



Ascend Leadership Academy Advanced Placement Program

Mission: The mission of ALA's Advanced Placement program is to provide ALA students with an opportunity to engage in challenging academic material, develop critical thinking skills and demonstrate academic preparedness for their post-secondary goals through college-level coursework.

Advantages of participating in AP Program

- ***Increased competitiveness for College Applications:*** In an increasingly competitive college admissions landscape, AP coursework can help students stand out among their peers and demonstrate their academic readiness for college-level work.
- ***Preparation for College-Level Work:*** AP courses mirror the academic rigor of college-level courses, helping students develop the study habits, time management skills, and discipline necessary for success in higher education.
- ***Improved GPA and Class Rank:*** AP courses are weighted more heavily than standard courses when calculating GPA and class rank, providing an opportunity for students to boost their academic credentials.
- ***Potential to achieve College Credits:*** Many colleges and universities offer credit or advanced placement to students who score well on AP exams. This can save both time and money by allowing students to bypass introductory courses in college.

Courses available at ALA for students in our AP Program

Dual Enrollment: Courses that are Advanced Placement level whose credit fulfills a graduation requirement.

AP Electives: Courses that are not required for graduation and if taken would be considered an elective credit.

Dual Enrollment AP Courses	AP Elective Courses
AP Language and Composition	AP Human Geography
AP Literature and Composition	AP US Government and Politics
AP US History	AP Biology
AP Environmental Science	AP Seminar
AP Statistics	AP Research
AP Calculus AB	AP Computer Science Principles

Minimum Requirements to be invited to ALA's AP Program

- Achievement score of 4 or 5 on 8th grade EOGs (2 out of 3)
- A's and B's Classroom Performance in Middle School
- Teacher Recommendation

*Students who **are not** invited to participate in our AP program can access Advanced Placement programs by completing a course override form.