

AP Capstone Diploma

Want to Help
Yourself Standout
to Colleges?

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Coming Fall 2017

Southern Arizona High Schools
Offering the AP Capstone Diploma:

- BASIS Tucson North
- Catalina Foothills High School
- Rio Rico High School
- Empire High School
- Cienega High School

AP Capstone[®]
Discovery, Research, Distinction

Two New AP Course Offerings

AP Seminar – The seminar course takes key themes of global relevance and encourages students to explore such topics in an open and critical way. They will develop disciplined and scholarly research skills within a context of interdisciplinary learning and global awareness.

AP Research - The research course is the opportunity for students to participate in a one-year, mentored project culminating in a 4,500 to 5,000-word research paper. This course fulfills the requirement for the Senior Exit Project research paper and is an application of the seminar course. It will prepare students for college level research.

What is an AP Capstone Diploma?

Capstone Diploma – Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma.

AP Seminar and Research Certificate – Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses but not on the four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, signifying successful performance in those courses.

Why AP Capstone?

- Plan and conduct a study or investigation.
- Propose solutions to real-world problems.
- Collaborate to solve a problem.
- Learn to collect and analyze information with accuracy and precision, develop arguments based on facts and effectively communicate them.
- AP Capstone Diploma signifies outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills.

AP Capstone Curriculum

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AP SEMINAR (Year 1)
Team Project & Presentation
Research-Based Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam
AP RESEARCH (Year 2)
Research Process Documentation
Academic Thesis Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense
4 AP COURSES & EXAMS (Taken at any point throughout high school)

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“Allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success: research, collaboration, and communication.”

–College Board

For more information on how these courses can benefit a college application, see a counselor or contact:

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