

NEW

Lakeshore Catholic High School



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM
NEW SEPTEMBER 2023
INFORMATION



What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers University level course content at the Grade 12 level.

AP preparation courses in Grade 9 (and in future grades) begin to prepare students for potential AP courses and exams in Grade 12.

These courses will provide students with the opportunity to study topics in further depth and will allow students to develop and demonstrate critical thinking skills and enhanced study habits.

What type of student will be most successful in AP courses?

Students will be most successful in AP courses if they are highly motivated, responsible learners who enjoy both independent and collaborative problem solving. Students should be able to multitask and prioritize school work and Learning Skills along with academic achievement should indicate strength and proficiency in the subject area.

Grade 9 AP Preparation Courses

Grade 9 AP Preparation courses will be offered beginning in the 2023 -2024 school year in the following subjects:

- English (ENL1WA)
- Geography (CGC1DA)
- Science (SNC1WA)
- Mathematics (MTH1WA)

A new grade level will be added across these four disciplines each of the next three years.



Ontario Curriculum and AP

AP Preparation courses offered in Grade 9 include content that builds significantly on the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum for each subject.

Students in AP courses will participate in extension activities/opportunities along with rigorous independent projects. These skills are continuously reinforced in each grade in preparation for students to write AP Exams in Grade 12.



ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

- **Teachers of AP courses receive additional training**
 - **Students will be evaluated according to Ministry of Education and Niagara Catholic District School Board guidelines on appropriate grade level expectations**
 - **A student's final overall grade in an AP course will be multiplied by a factor of 1.05 to determine the grade that will be reported on the Report Card**
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Looking Ahead to Grade 12

AP EXAMS AND SCORES

Grade 12 AP exams are written in May at a student's home school.

The exams are administered by the College Board.

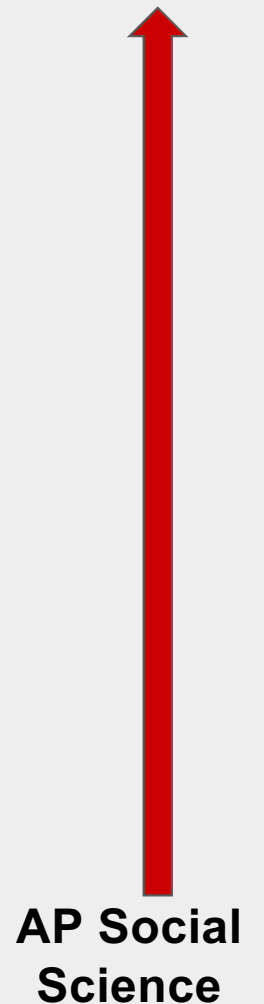
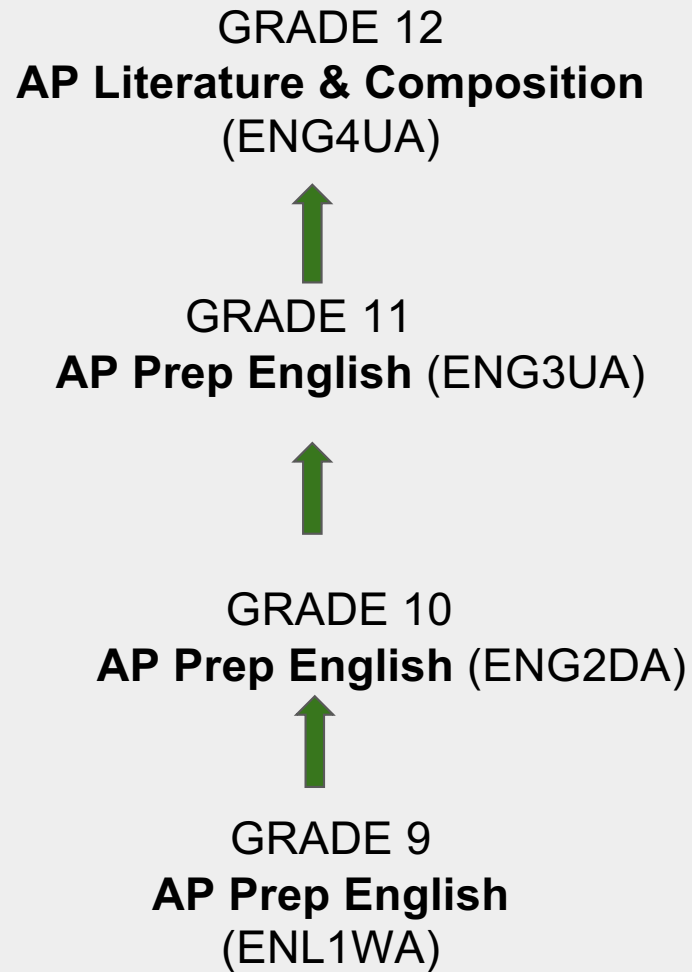
A student's final mark is reported on a 5 point scale and submission of results to universities is up to the discretion of the student.

Most universities have an AP credit policy that states if a student scores a 4 or 5 on a 5 point scale, a University credit is granted in that subject area.

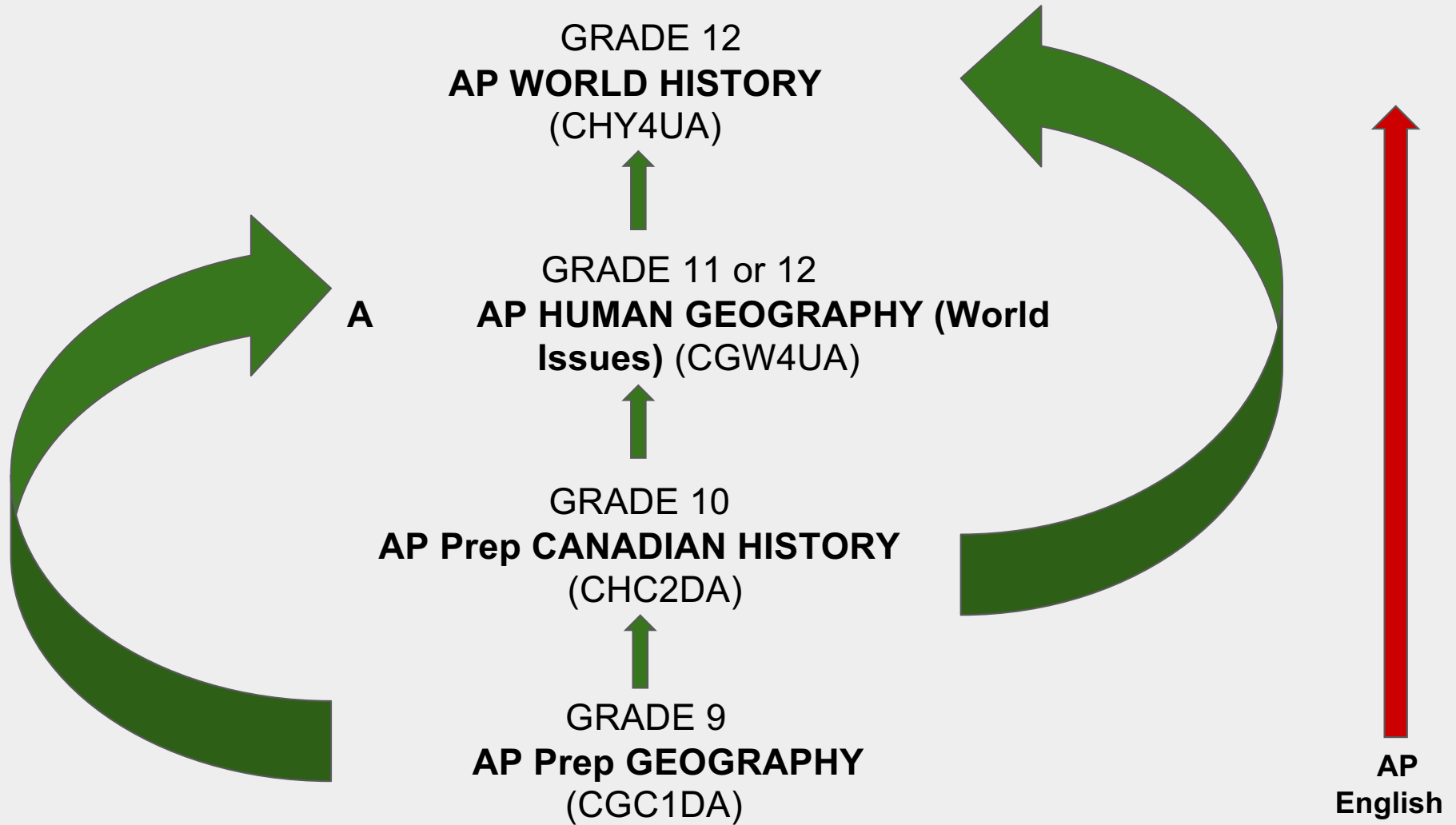
The cost to write a Grade 12 AP exam is \$120.

It is not mandatory for students to write Grade 12 AP exams.

English AP Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic High School



Canadian & World Studies AP Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic HS



Science Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic High School

GRADE 12
AP Chemistry
(SCH4UA)



GRADE 11
AP Prep Chemistry (SCH3UA)

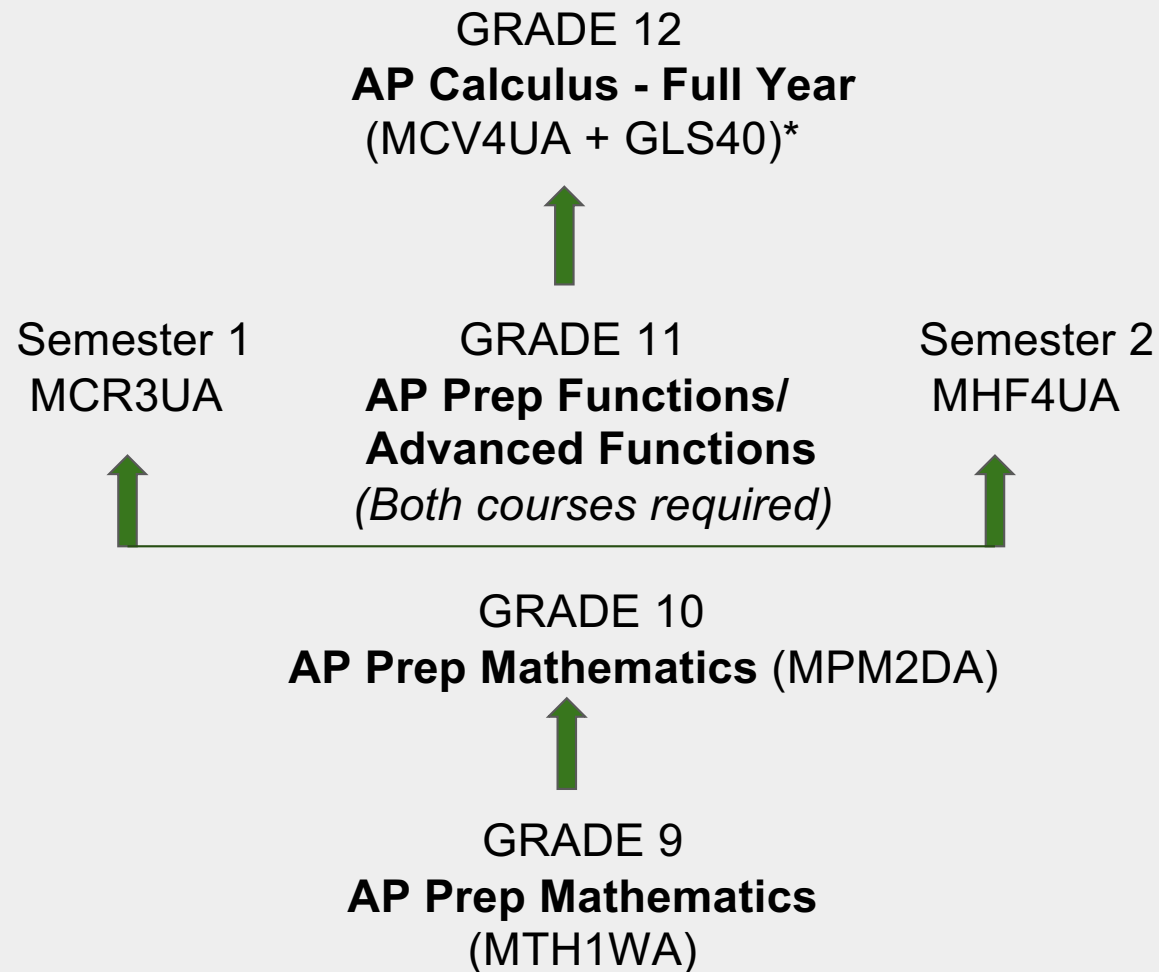


GRADE 10
AP Prep Science (SNC2DA)



GRADE 9
AP Prep Science
(SNC1WA)

Mathematics Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic High School



Since the AP Prep Program is **Brand New** for Lakeshore Catholic HS this September 2023.....

...here is some feedback from students at Saint Paul Catholic High School who piloted the AP Prep Program in the 2022-2023 school year... Enjoy!

The AP Prep Classroom at Saint Paul 2022-23



- Extension activities
- Collaborative learning
- Emphasis on application of learning (e.g., labs, creation pieces)
- Thought provoking class discussions
- Increased focus on independent work
- Reach Ahead Activities
- Material and content covered in greater depth

SP Student Feedback – AP Prep Classes



direct student quotes here

- Enjoys fast pace of teacher instruction
- Enjoys group work, class discussions, and hands-on activities
- Nice to be surrounded by students who are passionate about the same subject matter
- Out-of-the-box thinking is inspirational
- APP classes are really good for students who want to go deeper into their learning
- Getting pushed to be the best you can be happens in my AP Prep class

QUESTIONS?



Next Steps

For students *within* the Lakeshore Catholic boundary & attending a Lakeshore Catholic feeder school

St. Elizabeth, St. George, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph Snyder,
St. Patrick, St. Philomena, St. Therese, Our Lady of Victory

- **Submit completed Registration and Course Selection forms to Mrs. Griepsma or Mrs. Capretta during the upcoming scheduled feeder school visits (Dates TBD).**
- **Pay the \$55 Activity fee using School Cash Online**
- **Grade 8 Report Cards will be viewed by Mr. Markovich and Mrs. Williams**

For students *within* the Lakeshore Catholic boundary but attending a DSBN elementary school

- **Complete the online registration form and a guidance counsellor will follow up regarding course selection**
- **pay the \$55 Activity Fee using School Cash Online**
- **Submit Final Grade 8 Report Card to Mr. Markovich or Mrs. Williams for review (hard copy/scanned and emailed)**

For students *outside* the Lakeshore CHS boundary

- **Submit Request for Admission form (Out-of-Boundary Form) to Mr. Markovich indicating that you are requesting to enroll your child in the AP Prep program**
- **Once approved, complete the online registration form (link available on the Lakeshore Catholic Website) and a guidance counsellor will follow up regarding course selection**
- **pay the \$55 Activity Fee using School Cash Online**
- **Submit Grade 8 Report card (June report) to Mr. Markovich or Mrs. Williams for review (hard copy/scanned and emailed)**

For More Information

Visit:

**<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/> and
search courses**

**Contact one of our Program Chairs or a
member of our Administration team for
program or subject specific questions**

**Additional information is available on
our website**

Contact Information

Please call the school at (905) 835-2451 or email any member of our staff below with any questions.

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