



SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL

February 2015

Dear Parent:

Since your son or daughter is attempting to sign up to take the following AP exam(s):

and has not taken the class, I am compelled to point out two facts:

1. Your student will not be permitted to take the class at SMHS once he/she has taken the AP exam.
2. The AP scores are never taken into consideration in the college admissions process. AP scores are sent to the college campus upon matriculation, and the college then places them in the student's file, either for credit – as is the case for the UC/CSU systems – or for information at the majority of colleges.

Here are some examples:

- A student will not be permitted to take AP Biology once he/she has taken the AP Biology exam. A student not enrolled in Biology, and trying to take the AP exam will not be able to meet graduation requirements. A student who is enrolled in regular Biology may attempt the AP exam, with the knowledge that our regular course does not prepare a student for success on the AP exam.
- A student will not be permitted to take Math Analysis (Pre-calculus) or any Calculus course at SMHS after taking any AP Calculus exam.

You may make this decision to take the AP exam without taking the class, but there is more value to the student's transcript and college admissions application if he/she takes the class. Clearly, the work done over a year's time is perceived to be more learning-based than a score for one four-hour period during an exam.

Your signature below indicates that you understand and accept the restrictions in scheduling imposed by our academic departments in light of taking the AP exam without taking the AP class.

Sincerely,

Doug Berry
Assistant Principal
San Marino High School

Student Signature

Grade

Student ID#

Parent Signature

Print Student Name

Counselor

Print Parent Name