

## Advanced Placement Classes Student Agreement

Runnels School is very proud to offer students the opportunity to take Advanced Placement classes in many areas of the curriculum. This opportunity may result in students earning college credits even before they step foot on a college campus! Students taking these classes also experience the pace and demands of university level studies in preparation for the next academic level.

However, it is important for students taking these classes to understand the following: AP classes are challenging and demanding. You will have to struggle, think, read, write and prepare for class just as if you were in college. Whining, complaining, and yes, even tears, will get you nowhere! On the other hand, your teachers will always help you if you work hard and persevere.

There may be occasions when you will be required to attend class or a special activity after school or on the weekends. Examples of this include science labs, movies, test review, practice exams, etc. There is a lot of material to cover and only 180 days of school to do it in. Practice exams which might occur after school hours will be mandatory and students will be notified of the times and dates for those exams well in advance.

All Runnels students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. The cost is about \$95.00 per test. The money will be billed to your Smart Tuition account in March. Although this seems like a lot of money, it is a bargain if you earn college credit!

Please note, if a student does not sit for the AP exam as scheduled and does not meet College Board requirements for a late test date, he/she will receive a grade of zero for the final exam which will be averaged into their semester grade and, consequently, could negatively affect their requirements for graduation.

If the above requirements seem like more than you can handle in the coming year, please ask to be placed in another class. No one will be mad or upset with you. For those of you committing to an AP class this year, we hope you are excited about the coming year and the challenges ahead! We enjoy teaching our AP classes very much and hope that our students find themselves loving the thrill of learning.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you accept the requirements above as well as all policies outlined in your AP course syllabus which will be provided on the first day of class and reviewed by your AP teacher.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_