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AP Capstone™

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<i>Point of Inquiry</i>	International Baccalaureate Programme	AP Capstone Program
Overview of Program	<p>The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a 2 year Diploma Program, grades 11 and 12. Students are labeled as pre-IB in grades 9 and 10, and take a series of honors and AP classes in the core 5 subject areas.</p> <p>Students enter the IB Diploma Programme in grade 11, at which time they begin to fulfill IB requirements and sit for IB exams in 5 core subject areas. Participation in the IB affords students the opportunity to earn college credit (qualifying scores on AP and IB exams), develop skills and habits for college success, engage with a diverse group of students, work towards an IB Diploma, and earn Bright Futures Scholarship for Florida Universities. Furthermore, the IB hopes to mold students into global citizens, who have a greater sense of awareness and appreciation of diversity of both peoples and ideas.</p>	<p>Advanced Placement (AP) is a program run through the College Board. AP classes are subject specific in which students are assessed with end-of-course exams. Qualifying exams (score of 3-5) can earn students between 3 and 9 college credits, depending on subject and university of attendance. AP classes encourage students to develop strong time management, organizational, reading, writing, and thinking skills. AP Capstone comprises two AP courses—<u>AP Seminar</u> and <u>AP Research</u>—and is designed to complement and enhance the discipline-specific study in other AP courses. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing (grades 9-12) receive the AP Capstone Diploma™. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.</p>
Q: Access to AP classes?	A: Yes. Students take a minimum of 5 AP classes as part of the SHS IB Programme course progression schedule.	A: Yes. Students can choose to take any of the 18 AP subject classes offered by SHS.
Q: Access to IB classes?	A: Yes. Students must sit for 6 IB exams from 5 different subject groups.	A: Yes. Non-IB students, grades 11 and 12, may take any IB class, SL or HL. Students must complete all IB requirements for that subject and corresponding exam.



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Q: Eligible for college credit?	A: Yes. Florida DOE abides by an exam credit equivalency policy. Students must earn a minimum of a 3 on AP exams, and a 4 on IB exams to qualify for potential college credit. Please refer to the individual university reciprocity policy regarding AP and IB credit.	A: Yes. Florida DOE abides by an exam credit equivalency policy. Students must earn a minimum of a 3 on AP exams to qualify for potential college credit. Please refer to the individual university reciprocity policy regarding AP credit.
Q: Cost to student?	A: \$0. Students are only liable for exam registrations and fees if they choose to drop the class after the November 15 IB exam order deadline or fail to show for an exam administration. The cost per subject exam is \$300.	A: \$0. Students are only liable for an exam fee if they choose to drop the class after the February 1 exam order deadline or fail to show for an exam administration. In such cases, student will reimburse the school in the amount of \$94 per subject exam, and \$142 for AP Seminar and AP Research exams.
Q: School choice program?	A: Yes. Students throughout Hernando County may apply for the IB Programme and if accepted, attend SHS on school choice. School choice students who leave the IB program lose SHS as their school choice and must attend their zoned high school.	A: No. AP Capstone is available for all zoned SHS students, and a school choice application is not applicable. Out of zone students may NOT attend SHS to participate in the AP Capstone program.



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Q: College admissions?	<p>A: College admissions boards recognize the IB Diploma Programme as perhaps the most rigorous curriculum available in secondary education. IB Diploma candidates are highly attractive to colleges/universities because of the level of college preparedness- reading, writing, research skills, etc. Consequently, IB students tend to have higher rates of acceptance to colleges/universities than do non-IB students.</p>	<p>A: College admissions boards recognize the AP Capstone Program as a rigorous high school curriculum. AP Capstone candidates are highly attractive to colleges/universities because of the level of college preparedness- reading, writing, research skills, etc.</p>
Q: Diploma requirements?	<p>A: Students must earn a minimum of 24 points by sitting for 3 SL and 3 HL exams. Additionally, students must earn a D or better on the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge (ToK) grade, as well as complete their Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) requirement. Furthermore, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn minimum of 12 points from HL subject exams • Earn minimum of 9 points from AL subject exams • Not earn THREE 3's on subject exams • Not earn TWO 2's on subject exams • Not earn ONE 1 on a subject exam • Not earn a "N" for non-completion of a subject requirement or subject exam 	<p>A: Students must earn qualifying scores (score of 3 or higher) any 4 AP exams (grades 9-12) as well as earn a 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research to earn the AP Capstone Diploma™. Students who pass AP Seminar and AP Research, but who do not earn 3 or higher on 4 additional AP exams, are awarded The AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.</p>



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Q: Academic research paper requirement?	A: Yes. All IB Diploma candidates must complete a 4000 word extended essay. Students compose a research question in a subject of their choice. Students will work with an advisor to complete the written response over the course of 14 months. There is no requirement for an oral defense of the paper. The Extended Essay requires students to work outside the framework of a scheduled class to complete the task.	A: Yes. AP Capstone candidates must complete a 5,000 word academic research paper. Students compose a research question in a subject of choice. Students will work with the AP Research teacher during the course of the year to research and develop the paper. Furthermore, AP Capstone candidates are required to give an oral defense of their paper to a panel of teachers. AP Research is a scheduled class.
Q: Group presentation, individual presentation, individual writing requirement?	A: Yes. All IB Diploma candidates will be exposed to these skills through their Theory of Knowledge (ToK) class during the senior year. Diploma candidates must give a 10 minute oral presentation on a question of inquiry (individual or group) and must complete a 1600 word Theory of Knowledge Essay from a list of prescribed questions. The oral presentation is graded by the ToK teacher, while the ToK essay is graded by the IB.	A: Yes. All AP Capstone candidates will be exposed to these skills through their AP Seminar class. The Seminar class has 3 components- a Team based 1200 word individual research report (scored by the College Board) and multi-media presentation and defense (graded by the AP Seminar teacher), a 2000 word individual written argument (graded by the College Board) as well as an individual multimedia presentation and defense (graded by the AP Seminar teacher), and an End-of-Course Exam (graded by the College Board).
Q: Qualify for Bright Futures Scholarship?	A: Yes. IB candidates who earn the IB Diploma AND document 100+ hours of community service qualify for the Bright Futures Academic Scholarship. This scholarship currently pays 4 years of 100% tuition to Florida public universities.	A: No. Currently, there is no state legislation that awards AP Capstone candidates Bright Futures Scholarship.