

## THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AT STEELE HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement courses are the highest level classes offered at Steele High School. Currently there are six Advanced Placement classes in the areas of English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Students must take the Advanced Placement Examination as the culmination of their advanced placement experience. Examinations are offered in May of each year. Some colleges, in turn, grant credit and/or appropriate placement to students who have scored well on the examinations. AP course descriptions are listed in individual department sections. **AP examination is required to receive course credit.**

### HONORS/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/PSEO

Honors/AP Classes are characterized by the following:

**Workload** – (both in-class and homework) exceeds that assigned in other courses in the same department.

**Independent work** – the amount expected of the student is greater than other courses

**Complexity and difficulty of material** – material is more difficult and complex than general education curricula

**Critical thinking skills** – Honors/AP classes require a greater amount of activity at the higher levels of critical thinking, including synthesis and evaluation

The student selection process for Honors or AP courses is designed to make the program available to those who will profit from the challenging work offered. Three (3) factors are considered before a student is admitted to Honors or AP classes.

- a. level of academic achievement
- b. evaluation of previous teacher
- c. the expressed desire of student

**On-site PSEO, Advanced, and Honors classes are weighed .5 points.  
AP courses are weighed 1.0 pt.**

