

Advanced Academics Guidebook



JURUPA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

An Advanced Academics Institution

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Research says

A large-scale quantitative study ($n = 13,555$) investigated the **higher education outcomes** of DP students in the **United States** (2008–2014). Findings showed that 92% of DP students who graduated from high school in 2008 enrolled in university within a six-year period, while 78% of students enrolled immediately after high school. **DP students also had high four-year (79%) and six-year university graduation rates (83% for DP students, compared to 56% nationally)** (Bergeron 2015).

Bergeron, L. 2015. *Diploma Programme students' enrollment and outcomes at US postsecondary institutions 2008–2014*. Bethesda, MD, USA. International Baccalaureate Organization.

Why Advanced Academics?

Participating in the Advanced Academic Programs offered at Jurupa Hills is both an exciting and rewarding endeavor. Colleges and universities are extremely competitive because the benefits one gains from completing a degree cannot be overstated. We know this. We ALL know this. So how can taking Advanced Academic classes help?

Advanced Academic courses prepare more students for college by exposing them to college-level coursework. Typically we think of advanced classes as being “just more work.” This is not the case. Yes, the course work is demanding, but as a student in an Advanced Academic program, the work you do will be better, more meaningful, and relevant to the classroom AND the world around you.

Advanced Academic courses save students money by giving them the opportunity to earn college credit for the high school courses they take. More than half of the students who apply to college this year will need remediation in one or more core courses. Taking Advanced Academics courses greatly increases the chances of successfully graduating with a post-secondary degree.

Participation in these programs can lead to academic opportunities for not only the top students, but for students all across the academic spectrum.

Mission Statement

“Through challenging curricula and rigorous assessments, we collectively develop and graduate inquiring and knowledgeable scholars who can cultivate an indefatigable and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and interconnectedness.”

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is defined as a set of intrinsic values and skills that promote the learner profile trait of *integrity* in teaching, learning, and assessment. Furthermore, JHHS expects that students respect others’ intellectual property and submit work that is *of their own creation*. If JHHS students want to use the ideas of others in their work, they are expected to cite them appropriately, using the Modern Language Association (MLA) format or other designated format as needed.

Advanced Programs

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)



The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. The MYP encompasses a student's 9th and 10th grade year and is designed to prepare students for the rigors of the IB Diploma program.

IB Diploma Programme (DP)



The DP is the most prestigious and comprehensive curriculum offered in the country. The DP develops for students a breadth and depth of knowledge in which students flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically. The DP encompasses the 11th and 12th grade and allows students to earn college credits which are recognized in colleges and universities all over the world.

Advanced Placement



The AP program offers immersive, college-level courses and examinations which challenge students to learn new skills and further explore subjects they care about while earning college credits that are recognized in colleges and universities all across the country.

Advanced Academic Expectations

Jurupa Hills High school is committed to providing an environment in which all students have equal access to Advanced Academics courses. Students who declare candidacy for these courses must demonstrate a willingness to meet the rigor of this accelerated curriculum. A number of factors will be weighed for candidate consideration. These include: **most recent MAP scores, current content area recommendation, previous semester grades from a similar course, and overall GPA**. If an offered course becomes over-enrolled, an objective ranking system with the criteria listed will be used to determine final placement.

Advanced Placement courses are subject-specific; they are not a full program like the Diploma program. AP courses are limited, but you are encouraged to take as many advanced academic courses (AP, Honors, IB) as you can successfully complete. Colleges look highly on students that challenge themselves with advanced courses. It is expected that an appropriate examinations will be taken upon the successful completion of all advanced academic courses.

I understand that Participation in MYP/DP/AP courses and programs require me to:

- Demonstrate high level of independence and responsibility
- Achieve independent mastery equivalent to college level course(s)

- Complete the required summer work to be appropriately prepared for the course (*failure to complete the summer assignment is not a valid reason to drop the course*)
- Adhere to the Academic Honest Policy set forth by JHHS
- Commit to the course/program for the full semester
- Take all appropriate examinations that apply to each respective course
- Maintain a 'C' or higher at all times
- Utilize all available Interventions to ensure my academic success

Course Removal

- Students will not be “dropped” from the Advanced Academic courses until the end of the 1st quarter and only if current grade is 'D' or lower ('D+' remains in the course unless directed by the content area teacher).
- Teachers have the right to ask that a student be dropped at the first progress report if they feel a student is not grasping the material quickly enough or was improperly placed in an advanced course.
- Student removed from an Advanced Academics class will be placed into the CP equivalent course

Intervention

- Tutoring and additional services are offered for students who fall below a 'D+.'
- Parents/Guardians will receive notification when a student's grade falls below a "C-" and an intervention plan will be devised.
- **Additional services:**
 - Khan Academy
 - After-school Tutoring
 - APEX online practice tests
 - GALE Database JHHS (code: font 62502)
 - AP exams prep/ family college planning center

Parent/Guardians who wish for their student to remain in a course despite the guidelines published in this booklet must arrange a parent meeting with teacher/counselor/administrator and will be required to sign a contract stating that they understand the potential impediments to their student's success.

Who we are

The **Jurupa Hills High School Advanced Academic Programs** give you the opportunity to benefit from world-class curricula delivered by some of the most highly-trained teachers in the district. The rigors of the program are designed to give you the “college experience” while still in high school. The college credits you can earn from these programs are transferable to colleges and universities all over the country and the world!

Nationally and Globally recognized curricula

Comprehensive college preparatory courses

Transferable college credits

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