

# Waxahachie High School

Counseling Department



## Student and Parent Agreement 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade for Enrollment in Advanced Courses Pre-AP, AP, Dual Credit 2021-2022

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

WHS strongly believes that Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Credit courses provide enhanced academic opportunities for students that will assist them in future academic or nonacademic pursuits. At the same time, the District recognizes that students may experience initial surprise or difficulty in managing the increased course requirements. A struggling student and his/her parent/legal guardian should schedule a conference with the teacher in order to create strategies to be implemented over a period of time that will help in the student's success. *To ensure students allow sufficient time to become acclimated to the classes and what the Pre-AP and AP curriculum can offer, the District expects that any student who enrolls in the Pre-AP or AP class will remain in the course for a minimum of six weeks. Deadline to return form is Thursday, April 1, 2021.*

- The purpose of a Pre-AP course is to prepare students for college-level work, which they will experience in AP classes. Pre-AP courses focus on skill development, habits of mind, and in-depth preparation in a subject area that is necessary to master the skills required to achieve success in AP courses. Other characteristics of advanced courses include *content immersion*, a *fast pace*, and *assessment of performance at the analysis and synthesis levels*.
- AP courses differ from regular high school courses in that instructors use **advanced curricula** that is outlined by the College Board and authorized through the College Board's audit process. AP courses provide college-level instruction and culminate in AP exams that are designed by the College Board. Students who successfully complete AP exams may receive college credit.
- Dual credit courses are college level classes. Dual Credit courses are the same class that you would have if you attended the college accrediting the course. **Students need to exhibit the maturity level and responsibility of someone taking a college level class.** Payment is due to Navarro College by Navarro's deadline. The grade will go on both the students HS and college transcript and cannot be taken for a higher grade at the HS level unless the student failed to earn credit. It's always recommended that you check with your potential universities to make sure the credit will transfer.

Students will not be enrolled in PAP, AP, or DC courses until this *commitment letter is signed by the student and the parent/guardian and returned to the counseling office.* While we expect students to be very successful in Pre-AP, AP, or Dual Credit classes, it's important to take close look at the student's total course load and commitments to other activities when choosing how many courses to take during a semester. *For some students, the best way to begin moving into these courses is by beginning with one, until they better understand the expectations and time commitments involved.*

CURRENTLY ENROLLED ADVANCED	COURSES
Course Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Sem Grade

2021-22	ADVANCED COURSES	REQUESTING
Course Name	Parent Initials	Current Teacher Initials

My signature below confirms that I have read and am familiar with the course description and syllabus for the AP/Pre-AP/Dual Credit course. I understand advanced courses require increased rigor and I agree to all the guidelines. **Deadline to return form is Thursday, April 1, 2021.**

**\*PARENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CONTACT: PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_