

Advanced Placement FAQs

1) Q: What are advanced placement programs?

A: “Advanced placement” may refer to the **Advanced Placement** (or **AP**[®]) program of the College Board (<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>), or to the **International Baccalaureate**[®] (or **IB**) program of the International Baccalaureate Organization (<http://www.ibo.org/>).

2) Q: What is AP[®]?

A: **AP**[®] are programs that allow motivated and prepared students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies (through more than 30 college-level courses) while still in high school. Students who take **AP**[®] end-of-course exams *and* earn a minimum score of 3 on a scale of 1-5 may earn college credit, advanced placement, or both at most colleges and universities.

3) Q: What is IB?

A: The **International Baccalaureate**[®], or **IB** program, currently offers three levels of curriculum programs: The *Diploma Programme* (high school level), *Middle Years Programme* (middle school) and the *Primary Years Programme* (elementary school). Students taking the Diploma Programme also take IB exams, for which students may also earn college credit, advanced placement, or both at many colleges and universities.

4) Q: What is Arizona’s AP Test Fee Waiver Program?

A: The Arizona Department of Education has received federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education to continue supporting low-income students (*those students eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program*) in Arizona public schools to take Advanced Placement (AP[®]) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams (for the Diploma Programme) at no cost.

5) Q: How can I find out what advanced placement courses, or programs, my school (or other schools in Arizona) offer?

A: You can identify the **AP**[®] courses a high school is currently authorized to teach by visiting the searchable AP[®] Course Ledger site, hosted by the

College Board: <https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/>.

You can also locate all schools authorized to offer **IB** Programs through visiting this searchable site, hosted by International Baccalaureate[®] Organization: <http://www.ibo.org/general/where.cfm>.