

## **Pre-Advanced Placement / Advanced Placement Student Profile**

MISD Open Access Philosophy: The Mansfield ISD believes that all students who are willing to undertake the challenge of rigorous coursework should have that opportunity. Students who have an interest can enroll in Pre-AP/AP classes.

### **Pre-AP / AP Courses**

- Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) courses cover the grade-level state mandated curriculum with greater depth and complexity.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses provide college level studies for high school students who desire and are ready to do college level work. These students demonstrate a strong curiosity about the subject and a willingness to complete hard work. AP courses are taught using college level materials and strategies that will prepare students to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations in May. Mansfield ISD currently offers our students more than 30 AP courses. Because of the intensity of AP course, students should expect the pace and academic rigor of AP classes to be more stringent than regular classes at the same grade level. Taking AP courses demonstrates to college admission officers that students have sought out the most rigorous course work available to them.

Pre-AP/ AP students strive to:

- To be independent learners, willing to read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
- To spend the time needed each week for each Pre-AP/AP class. Weekends, long breaks, and personal time will be used to stay on schedule with content information. Expect daily homework appropriate for the time frame.
- To attend class, take tests, and turn in assignments on time. Being prepared and displaying a willingness to actively take part in classroom discussions, simulations, and group work will lead to success.
- To accept that enrollment in a Pre-AP/AP course does not guarantee an A or B grade.
- To accept assignments, suggestions, and tutoring from the teacher. Timely completion of all assignments, prompt attention to make-up work, and active participation in tutorials and study groups when needed are all necessary for student success. Anyone who lacks the discipline to meet the rigorous demands these courses may encounter difficulties.
- Some Pre-AP/AP courses have summer assignments. These are required and must be completed before the start of the school year. In these Pre-AP/AP courses, students may be given a test/essay in the first two weeks of school. See your Pre-AP/AP teacher or campus web site for summer assignment information.
- AP students are encouraged to take the AP exam in May. It is a major focus of the course content and instruction in AP courses. Currently, Mansfield ISD covers the full cost of the exam for students who are enrolled the corresponding AP class.