



Murrieta Valley Unified School District

High School Advanced Course Agreement

Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) is committed to providing an environment in which all students have equal access to a rigorous academic experience. MVUSD's goal is to encourage all students to challenge themselves by taking advanced coursework, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Dual Enrollment (DE at VMHS), and International Baccalaureate (IB at MVHS) even if they have not experienced prior advanced coursework. All available AP, Dual Enrollment, and IB courses will be open to all students who have made an informed decision, which includes taking any prerequisite course and/or assessment, consultation with significant stakeholders, and review of the course expectations.

These advanced courses are college level courses in which students can possibly earn an extra grade point on their GPA for each AP, DE, or IB course they successfully complete, as well as possibly earning college credit. Students should expect 1 to 2 hours of homework for every hour spent in class. MVUSD believes that successful completion of an advanced course is attaining a letter grade of 'C' or above in that course. Students who successfully complete an advanced AP or IB course(s) will be prepared for the comprehensive exam in that course and subject. For most students, there is an adjustment period at the beginning of an advanced course. However, most students adjust to the rigor and learn to perform at a satisfactory level or above.

I plan on taking the following **AP**, **DE** or **IB** course(s):

By initialing below, I understand the requirements of enrolling in this/these advanced course(s) and my parent/guardian and I agree to the following terms:

- _____ 1. The demands of advanced courses exceed those of a general college preparatory course, and I am committed to the extra effort needed to succeed.
- _____ 2. I realize that the advanced course(s) may entail required summer assignments and failure to complete these assignments could significantly affect my performance and grade in the class.
- _____ 3. I realize that an advanced course is a semester or year-long commitment. I acknowledge that I must remain in the course for at least 3 weeks and will have up to 6 weeks to withdraw from the course and enroll in a subject equivalent course (if applicable). If I request to withdraw from the advanced course, I understand I will be required to meet with my counselor/administrator and advanced teacher before the withdrawal can be considered.
- _____ 4. I realize if I am struggling, I need to contact my teacher for additional support and outside of class tutoring sessions if available. In addition, I will attend out of school study sessions (i.e. UCR AP Readiness).
- _____ 5. I realize that exams for AP and IB courses will cost approximately \$94 and \$119 respectively for each exam; with the possibility of a fee reduction if I qualify.
- _____ 6. I realize that I must abide by the conditions set forth in the course syllabus (e.g. attendance, grading and make-up policies).
- _____ 7. After reading the course description(s)/syllabus for each advanced course, I am confident that I will be successful in the course(s) of choice.

Student Name (Please Print): _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____