



Why Take AP Courses?

WHY?

- **College success**
- **College credit \$\$\$\$\$**
- **Extra high school credit**
 - Upon passing the AP exam 1 additional credit will be awarded (.5 in electives & .5 in subject area)

Choices!!!!

Biology

Calculus AB

Calculus BC

Capstone Research

Capstone Seminar

Chemistry

Computer Sci. Principles

Computer Science A

English Language Composition

English Literature Composition

Environmental Science

French

German

Human Geography

Macroeconomics

Microeconomics

Physics

Psychology

Spanish

Statistics

Studio Art 2D

Studio Art 3D

US Government and Politics

US History

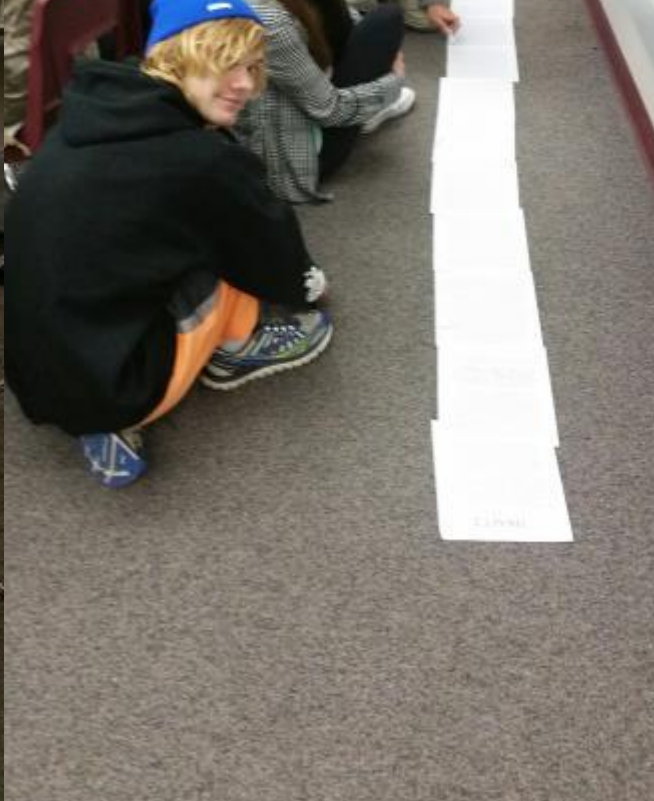
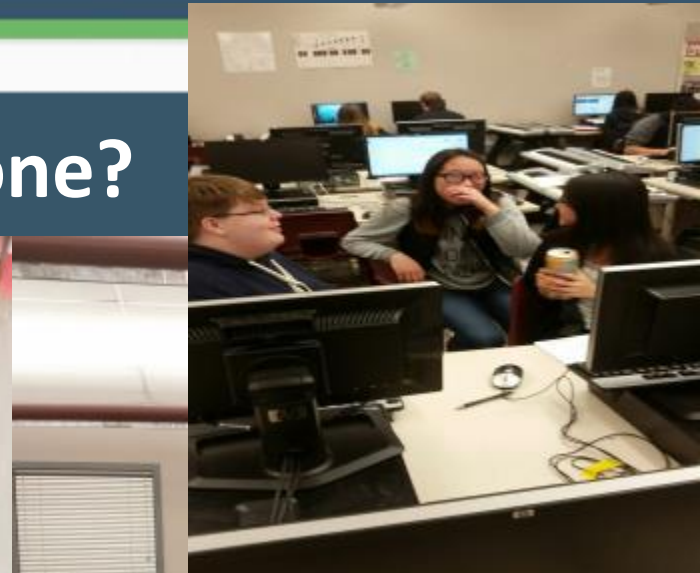
World History



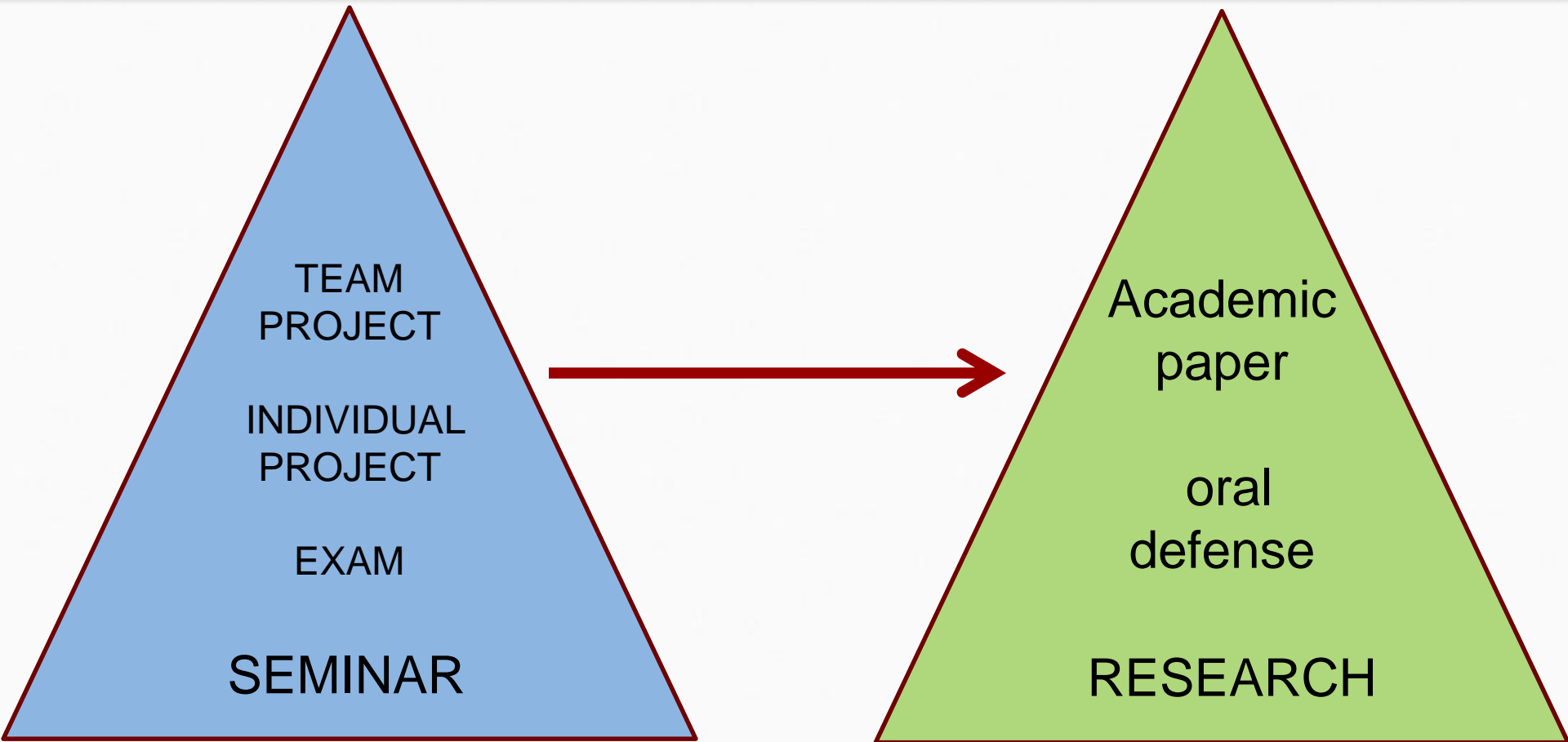
What is the AP Capstone Program?



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2 Year Program



AP Seminar

Typically taken in grade 10 or 11.

Students learn how to:

- Investigate real-world topics from multiple perspectives
- Carefully analyze information, write evidence-based arguments and effectively communicate them
- Work independently and with a team to research a topic, develop a written report and deliver a presentation

Example Topics

Aesthetics
Democracy
Education
Environment
Revolution
Technology
Sustainability

Exam score based on:

1. Team Project & Presentation

- 25%



2. Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation

- 35%



3. End-of-Course Exam

- 40%

Teachers & Students select and study 2-4 topics.

The Pinnacle of Distinction – AP Capstone Diploma

This challenging program helps students deepen their passion for learning, gives them greater confidence in your academic skills, and a broader perspective on their world.

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation

Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation

End-of-Course Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Paper

Presentation & Oral Defense

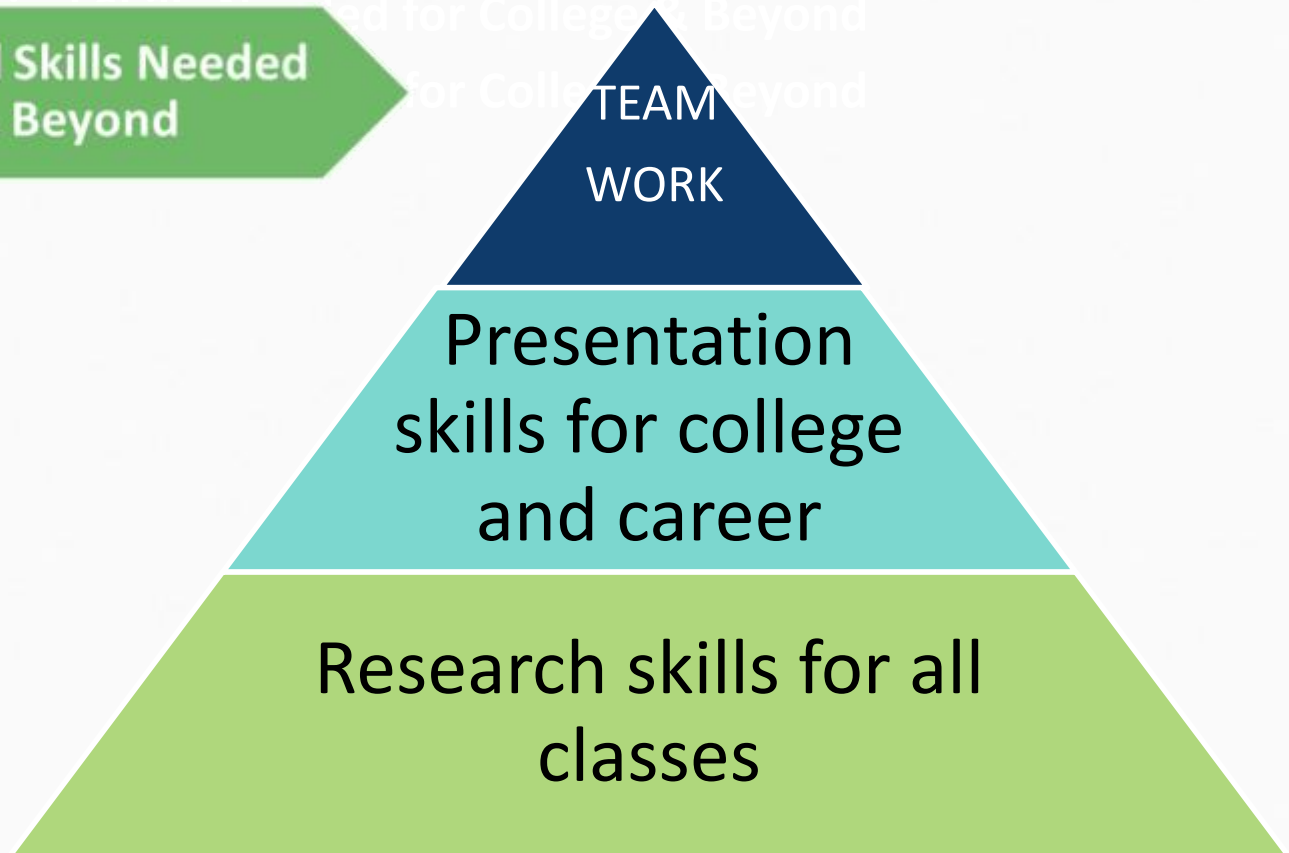
4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**

Why Should I Take AP Capstone?

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed
for College & Beyond



What Colleges are saying about AP Capstone

“At the University of Washington, we would be very interested in enrolling students who have distinguished themselves through the AP Capstone program.”

Phillip Ballinger, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment and Undergraduate Admissions, University of Washington

“AP Seminar and AP Research are terrific classes that prepare students to think in non-formulaic ways.”

Stuart Schmill, Dean of Admissions, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“AP Capstone provides more of the learning students will need for success in college and beyond: effective communication, original research, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Ken O’Donnell, Senior Director of Student Engagement, California State University



What Students are saying about AP Capstone

“We get a topic, and we dive deep into it, looking at not just the facts but different perspectives, which ones are strongest, which ones are missing something... [It]...teaches us to learn and think, and prepares us for college and life in a way that no other class does...”
—Senior, North Central High School, Spokane, WA

“The expectations in the [AP Seminar] course are a lot higher. We are expected to be more responsible and more attentive about what is going on in the world around us.”
—Sophomore, N. Miami Beach High School, Miami, FL

“[In college interviews,] it gives you something to talk about. I can be really specific and colleges see that you have an interest.”
—Senior, Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn, NY

“[I’ve gained] confidence... I speak more now. In this environment your opinion is needed. You feel part of a family.”
—Junior, Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn, NY



Support from Colleges

- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision.
- Completing the AP Capstone courses tells college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter at their institution and beyond.

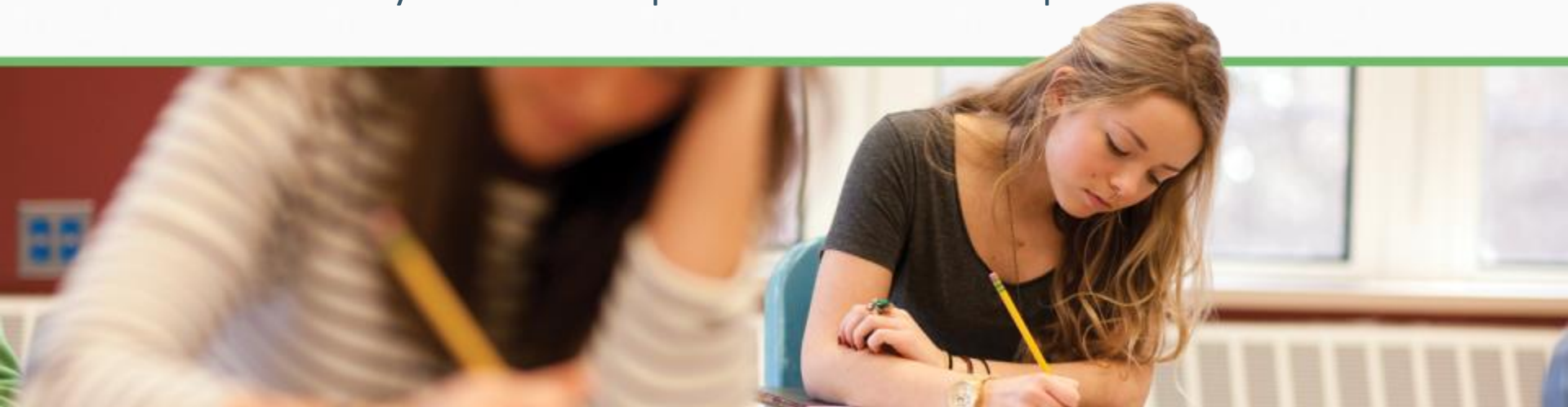
Some of the colleges that have endorsed AP Capstone:

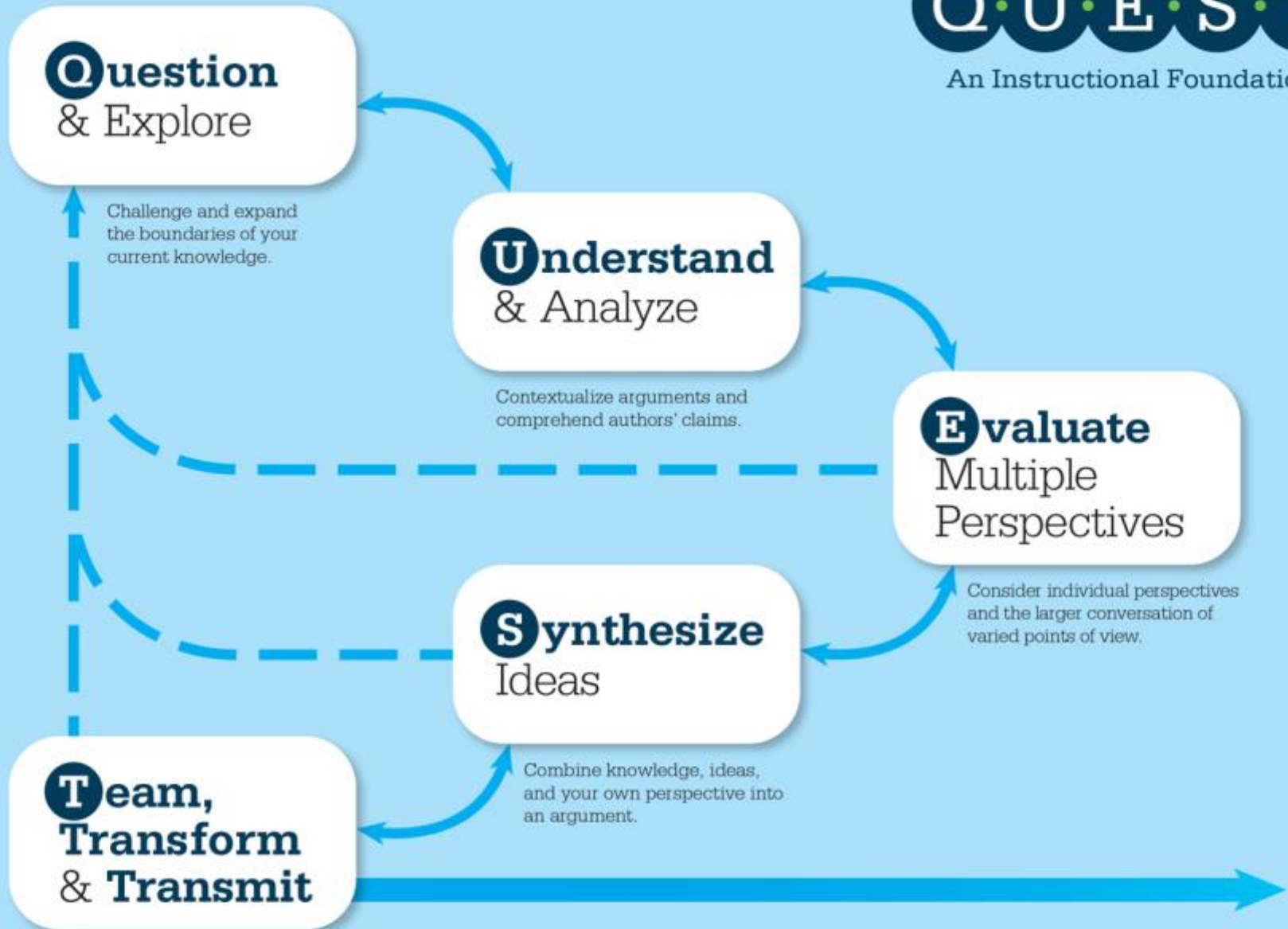
- Amherst College
- Auburn University
- Boston College
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Clemson University
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Florida Polytechnic University
- Florida State University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Mass. Institute of Technology
- Pitzer College
- Purdue University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas State University San Marcos
- Univ of CA at Berkeley
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Houston
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Florida
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Florida
- University of Vermont
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Yale University

Visit www.collegeboard.org/apcapstone for the latest list of colleges supporting the AP Capstone program.

AP Capstone: The Benefits

- **Earn Distinction** – Stand out in the college admission process and have the opportunity to earn valuable college credit or placement
- **Acquire Critical Skills** – Students acquire rigorous college-level analysis, writing, and research skills that are increasingly valued by colleges
- **Choose what to study** – Students choose their own research topic and study issues and topics of interest and importance to them





Use these QUEST skills as you advance to college, career, and beyond.

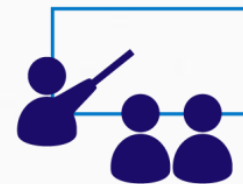
AP Research – Starting Fall 2015

Students learn how to:

- Design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation
- Apply research methods and practices to address a real-world topic selected by the student
- Write a college-level research paper
- Present and orally defend research findings methodology

Exam score based on:

1. Academic Paper
(4,000 - 5,000 words)
 - 75%
2. Presentation and Oral Defense
 - 25%



AP Seminar is a prerequisite to AP Research.

AP[®] Capstone Exam Fees

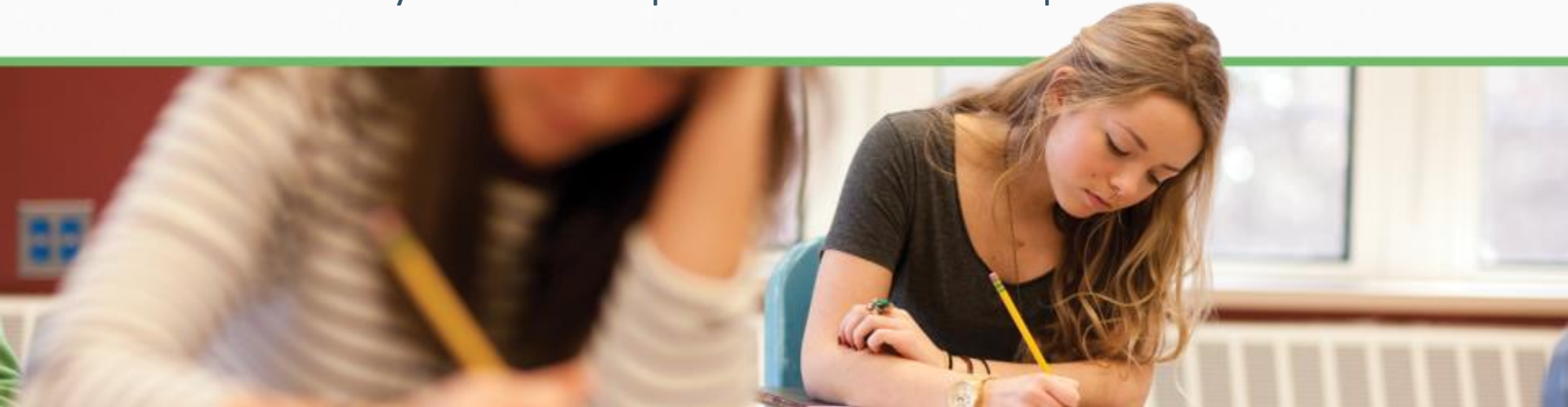
- The exam fees for AP Seminar and AP Research are \$139 each.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:
 - The College Board offers exam fee reductions for eligible students with financial need.



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Theme for this year: What is nature?

- Natural world
- Human nature (pre-civil society)
- Law and society

Motif: the wolf



AP[®]

Questions and Answers

Welcome

Jackson High School is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement® (AP®) plays an important role in that success.

To complement the suite of AP courses at our school, we are proud to introduce a new program at our school in Fall 2015:

AP[®] Capstone™



What We' ll Cover

Topic

Background on Advanced Placement®

- Advanced Placement: The Basics
- Our AP Courses
- AP®: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

What is the AP Capstone Program?

- Program Overview
- The Courses: AP Seminar & AP Research
- Exam Fees

AP Capstone™ Program: The Benefits

- Benefits and Student Testimonials
- Support from Colleges

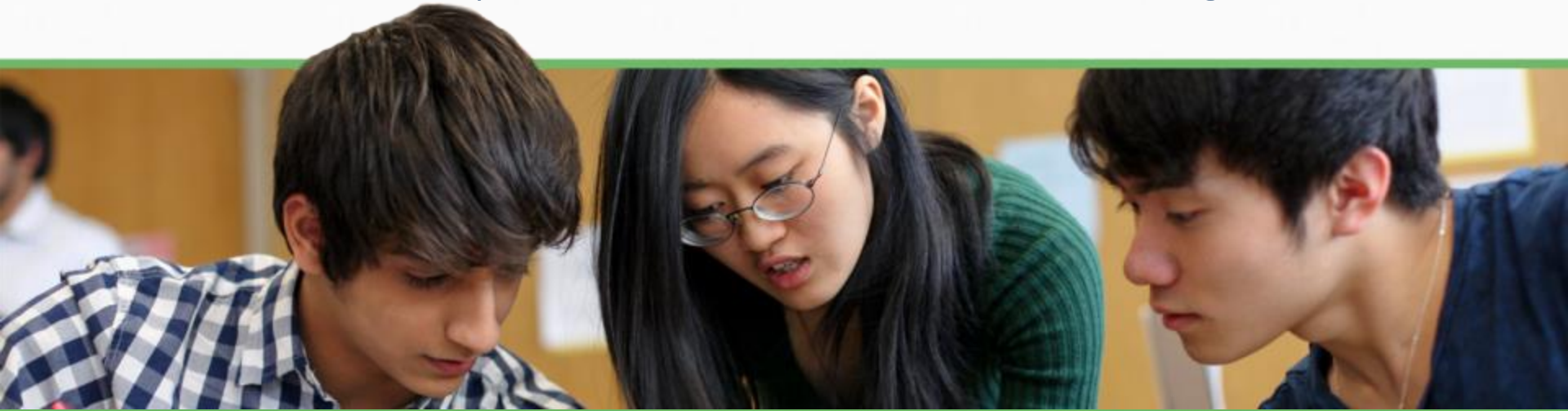
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Background on Advanced Placement[®]

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course to measure their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college



Our AP[®] Courses

- **AP Capstone:** AP Seminar, AP Research (starting next year)
- **Arts:** Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Comparative Government and Politics, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World languages:** French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

AP[®]: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success.
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.*

**2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*

AP[®] Helps Students Graduate on Time & Save Money

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.

- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$21,500** for public colleges (in-state tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board, 2008*

***The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2011, Figure 1*



An Introduction to the AP Capstone™ Program

Jackson High School

Introducing - AP Capstone

AP Capstone[™] is an innovative program that helps you stand out in the college admissions process by developing the critical skills needed to succeed in college and in life.

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed
for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth
subject-matter study in AP

Two new courses—**AP Seminar** and **AP Research**—allow students to immerse themselves in topics that matter to them, while they develop the analytic, research, problem-solving, and communication skills that colleges seek in their applicants.