Thank you for accepting that challenge. We believe that you will be a more successful college student because of these experiences.

**WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONCE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED, STUDENT OR PARENT REQUESTS TO DROP OR CHANGE THE CLASS WILL NOT BE HONORED.**

**CURRENT GRADE (CIRCLE): 9 10 11 12**

STUDENT NAME (PRINT):	
STUDENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:

PARENT NAME (PRINT):	
PARENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:

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