

Advanced Academics Night:

6:00-6:30- Overview of AP, DE and Advanced Academics

6:30-6:45 Questions? :)

6:45-7:45 Course Q & A

- Cafeteria: English
- B 172/174: Science
- B 173: Studio Art
- B 175/177: Social Studies
- B 179: World Languages
- B 182/184: Math
- B 186: Comp Sci
- B 188: CTE



Advanced Academics Course Selection: It's all about BALANCE

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What are your choices?

Advanced Placement

- College level curriculum
- Students will take end of year AP exam to earn college credit
- 1.0 GPA Boost

Dual Enrollment Courses

- Student will dually enrolled in a NOVA course & McLean
- Students must earn passing grade through Nova to earn college credit
- 1.0 GPA Boost

Honors

- Course will teach all the required skills and standards for the course at greater depth or rigor than standard
- Core courses may require an SOL or state mandated assessment.
- .5 boost.

Standard Curriculum

- Course that will teach all the required skills and standards for the course.
- Core courses may require an SOL or state mandated assessment.
- No GPA boost.

What is AP?



- AP = Advanced Placement
- College level curriculum and skills in the high school setting
- Classes culminate in the AP Exam, scored on a 1-5 scale
- Scores above 3 are considered “passing”; colleges vary on what credit they will award for each score

Benefits of AP



- College credit
- Rigorous coursework and advanced skill development
- Opportunity to grow knowledge base in desired field

What is Dual Enrollment ?

- These courses are taught by FCPS high school instructors who are NOVA adjunct professors and meet NOVA's credentialing requirements.**
- NOVA credit if a student passes the class with a C or higher.
- McLean HS offers 13 DE classes

**Geospatial Analysis - DE through JMU (not NOVA)

What are the benefits of DE?

- Exposure to college level coursework.
- NOVA/JMU credit if a student passes the class with a C or higher.
- Potential to earn college credits.
- Eliminate taking the same course in high school and college.
- Decrease the time required to finish a college degree, certificate, or industry credential.
- Lower postsecondary education costs.

MHS Advanced Academics Goal

We want students to:

Be healthy and balanced.

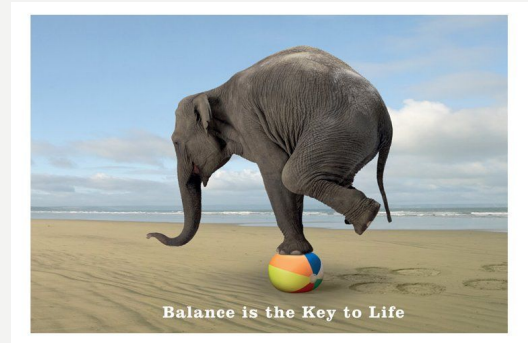
Find their passions.

Find the right challenges.

Seek support.

Develop their talents.

Develop a positive self image.



MHS offers 34 AP Courses

- We have a wide variety of courses for your student to choose from.
- Our priority is to help your student choose the courses that will develop their skills and interests while not overwhelming them with too many AP classes.

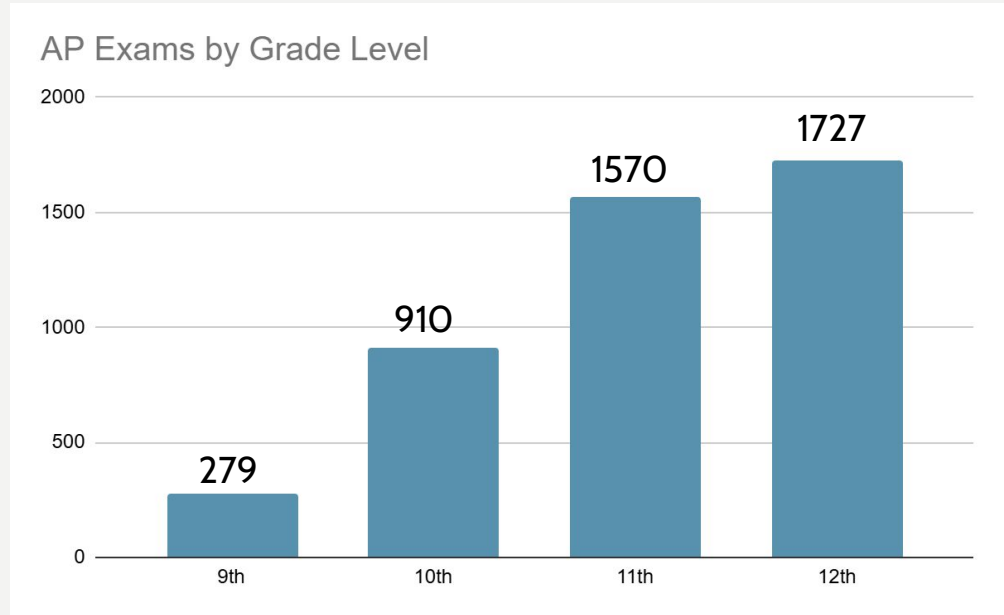


*please see the McLean HS website for a list of Advanced Academic Course offerings and descriptions

MHS AP ENROLLMENT STATS - 2024

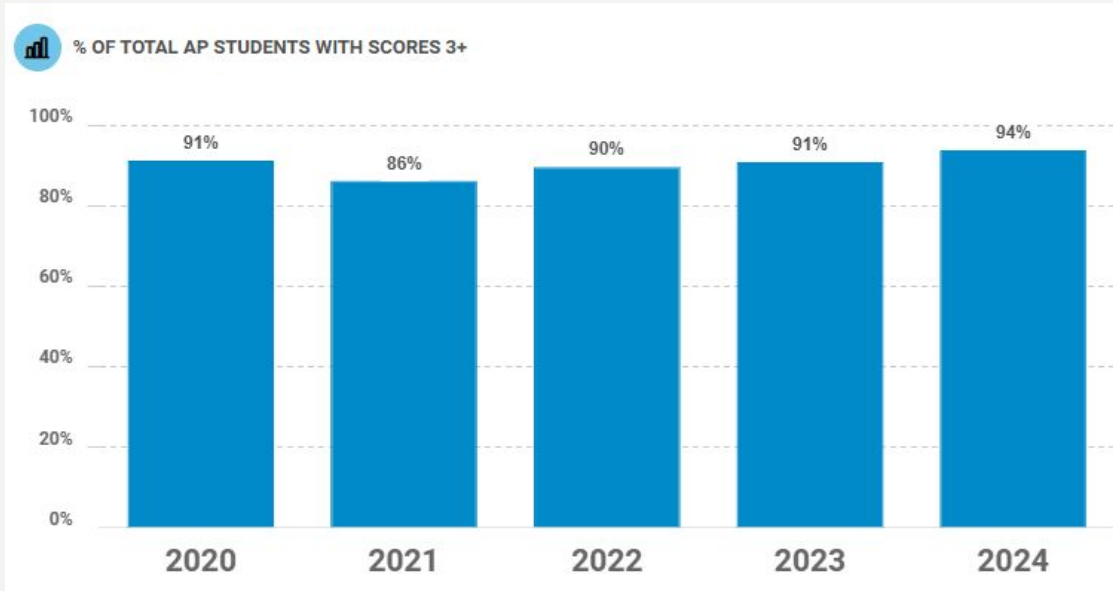
In 2024....

- 1609 MHS students are enrolled in at least one AP course, which represents 66% of the student body.
- MHS students are taking a total of 4,486 AP exams.



*Data gathered from College Board (2024)

AP HISTORICAL DATA: STUDENTS WITH SCORES OF 3+

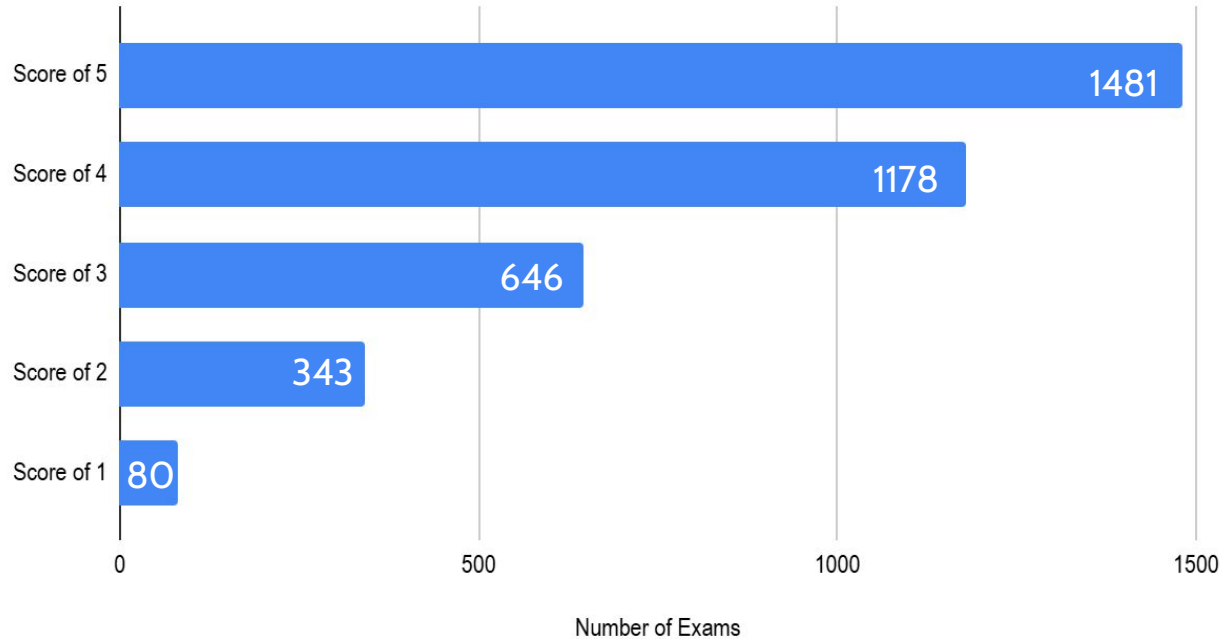


In 2024, 94% of McLean AP students earned at least one score of 3, 4 or 5 on AP exams.

Great job teachers and students!

AP SCORE BREAKDOWN: MAY 2024

2024 AP Exam Scores



Important to note that most colleges do not give credit for AP scores of 1 or 2.

MHS DUAL ENROLLMENT STATS - 2024

In 2024....

- 448 MHS students are enrolled in at least one DE course, which represents 18% of the student body.
- MHS currently running 11 DE courses. Our students are accessing an additional 9 DE courses through Chantilly Academy, Falls Church Academy, FCPS Online Campus, and Marshall Academy.
- Only high school juniors and seniors, who meet the established criteria, are eligible to participate in dual enrollment classes.

DE HISTORICAL DATA: STUDENTS WITH A FINAL MARK OF C OR HIGHER

98%	98%	98%	96%
2021	2022	2023	2024

- MHS students are very successful with earning college credit in a DE course.

The Goldilocks Principle - just right

The “right” number of AP & DE classes varies per student, there is no magic number.

It is better to take one or two per year and earn higher marks than to overload and earn mediocre grades

- page 2 of the AP & DE Course Overview document on the McLean HS Advanced Academics website lists factors in college admissions decisions



Colleges want to see consistency in a student's schedule

Consistency does not mean taking all AP and DE courses; rather, taking consistent course levels within a content area.

If your student takes, enjoys and excels in an advanced Social Studies course as a Freshman, Sophomore and Junior, they should also take one Senior year (generally speaking).



It is important to select courses carefully

- The goal is for every student to start the year with a schedule that allows them to have *balance*.
- It is likely there will be very limited room next year when dropping courses.

Help your student pursue what interests them

- Continue talking to them about their current classes, what classes they want to take in the future, and why they want to take them
- Encourage conversations with teachers and school counselors
- Help them understand that they will be handling the course load, not their friends

FCPS AP Exam Policy

- Please keep in mind that the county-wide AP policy states FCPS will only pay for the first 6 AP exams for courses in which students are enrolled in for high school credit. This policy may factor into your student's course selection.
- The AP exam fee for the 2024-25 school year is \$99.00 per exam (for students who have exceeded the 6 exam limit). Families are billed for AP exams via MySchoolBucks.

FCPS DE Policy

- The registration deadline for Dual Enrollment courses is **March 24th**.
 - Academy class DE registration deadline is **March 7th**
- Courses taken at an FCPS high school are provided at no cost to the student (except for Geospatial Analysis).
- Concurrent courses (Independent Dual Enrollment) taken at a NOVA campus or through NOVA online require in-state tuition per NOVA's Tuition & Fees.

Dual Enrollment Registration

- To register for a DE class, students must first register/enroll at Northern Virginia Community College. Then they must register for the NOVA equivalent course. Instructions will be provided by your student's school counselor.
- DE Registration Sessions to assist students with registration will be held on the following dates. All sessions will be held in the Lecture Hall during HT FLEX.
 - Friday, January 31
 - Friday, March 7
 - Wednesday, March 19

Deadline to register through NOVA: March 24th (Academy registrations must be completed by March 7)

***JMU Enrollment will occur during September for Geospatial Analysis**

There are a variety of documents available on the MHS Advanced Academics website designed to assist students in selecting the right courses for them. The following information is covered:

- AP courses offered at McLean HS, with general course expectations
- Level descriptions between General Education, Honors, and AP courses.
- Questions to discuss with your student when considering AP courses.
- Information, Descriptions, and Prerequisites for all DE Classes

Questions?

- We will now open the floor up to general questions you have about our AP & DE Programs.
- If you have any specific questions about certain course, please save that for the break out portion following these questions.

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Thank you!

If you have further questions, please submit your question via the form linked on the McLean Advanced Academics webpage.