

# Edmund Burke Academy Advanced Placement Commitment 2021-2022 School Year

Student's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recognizing the benefits and the rigors of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, we, the undersigned, commit to participating in one of the AP classes offered at Edmund Burke Academy for the 2017-2018 school year.

The goal of the **Advanced Placement U.S. History** course is twofold: to prepare every student in the class to obtain college credit through the successful completion of the College Board's AP Exam and to prepare students for the rigor and challenge of college.

An Advanced Placement (AP) course is a challenging learning experience that takes a full academic year. Participation in AP courses is the best possible preparation for success in college. A record of AP courses on a student's transcript is an indication of the student's commitment to rigorous academics.

The rigorous curriculum **requires more effort and homework** on the part of the student. The pace of the class is faster, covering more content in greater depth than a traditional high school level course. **Summer work will be required as a prerequisite to the AP class.** Your decision to select AP courses should be based upon your student's individual ability, interests, and motivation.

Students participating in AP courses are expected to make a **year-long commitment** to the course selected. Since classes are built upon student requests, any request for a class change will have to be made to the AP review committee.

### **AP weighting of grades**

**Advanced Placement courses will be weighted 5 points per nine weeks. To receive the weighted 5 points per nine weeks, students will be required to take the AP exam.**

**GSFC: Students should be aware that in calculating HOPE eligibility, the Georgia Student Finance Commission strips the weighting, converts the numeric grade to a 4.0 scale, and adds .5 to AP courses. This action may impact a student's HOPE eligibility if grades fall below 3.0 as a result of the stripping of weights.**

To complete the registration process for Advanced Placement coursework, the following criteria must be met:

1. an understanding that Advanced Placement courses are year-long
2. signatures of the counselor who is willing to recommend the course requests
3. completion of the Advanced Placement Commitment should be attached to the registration form for processing.

**AP Courses Requested:**

AP US History

**Counselor Recommendations:**

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Our signatures indicate that we understand and agree to adhere to the aforementioned Advanced Placement information.

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Student Signature      Date

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Parent Signature      Date