



Prepare with Pre-AP

Readies students for what's
ahead in AP



A stronger AP® program starts before students enroll in AP. Pre-AP® gives your school a way to build the confidence, habits, and academic skills more students need to succeed in advanced coursework later.

Pre-AP courses help students practice the kinds of thinking they will need next: evidence-based writing, close observation and analysis, higher-order questioning, and academic conversations. When these skills become part of students' earlier coursework, AP becomes a more natural next step.

Expanding your course offerings within this set of Pre-AP courses helps make readiness a consistent part of your school's advanced coursework strategy. The strongest AP programs begin before AP, and Pre-AP gives schools a practical way to prepare more students for what comes next.

What This Enables

- **Alignment:** Stronger connection between your Pre-AP offerings and your school's goals
- **Coherence:** A shift from isolated AP experiences in your master schedule to a program where specific skill-building shows up early through Pre-AP
- **Availability:** Opportunity for more students to build skills through the Pre-AP courses right for your school



Courses

Pre-AP Algebra 1
Pre-AP Algebra 2
Pre-AP Biology
Pre-AP Chemistry
Pre-AP Dance
Pre-AP English 1
Pre-AP English 2
Pre-AP Geometry
with Statistics
Pre-AP Music
Pre-AP Theatre
Pre-AP Visual Arts
Pre-AP World History
and Geography

Why These Courses Work

Pre-AP courses include strong connections to multiple AP courses. The table below illustrates which Pre-AP courses get students ready for which AP courses.

Academic Department	Pre-AP Course	Skills and Topics	Aligned AP Courses
English	Pre-AP English 1	• Reading closely • Developing evidence-based interpretations • Writing and revising texts • Language and style • Research and inquiry • Participating in academic conversations	• AP African American Studies • AP English Language and Composition • AP English Literature and Composition • AP Seminar
	Pre-AP English 2	• Analyzing increasingly complex texts • Argumentation and evidence-based writing • Language analysis • Research • Synthesis of ideas • Discussion and communication	• AP English Language and Composition • AP English Literature and Composition
Mathematics	Pre-AP Algebra 1	• Linear, exponential, and quadratic functions • Mathematical modeling • Multiple representations • Problem solving • Quantitative reasoning	• AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC • AP Computer Science A • AP Precalculus • AP Statistics
	Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics	• Measurement and data • Geometric reasoning • Congruence and similarity • Two- and three-dimensional measurement • Statistical analysis, probability and interpretation	• AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC • AP Precalculus • AP Statistics
	Pre-AP Algebra 2	• Modeling with functions • Algebra of functions • Function families • Trigonometric functions • Matrices and applications • Mathematical modeling and analysis	• AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC • AP Precalculus • AP Statistics

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Science	Pre-AP Biology	• Ecological systems • Evolution • Cellular systems • Genetics • Scientific investigation • Evidence-based explanations of biological phenomena	• AP Biology • AP Environmental Science • AP Psychology • AP Research
	Pre-AP Chemistry	• Structure and properties of matter • Chemical bonding and interactions • Chemical quantities • Chemical transformations • Scientific modeling and experimentation	• AP Chemistry • AP Environmental Science • AP Physics 1 • AP Physics 2 • AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism • AP Physics C: Mechanics
Social Studies	Pre-AP World History and Geography	• Geography and world regions • Historical developments from ancient to contemporary eras • Global interactions • Patterns of continuity and change • Disciplinary historical thinking	• AP European History • AP Human Geography • AP Comparative Government and Politics • AP United States History • AP World History: Modern
Fine Arts	Pre-AP Dance	• Observation and interpretation • Movement practice and experimentation • Research and creation • Reflection and evaluation • Revision and performance sharing	• AP Art History
	Pre-AP Music	• Listening and analysis • Music creation and performance • Experimentation • Musical traditions and styles • Reflection, revision, and artistic communication	• AP Music Theory
	Pre-AP Theatre	• Performance and interpretation • Creative experimentation • Collaboration and creative decision-making • Reflection and critique • Revision and presentation of theatrical work	• AP Art History • AP English Language and Composition • AP English Literature and Composition

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	Pre-AP Visual Arts	• Observation and interpretation • Artistic experimentation • Research and making • Reflection and evaluation • Revision and presentation of visual artwork	• AP 2-D Art and Design • AP 3-D Art and Design • AP Art History • AP Drawing

Across these courses, students engage in skills development, not just content coverage.

How These Courses Can Work in Your School

Replace, not rebuild: Swap an existing course with its Pre-AP equivalent, using the staff, schedule, and structures you already have.

Extend what you offer: Add a Pre-AP course(s) before an existing sequence in math, social studies, computer science, or English.

How Your Teachers Get Started

For the courses that you'll consider bringing to your school:

- 1 Review the Pre-AP course guide
- 2 Get to know Pre-AP with on demand learning modules
- 3 Schedule a free 1:1 Zoom Chat to talk through course content and skills
- 4 Order your Pre-AP course
- 5 Initiate the Pre-AP Course Audit
- 6 Complete free online professional learning modules or register for an Pre-AP Summer Institute

Take the Next Step



Learn More

Explore this approach and learn more about this set of Pre-AP courses at:
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