

AP Capstone™

2022-2023

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Learning Targets:

- Provide an overview of the AP Capstone Diploma Program
- Discuss the application process for North Forsyth High School

Introducing - AP Capstone

APCapstone™ is an innovative program that helps students develop critical skills as well as a broader perspective on the world. It also deepens their passion for learning and builds confidence.

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed
for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth
subject-matter study in AP

AP Seminar and **AP Research** allow students to immerse themselves in topics that matter to them, while they develop analytic, research, problem-solving, and communication skills that colleges seek in their applicants.

AP Capstone: The Benefits

- **Earn Distinction** – Stand out in the college admission process and have the opportunity to earn valuable college credit or placement
- **Acquire Critical Skills** – Students acquire challenging college-level analysis, writing, and research skills that are increasingly valued by colleges
- **Choose what to study** – Students choose their own research topic and study issues and topics of interest and importance to them



The Pinnacle of Distinction – AP Capstone Diploma™

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both Capstone courses and four additional AP Exams will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma**.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation

Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation

End-of-Course Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Paper

Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both Capstone courses will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**

AP Seminar

Students learn how to

- Investigate real-world topics from multiple perspectives
- Carefully analyze information, write evidence-based arguments and effectively communicate them
- Work independently and with a team to research a topic, develop a written report and deliver a presentation

Example Topics

Democracy
Education
Environment
Revolution
Technology
Sustainability

Exam score based on

1. Team Project & Presentation
 - 20%
2. Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
 - 35%
3. End-of-Course Exam
 - 45%



Teachers & Students select and study 2-4 topics.

AP Research

AP Seminar is a prerequisite to AP Research.

Students learn how to

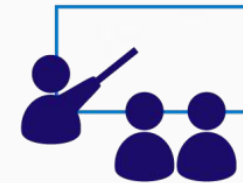
- Design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation
- Apply research methods and practices to address a real-world topic selected by the student
- Write a college-level research paper
- Present and orally defend research findings and methodology

Exam score based on

1. Academic Paper
(4,000 - 5,000 words)
 - 75%



2. Presentation and Oral Defense
 - 25%



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Sample Research Projects:

- Instagram and Mental Health
- Student Athletic Performance and Sleep
- Female Identity in British Literature
- Carbon Emissions from Dairy Farms
- Incarceration Rates and Education Spending Per Pupil
- Perfectionism and Its Harmful Effects on Student Health
- Rap/Hip Hop Music and Public Opinion of the Police
- Implicit Bias Among Public Servants

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College Board created a video with student testimony about AP Capstone

• [Capstone Video](#)

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Student Characteristics:

- Works Independently
- Uses Time Efficiently and Meets Deadlines
- Works Well with Others
- Thinks Critically (beyond what teacher says)
- Thinks Outside the Box
- Intellectually Curious
- Participates in Class

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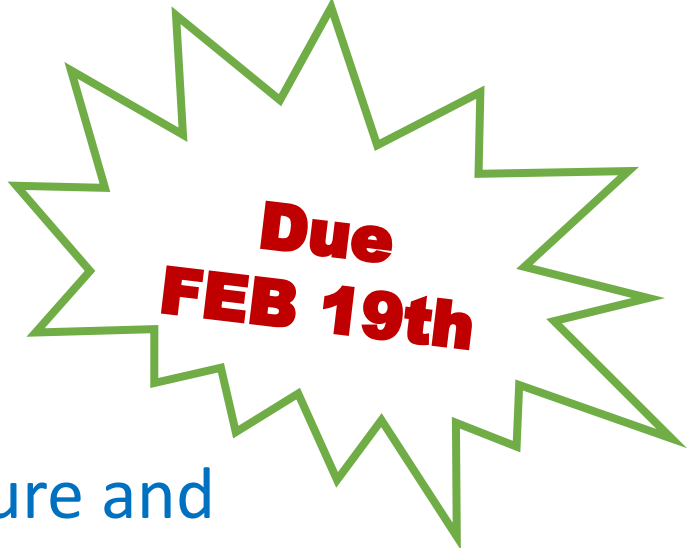
AP Testing Fees

- NFHS will pay all fees associated with the AP exams for the AP Capstone Program.

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Application Criteria:

- Will be in 11th grade in August 2021
- Will be enrolled in AP Language/American Literature and Composition
- 1 positive academic teacher recommendation
- Is planning to attend school F2F next year



**Due
FEB 19th**

Questions

