



# An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Creekview High School

# What We Will Cover...

- What are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses?
- The Benefits
- AP<sup>®</sup> Exams
- What is it like to take AP?
- Q & A



# What Are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses?

# Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup>: The Basics

- AP<sup>®</sup> courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take an **AP Exam** at the end of each course, measuring 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<sup>®</sup> Courses

- **Arts:** 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:** Human Geography, 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: Algebra-based, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World Languages:** Spanish Language and Culture

# AP<sup>®</sup> at Creekview

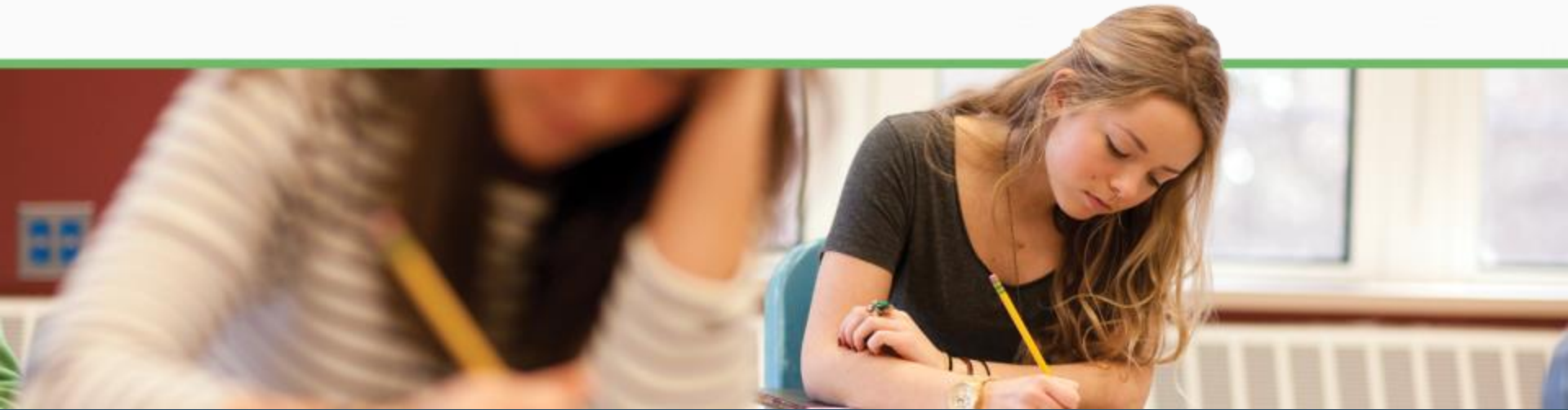
- Number of exams taken : 829
- Total number of students taking AP Exam: 445 (24% of the student body – highest in the county)
- 71% Pass Rate (2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the county)
- 1.6 million in college tuition through the University System of Georgia
- 140 AP Scholars (Pass 3 or More AP Exams with an average of 3 on all taken)
- Last year a senior graduated with 13 Passed AP Exams. This number of credits equates to roughly \$36,400 in tuition or the equivalent of entering college as a sophomore.

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# AP<sup>®</sup>: The Benefits

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- Students learn rigorous, college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college





# AP<sup>®</sup> from the College Admissions Perspective

- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses (your GPA) and strength of curriculum (course rigor) as the two top factors in the admission decision.
- Fall 2016 entering freshmen: UGA 4-9 AP Classes and GT 7 -13
- AP adds 10 points to your GPA if you pass the class and .5 to your HOPE GPA.
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they will encounter in their college careers.

# AP<sup>®</sup>: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

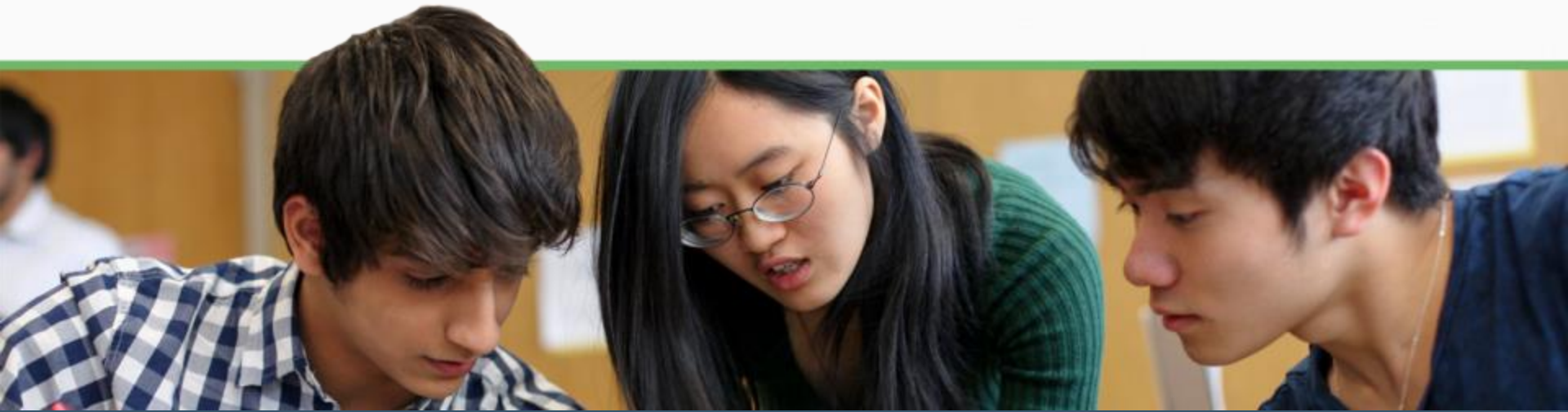
- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success.
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have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

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

# AP<sup>®</sup> Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



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AP<sup>®</sup> Exams

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 3-4 hours and include:
  - Multiple-choice questions
  - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions, and oral response



# AP<sup>®</sup> Exam Fees

The exam fee for 2017 is \$93 per exam.

The return on investment is estimated at \$2,800.

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What is it like to take AP<sup>®</sup>?

# AP<sup>®</sup> Class Workload

- DO NOT FALL BEHIND. AP is not like other classes where you can “catch up.”
- DO NOT MISS SCHOOL.
- No homework does NOT equal no work to do for a class.
- Limited number of grades



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# Questions and Answers