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The process and standards for setting AP grades remain the same so that the merit of AP grades is consistent over time. Each exam is scored on the following five-point scale:

- 5—EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED
- 4—WELL QUALIFIED
- 3—QUALIFIED
- 2—POSSIBLY QUALIFIED
- 1—NO RECOMMENDATION

Comparability studies organized by the AP Program indicated an AP grade of 3 is comparable to a college course grade of B at many colleges and universities. At other colleges and universities, an AP grade of 3 is closer to a college grade of C. Most individual colleges accept grades of 3 or above, but each college determines which AP Exam grades to accept for credit and/or advanced placement.

fees Schools do not charge a participation fee for the AP classes. The only cost occurs at the end of the year when participants pay for each exam they take. The School District of Rhinelander charges for the exam are as follows:

\$0 Economically Disadvantaged Students
(determined by free/reduced lunch status)

\$89 All Other Rhinelander High School Students

PUBLICATIONS

The AP Program creates many publications that provide in-depth information about the Advanced Placement program. They include “A Guide to the Advanced Placement Program,” course descriptions for each subject, as well as teacher and student guides to the classes. To place an order, contact AP Order Fulfillment at 609-406-5050. AP information can also be found at the College Board online website:

www.collegeboard.com

COURSE OFFERINGS



To learn more about the AP Program at Rhinelander High School, contact a student services counselor, or contact the AP course teacher

directly at 715-365-9500. **AP Chemistry**—John Schutts, **AP Biology**—Dan Jesse, **AP Calculus & AP Statistics**—Taylor Kloehn, **AP Language & Composition**—Allison Johnson, **AP Literature and Composition**—Gary Zarda, **AP European History**—Linda Goldsworthy, **AP United States Government and Politics**—Matt Knott, and **AP United States History**—Linda Goldsworthy and Fred Lintereur.

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program gives students an opportunity to seek college-level studies while still in high school. By taking the AP classes and exams, they may gain advanced placement and/or credit in college. Depending on students' grades on AP Exams, they may earn up to **a full year's credit** from their college or university, saving them a lot of time and money. Studies show that even if a student takes the class, but doesn't pass the exam, the AP experience increases college graduation rates.

Success on an AP exam may also provide students with other advantages. Not only can students complete college more quickly, but those students with an interest in studying abroad often find that AP credits enables them to travel without jeopardizing their ability to graduate within four years. Other Rhinelander High School grads have enjoyed the luxury of sleeping in and taking later classes since they are of higher class standing than most first-year college students.

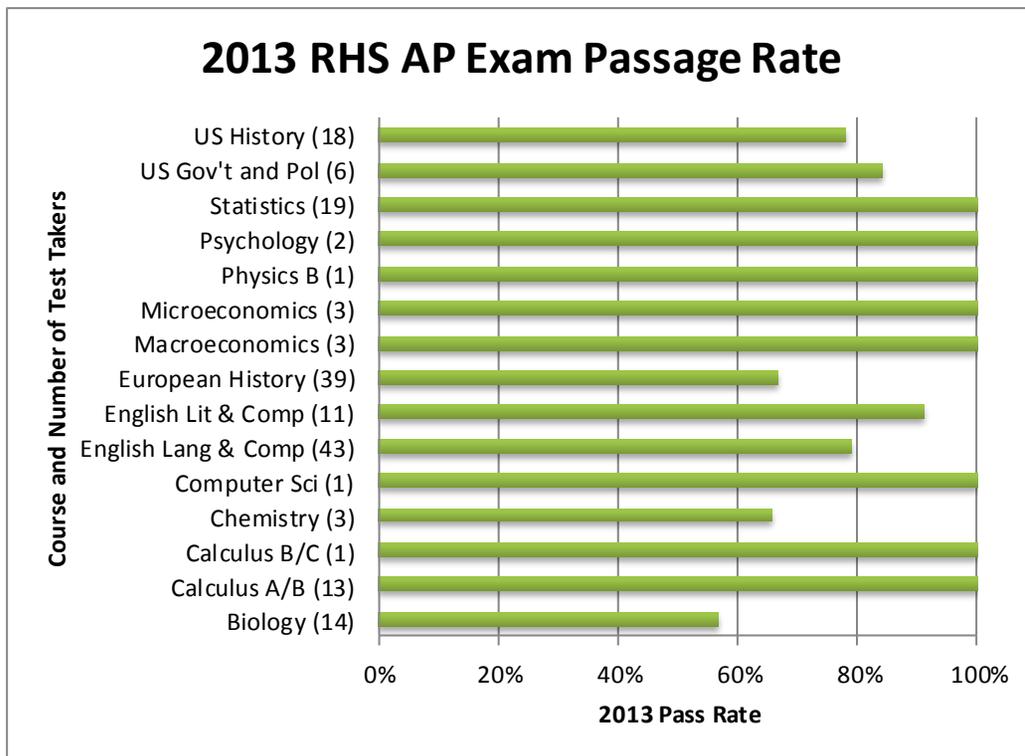
"It's also a bonus knowing I have all the credits for my first semester of college!!"
—Ashley Bredeson '14
on receiving an AP Scholar Award as a Junior

EXAMS

AP course descriptions and exams are prepared by College Board Development Committees, which include college and university professors and experienced AP teachers throughout the world. Most exams take three hours.

Exams are taken the first two weeks in May, with makeup exams for students with conflicts, such as National Mock Trial, taking place during the third week in May. Exams are given during either a morning or afternoon session at Rhinelander High School.

AP Exams contain both multiple-choice questions, which are scored by computer, and free-response questions, which require essay writing, problem solving and other skills. The free-response booklets are evaluated by faculty consultants, college professors and AP teachers. Each response is evaluated individually by a faculty consultant who has been specifically prepared to evaluate the questions carefully and consistently.



"The thing I like about taking AP courses is the amount of knowledge gained in a short time, and the accomplishment of taking a college-level course!"

—Lindsey Lieck '13

