

AP English Recommendation Form

School Year _____

Name: _____

Grade _____

Who should enroll in the AP English Courses?

While the goal is not be elitist and reserve this course only for gifted students, the demands of the course are such that prospective students and their parents should carefully consider the following questions.

1. Do I have at least an average or above average SAT or PSAT score?
Students who are successful with standardized tests such as the SAT, PSAT, ACT, or PLAN are usually more successful with AP tests. An average score on either the SAT critical reading portion or the writing portion is 510-550 respectively. An average ACT score (combined) is 19-23. While an average standardized test score is not a requirement for this course, it can be a helpful predictor of success.
2. Do I have the preparation?
*Pre-requisite courses can also indicate potential success in this AP course. It is helpful to have successfully completed honors-level course, as that type of course refine skills in the areas of critical reading and writing. **It is strongly recommended that only well-prepared juniors and seniors take this course.***
3. Do I have the enthusiastic recommendation of my previous teacher?
It is important that your previous teacher confirm your readiness for the rigor of an AP course. He or she has the benefit of knowing your areas of strengths and weakness and of guiding you to make a good decision for your own progress and academic growth.
4. Do I have the time?
Excellent organizational and time management skills are essential for success in this AP course. Successful students can expect to spend anywhere from 5-10 hours of reading, writing, and study outside of class time per week.
5. Do I have the commitment?
Taking this course is a bit like running a marathon. The successful student is not the one who takes off running the hardest and fastest—it is the one who maintains a steady, disciplined pace and consistency. Only you can determine if you have that sort of commitment and discipline.
6. Do I enjoy learning?
This is a vital question. If you are merely considering taking AP because a friend is taking it, or because your parents want you to take it, or because you think it will look good on your transcript, then you may not be the person for this course. It will make you think and work very hard, and in most cases, only a genuine enjoyment of learning will spur you to finish with excellence.

English Teacher Recommendation _____