

Louisiana Believes

COLLEGE READINESS AND SUCCESS: Expanding Advanced Placement[®]

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Why focus on Advanced Placement (AP[®])?

- Louisiana Believes starts with the premise that all children can achieve high expectations.
- Research reports that students who complete AP[®] coursework are...
 - *better prepared for college-level work,*
 - *stand out in the admissions process,*
 - *more likely to continue beyond their freshman year in college,*
 - *more likely to graduate within 4-5 years, and*
 - *more competitive in qualifying for scholarships.*
- Each student with at least one AP[®] score of 3 or higher will earn the maximum 150 points toward the graduation index.
- Students who take an AP[®] course and earn a 1 or 2 on an AP[®] exam receive 110 points toward the graduation index.

Do Colleges or Universities in Louisiana accept AP[®] or IB[®] credit?

- ▶ YES! A student must have taken the AP[®] or IB[®] Exam for the course that they are seeking credit.
- ▶ Each college or university has an AP[®] or IB[®] Policy regarding the issuance of credit based on the AP[®] or IB[®] Exam Score earned.
 - ▶ Information on score acceptance is generally found on the admissions page of each university.

How will LEAs be able to provide AP[®] offerings to their students?

- The Louisiana Department of Education has worked to secure funding to provide training for education leaders, teachers, and counselors.
 - Limited funding for attendance at AP[®] Summer Institutes for Teachers
 - Pre-AP and AP trainings through Laying the Foundation beginning in June 2013
- Since available funds are not sufficient to cover all AP[®] teachers in each subject, funds will be distributed via an application process. The application is open to all AP[®] teachers teaching in the 2013-2014 academic year at public, BESE approved non-public, and private schools.

Application Process

- Applications for all training opportunities will be made available via the LDE Newsletter on March 5, 2013
 - Applications are due by April 15, 2013
 - Notification will be made by April 29, 2013
 - Further information will be included in this notification
- Expenses
 - Registration and travel expenses* will be reimbursed by LDE

*Travel expenses will be reimbursed based on PPM 449 Travel Policy

Trainings

Teachers

- Middle School
 - Laying the Foundation
 - July 8-12 Pineville, LA
- High School
 - Pre-AP
 - Laying the Foundation
 - July 8-12
 - Advanced Placement
 - College Board APSIs
 - Various Dates/Locations
 - <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jspf>
 - Laying the Foundation
 - July 8-12

Administrators

- Advanced Placement Summer Institute for Administrators
 - Jacksonville, FL
 - June 19-21

Important AP[®] Information!

- Beginning March 7, 2013, students will have access to AP[®] course offerings through the Course Choice Program
 - <http://www.louisianacoursechoice.net/>
- A tentative catalog of offerings is currently available on the LDE website:
 - <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/courses/course-choice>

The AP[®] Course Audit

- To apply the AP[®] label to a student's report card or transcript, a high school **must** have an AP Course Audit account with an authorized syllabus for each AP[®] course they offer and identify on a report card or transcript.
- The AP[®] Course Ledger verifies each high school and the authorized courses they may apply the AP[®] label to.
 - State Departments of Education, colleges and universities refer to the AP[®] Course Ledger when verifying AP[®] courses on student transcripts when containing courses labeled as AP[®]. (<https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/>)