


VENICE HIGH SCHOOL

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT
and
DUAL ENROLLMENT**

**INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**
February 17, 2010, 6:30 pm.



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TONIGHT

- What is Advanced Placement?
- What is Dual Enrollment?
- What is Advanced Placement Potential?
- Benefits of AP and DE
- Offerings
- Requirements
- Post-Secondary Planning

What is Advanced Placement?

- The Advanced Placement Program, administered by The College Board and taught at high schools across the nation, allows students to participate in college level courses and possibly earn college credit while still in high school. Secondary schools and colleges cooperate in this program to give students the opportunity to show mastery in college-level courses by taking AP exams in May of each school year.

What is AP Potential?

- **AP Potential** is a research-driven tool that helps Venice High School **identify AP students**. This powerful tool. . .
- Identifies students likely to succeed on AP Exams based on PSAT scores earned in 9th or 10th grades
- Improves access to AP
- Ensures that no student with the potential to succeed in AP is overlooked
- Helps make determinations as to which AP courses your student should take

INCREASED ADVANCED PLACEMENT OFFERINGS

2010-2011

- Art History
- Art Drawing
- Art 2D
- English Language
- English Literature
- Statistics
- Calculus
- Music Theory
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics B
- World History
- United States History
- United States Government
- Macroeconomics
- Psychology

Course Descriptions

■ VHS Website

- www.sarasota.k12.fl.us
- Main Menu
 - Click on “Student Information”
 - Select “Course Offerings”

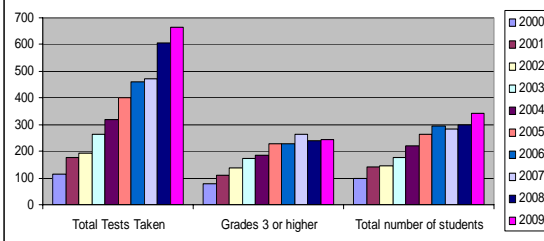
Benefits of Taking AP Courses

- Rich course material
- Challenging assignments
- College Board trained teachers
- Possible college credit while in high school
- Rigorous college preparation
- Stand out in college admissions process

Benefits of AP (continued)

- Weighted credits to improve GPA
- Experience in completing college exams
- Course credits are accepted by over 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide
- Opportunity to compete with students across the nation
- Save big \$\$\$!! – each college semester hour = \$125. w/o books!!!

VHS AP Scores 2000 - 2009



- 2009 13 sections of DE classes 207 students in the classes 41 classes taken at SCF
- 2010 34 sections of DE classes 508 students in the classes 106 classes taken at SCF

An AP Student Shares...

Kaitlin Griffith

Kathleen Patterson

Dual Enrollment Teacher Chair, English Department

What is Dual Enrollment?

- Opportunity to earn high school credit and 3 college credits through SCF at the same time
- College-level experience
- Rigorous course requirements
- Highly-qualified staff

INCREASED DUAL-ENROLLMENT OFFERINGS 2009-2010

- EDF1005 Introduction to Education and Field Experience
- EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations
- ENC1101 Written Communication I
- ENC1102 Written Communication II (Prerequisite-ENC1101)
- ENL2010 English Literature (Prerequisite/Co-requisite – ENC1102)
- MAC1105 College Algebra
- MAC1140 Precalculus and MAC1114 Trigonometry
- MAC2233 Calculus for Business and Social Science
- STA2023 Elementary Statistics
- MUL2010 Music Appreciation
- BSCC005 Biology : Basis of Life (DE Zoology)
- BSCC007 Introduction to Biology (DE Biology)
- AMH1010 American History I
- AMH1020 American History II
- SLS1301 Career Exploration (DE Internship with Ms. Ruthardt)

Benefits of Taking Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses

- Weighted credits for GPA
- Increased opportunities for students to earn college credit
- Students complete basic college requirements prior to enrolling in a university
- \$\$\$\$ savings for parents
 - Tuition
 - Text Books

Requirements to take Dual Enrollment Classes

- Per State College of Florida (SCF), students must have the following to take DE classes...
 - **3.0 High School GPA**
 - **Meet minimum SAT, ACT or CPT (SCF's college placement test) scores**
 - College Algebra or Elementary Statistics
 - 510 SAT Math or 20 ACT Math, 83 CPT + 29 FPT
 - Trigonometry or Analytical Geometry –
 - 560 SAT Math or 23 ACT Math, 83 CPT + 53 FPT
 - Non-Math DE courses (English, Social Studies, Science, etc.)
 - 440 SAT Reading or 17 ACT Reading, 83 CPT

Requirements to take Dual Enrollment Classes

- Call SCF Testing Center to schedule test
 - Phone 408-1540
 - www.SCF.edu
 - Under "Student Services", Assessment & Testing
- **Student should have test score by registration!**
- **Registration dates:**
 - Rising Seniors: Feb. 22 through March 5
 - Rising Juniors: March 22 through April 9
 - Rising Sophomores: April 19 through April 30

A Dual Enrollment Student
Shares...

Emily Mounce

Kim Kindell

Director
Rotary Futures Program



Student Schedule

- **College Bound?**
 - **It is imperative that students take rigorous courses**
 - **...and be successful!**
 - Affects college admission
 - Affects scholarship opportunities
 - **Prepares for college education**

Academic Courses

When reviewing applications for admission...

- Colleges consider the total number of academic classes a student takes
- Colleges look at the number of academic courses a student takes during his/her **SENIOR** year
- Minimum graduation requirements are no longer enough to be competitive at many state universities
- The more academic courses a student takes, the more competitive his/her college application becomes.

Academic Courses

- Some statistics...
- The average number of high school academic credits for **2008** college freshmen at...
 - **FSU – 22.5** total academic credits
 - 4.5 English, 5 Math, 4.5 Science, 5 Soc. Science, **3.5 Foreign Language**
 - **USF – 20.5** total academic credits (**2.78 foreign lang.**)

Academic GPA

Honors, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement

When reviewing applications for admission...

- Colleges re-calculate a student's GPA based only on his/her academic classes
- The GPA is weighted
 - Honors classes - .5 credit
 - DE and AP – 1.0 credit
- Many use ALL academic credits in the calculation

Florida Universities ARE getting more selective!

2009 SAT/ACT and Academic GPA ranges (middle 50%)

- **Univ. of Florida (UF)** 1970-2090 / 30-32
4.3 – 4.4 weighted*
- **Florida State Univ. (FSU)** 1730-1960 / 26-29
3.6 – 4.2 weighted*
- **Univ. of Central Fla. (UCF)** 1710-1850 / 25-28
3.5 – 4.2 weighted*
- **Univ. of South Fla. (USF)** 1660-1900 / 24-29
3.58 – 4.12 weighted*

* Honors classes weighted .5; DE and AP weighted 1.0

SAT and ACT

- We recommend all students take *at least one SAT AND one ACT* before their senior year.
 - SAT - www.collegeboard.com
 - March 13th, Late fee registration only - Feb. 18th
 - May 1st, deadline March 25th
 - June 5th, deadline April 29th
 - ACT - www.actstudent.org
 - April 10th, deadline March 5th
 - June 13th, deadline May 7th
- *If you have completed Algebra 2, take the SAT*
- Register online or packets available in Guidance or Rotary Futures

Ms. Dunn's SAT Prep and College Skills Class

- Next school year, Ms. Dunn will teach an SAT Prep and College Skills Class (weighted class)
- SAT prep with average score increase of 200+++ points *for motivated students.*
- Test-taking strategies useful for ANY standardized test (any AP test, ACT, SAT subject tests, etc.)
- College vocabulary development, math review, time management, note-taking, study skills
- Writing and research skills, scholarship, college decision-making
- Students must have a min. 3.0 GPA, must have completed algebra 2 and geometry, and must be highly self-motivated
- Students purchase The Official SAT Study Guide (\$15) and Vocabulary Power Plus for the New SAT, Book 3 (\$10)
- Get a course that would cost over \$1500 privately, for FREE ☺

AP or DE?

- NO EASY ANSWER
- What is your goal when taking AP and DE?
 - Acceleration vs. Rigor
- Both DE and AP indicate a student's ability to do college-level work
 - AP and DE better prepare students for college
 - Both are advantageous in the SUS admissions process
- The State University System (SUS) of Florida WILL grant credit for DE
 - SUS weights AP and DE 1 extra point, i.e. A = 5 pts., B = 4 pts., etc.
- SOME public out of state colleges and universities MAY grant AP and DE credit
- Private, selective colleges and universities may or may not grant credit – many times they just waive prerequisites

AP or DE? ...Continued

- INFORMATION TO HELP YOU WITH DECISION:
 - Dual Enrollment classes are the beginning of a student's college transcript
 - The grades stay on the college transcript FOREVER
 - This is the beginning of a student's college Bright Futures GPA
 - State Universities have minimum post-secondary (DE) GPA requirements for admission: 2.0 for most State Universities
 - USF: 2.5 "post-secondary" GPA required – may be 3.0 next year!
 - Students who take DE Classes at SCF are part of the regular SCF student body!

AP or DE? - Continued

- Students who enter college with numerous credits
 - Are students mature enough to handle college at an advanced level?
- UCF – "Students with DE / AP credits are NOT graduating early."
- Goal to attend a selective college?
 - Take AP
 - Nationally-normed test - demonstrates mastery

