

# Introducing - AP Capstone

**AP Capstone**<sup>™</sup> is an innovative program that helps you stand out in the college admissions process by developing the critical skills needed to succeed in college and in your future career.

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed  
for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth  
subject-matter study in AP

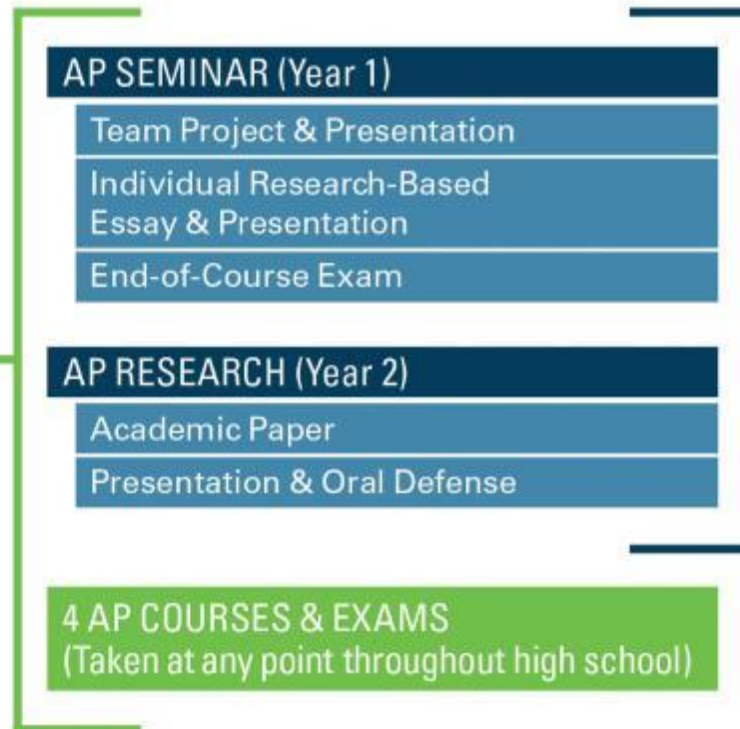
Two new courses—**AP Seminar** and **AP Research**—allow students to immerse themselves in topics that matter to them, while they develop the analytic, research, problem-solving, and communication skills that colleges seek in their applicants.

# The Pinnacle of Distinction – AP Capstone Diploma™

This challenging program helps students deepen their passion for learning, gives them greater confidence in their academic skills, and a broader perspective on their world.

**AP Capstone Diploma™**

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



## AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

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

# The Two AP Capstone Courses

*Typically taken in grade 10 or 11.*

## **In 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

*Typically taken in grade 11 or 12.*

## **In 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

# 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 career and college-level analysis, writing, and research skills that are increasingly valued by colleges and in the workplace
- **Choose what to study** – Students choose their own research topic and study issues and topics of interest and importance to them

