

# Advanced Placement Action Plan

## Improving Access & Participation



### Collaboration

Work with middle school staff to promote AP and build the skills students need for AP through backward design/vertical alignment.

### Start Strong

Promote “gateway” AP courses in grades 9 or 10 such as AP Computer Science Principles or AP Seminar, so students can build skills and see their own early success.



### Focus on English Learners

Encourage bi- or multi-lingual students to take an AP course in their home language (e.g., AP Spanish Lang. or Lit if home language is Spanish)

### Remove Barriers, Reach Out, Use Data

Remove barriers to participation such as GPA requirements that automatically exclude students. Directly reach out to students and families from traditionally under-represented groups. Make data-informed decisions to recruit uninformed students.



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## Improving Student Success



### Provide Extra Learning Opportunities

Allot time for AP study opportunities both inside (e.g., AP Study Halls) and outside school hours (e.g., Summer Bootcamp, Saturday School, and/or a Kick-off to AP summer school course for those new to AP).

### Reduce Friction

Improve the exam day experience (e.g., provide transportation options). Consider feeding students' breakfast before they begin taking their exam(s).



### Encourage Mastery & Resilience

Provide scaffolding and then encourage re-testing for students who did not score a 3. Create them as Exam Only students for AP Classroom access.

### Analyze Your Data

Look at courses where there are multiple students who are scoring a 2 and provide additional support so future students can score a 3 or higher.

