



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

It is the philosophy of La Sierra Academy that AP courses:

- Reflect the content and expectations of college course work
- Expect students to perform at a level commensurate with first year college students
- Incorporate further development of critical and analytical reasoning skills
- Enhance student's academic confidence

Student Name _____ Year of Graduation _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone # _____ Work # _____

CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION

Because of the rigors and increased workload in Advanced Placement courses, we ask that students and parents sign below, indicating agreement to the terms listed.

STUDENT:

1. I am aware of the criteria for participation and agree to abide by the AP policies in the LSA Advanced Placement Program as referenced on the reverse side.
2. I will fulfill my responsibilities to the program including summer reading, practice exams, class assignments, and the AP exam(s) in May.
3. I agree to make the commitment necessary to meet the objectives of the program.

Student signature _____ **Date** _____

PARENT:

1. I agree to pay the Advanced Placement fee as follows: \$100 for one class, \$150 for two classes and \$175 for three classes (*Financial assistance is available. Please speak with Ms.Duran for more information*). Students, who sign up for the AP exam, will earn a \$10 credit on the registration fee.
-This fee will be charged to my account in September 2017.
2. I understand that there will also be an additional fee for each AP Exam my student chooses to take in May.
3. I understand that an AP course is a college level course, and I make the commitment to help my student in any way necessary to achieve success in this rigorous course.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ **Date** _____

COURSE SELECTION:

Check which AP course(s) you plan to register for.

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| ____ AP Biology | ____ AP Government |
| ____ AP English Language | ____ AP World History |
| ____ AP English Literature | ____ AP Statistics |

ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICIES

PARTICIPATION

1. Students must submit a completed contract to the Registrar's Office each year that they wish to participate.
2. Students are expected to acquire necessary summer reading lists before they leave school for the summer vacation and are expected to complete summer reading assignments.
3. Students are expected to take the AP exam in May for each AP course in which they are enrolled.

HONOR CODE

The nature of advanced placement work sometimes requires that students complete assignments such as tests and writing assignments out of class. Students are expected to complete their own work without the assistance of others unless the instructor specifically allows collaboration. Sharing work with another student or using another student's work as one's own may result in disciplinary action.

PROBATION

A grade below a C- for any nine week/quarterly grade period will place student on probation automatically.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS AND PROBATION

1. A student may be withdrawn from that AP course at the end of first semester if the grade is not raised above a D.
2. If a student wants to stay in the AP class instead of being withdrawn, he/she must write a letter of appeal to the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee and give a copy to the AP teacher.
3. This letter should be given to the AP teacher within three (3) days after being informed of the low grade.
 - a. This letter of appeal should contain the following:
 - i. Reasons for the low grade
 - ii. Reasons for staying in the course
 - iii. What you, the student, will do differently if allowed to stay
 - iv. Parent signature
4. The AP teacher and Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee will then make the final decision and the student will be notified by the AP teacher of his/her status in the AP course.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

In order to receive high school credit, the students must receive a passing grade in the class for each semester they are enrolled.

COLLEGE CREDIT

To have the possibility of receiving college credit, students must take and pass the AP exam which will be offered at La Sierra Academy towards the end of the school year. This exam must be passed with a score of 3 or better (the scale ranges from 1 to 5). Each college or university determines how much credit they give for each course and if they will give credit. Check policy of particular college and/or university of attendance.

INDIVIDUAL COURSE POLICIES

Students are expected to abide by additional policies specified by individual teachers.