



# Advanced Curriculum at PPCHS



**CAMBRIDGE**  
International Examinations

*Excellence in education*



**CollegeBoard**

Advanced  
Placement  
Program

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# AP

- ◉ Part of the College Board
- ◉ College-Level courses
- ◉ Over 4 million exams given internationally

# CAMBRIDGE

- ◉ Part of the University of Cambridge
- ◉ College-level courses
- ◉ Over 2 million exams given internationally

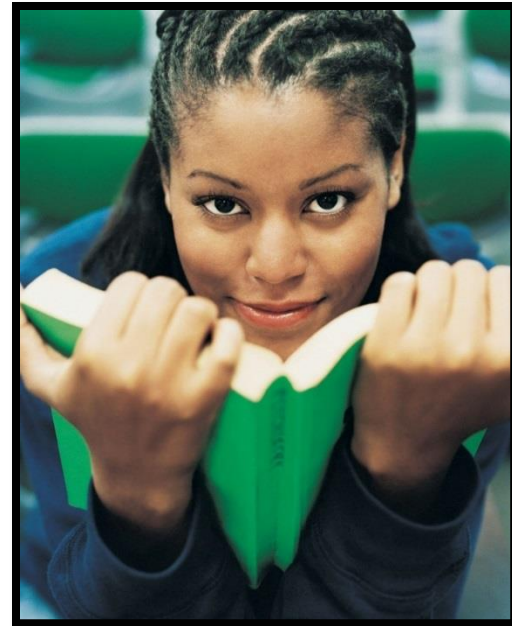
# AIMS OF THE AP & CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMS

- ◉ Think critically
- ◉ Develop curiosity and passion for learning
- ◉ Carry out independent research
- ◉ Communicate clear and well-reasoned arguments
- ◉ Understand global issues with multiple perspectives



# WHO SHOULD TAKE THESE CLASSES?

- ◉ Desire for a challenging environment
- ◉ High standardized test scores
- ◉ Passing courses with A/B average
- ◉ Self-motivated
- ◉ Willingness to work!



# ACADEMIC BENEFITS

- Provides students with skills needed for academic success in the future
- Builds confident and responsible students
- Weights GPA with quality points
- Passing scores on exams = college credit
  - Please check with individual college for policies

# CAMBRIDGE COURSE OFFERINGS

## ◎ AS Level (2021-22)

- Physical Education
- Marine Science
- Psychology
- International History
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- General Paper
- English Language
- Literature
- Spanish Language
- Mathematics
- Thinking Skills
- Media Studies

## ◎ A Level (2021-22)

- Marine Science
- Global Perspectives
- US History

## ◎ Pre-AICE (2021-22)

- Global Perspectives

Geography &  
General Paper -  
Courses available  
to 9<sup>th</sup> grade

# AP COURSE OFFERINGS

- ◉ Studio Art
- ◉ Calculus AB
- ◉ Calculus BC
- ◉ Statistics
- ◉ Biology
- ◉ Chemistry
- ◉ Environmental Science
- ◉ Physics I
- ◉ Spanish Language & Culture
- ◉ World History
- ◉ U.S. History
- ◉ U.S. Government & Politics
- ◉ Psychology
- ◉ English Language & Composition
- ◉ English Literature & Composition
- ◉ Computer Science Principles

# AICE DIPLOMA

- Successfully take and pass 7 AICE exams from required categories
  - Three year time limit
  - Exempt HOPE and online requirement with AICE Diploma
  - Guarantees the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship
    - Pending annual state legislation





# AICE DIPLOMA

- Receive 7 points between 4 groups of courses
  - Group 1: Mathematics and Science
  - Group 2: Languages
  - Group 3: Arts and Humanities
  - Group 4: Interdisciplinary/Skills-Based (max of two credits)
  - GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IS A REQUIREMENT
- Take at least one course per group
  - AS Level - 1 credit
  - A Level (year 2) - 1 credit
  - Pass examinations to earn 7 points



# AICE CATEGORIES FOR DIPLOMA

## ⦿ Group 1

- Physical Education
- Marine Science
- Psychology
- Biology
- Mathematics

## ⦿ Group 2

- Spanish Language
- English Language

## ⦿ Group 3

- International History
- US History
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Geography
- Media Studies
- Physical Education

## ⦿ Group 4

(2 points MAX)

- General Paper
- Thinking Skills

**\*\* Global Perspectives is a mandatory requirement for diploma**

# EXAMINATIONS

- ◉ April - June (Retakes offered October-November)
- ◉ Exams last from 1 hour to approximately 3 ½ hours
- ◉ Students must sit for each exam. There are no makeup exams available for Cambridge.
- ◉ Failure to sit for examinations will result in a financial obligation for the cost of exam and the loss of quality points in GPA.
- ◉ If students do not pass a Cambridge examination, there are retake exams in the fall. Student pays retake fees.

# CREDIT BY EXAM (AP/AICE/CLEP)

## ○ University Course Equivalents

- The Florida Department of Education has established credit course equivalencies for AICE and AP programs.



# PARENT ATTENDANCE

- ◉ Step 1 - Open the camera app on your smart phone.
- ◉ Step 2 - Aim your phone at the QR code like you are going to take a picture.
- ◉ Step 3 - Complete the attendance form *for each participant*.
- ◉ If you have any issues accessing the form, please email [storres@pinescharter.net](mailto:storres@pinescharter.net)

