



# The AP Capstone Program

2025 - 2026 School Year  
Wiregrass Ranch High School



## **What is the AP Capstone Program?**

The AP Capstone Diploma program is a foundational program that will allow you to engage in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics by analyzing divergent perspectives. This program is built for students who want to develop their ability to contribute new and meaningful things to our world while also differentiating themselves from their academically advanced peers.

### **What are the benefits to being a part of the AP Capstone program?**

- Stand out to colleges in the application process by committing to rigorous research as a high school student. As research is a fundamental process to all universities and colleges, the AP Capstone program is a way for driven, academic students to show that they are serious in their pursuit of meaningful research.
- Explore topics of your choosing by taking ownership of the problems and issues you explore in your class.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Develop skills that extend beyond the usual AP classroom curriculum.
- Achieve the pinnacle of distinction – the AP Capstone Diploma and Graduation Regalia.

### **Notable AP Capstone Alumni Achievements:**

Using their portfolios that were created during the AP Research process, alumni of our AP Capstone program have many accomplishments in their high school and undergraduate careers, including:

- Earned a **\$1,000,000** grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) to research lung cancer as an undergraduate (c/o 2021)
- Selected to conduct microbiological research at **NASA** (c/o 2022)
- Selected for a **full-expense** paid summer research experience in **Denmark**. (c/o 2021)
- Started non-profits and other organizations to better the world. (c/o 2020)
- Selected as a Future Leader in Science by the Science Talent Search, earning a **\$2000 cash award**. (c/o 2024)
- Selected to present at the **International Science and Engineering Fair** (c/o 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Became a **published author** in their relative field of student during their undergraduate degree (c/o 2021, 2022)
- Earned **paid research opportunities** in labs at their university, oftentimes in the first two years of their college experience. There are too many of these to list!

## **Who should apply for the AP Capstone program?**

- Students who are academically driven and wanting to enhance their college applications are wonderful candidates for the AP Capstone program.
- Students can enroll into the AP Capstone Program as a Sophomore or a Junior.
- Students enroll in AP Seminar during their first year in the program, and AP Research in their second year in the program.
- Students who enroll in and pass the exam for four other AP Classes are eligible for the most prestigious academic honor on campus – the AP Capstone Diploma.

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