



Advanced Curriculum at PPCHS



CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

Excellence in education



CollegeBoard

Advanced
Placement
Program

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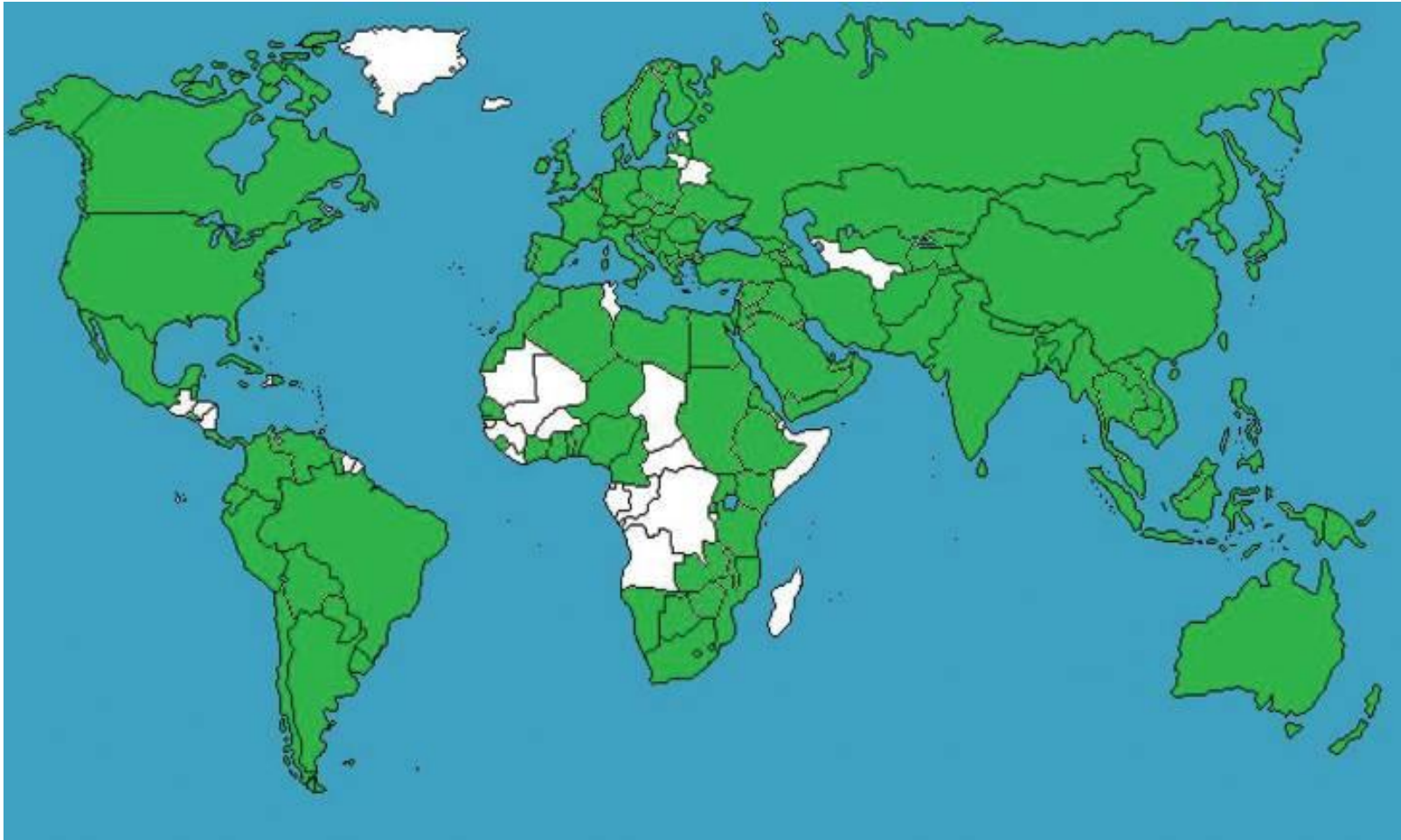
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WHAT IS THE CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM?

- ◉ Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is part of the University of Cambridge and offers an international curriculum for grades K-12.
- ◉ Each year there are 2 million subject entries for Cambridge exams
- ◉ PPCHS started offering the Cambridge curriculum for grades 9-12 starting with the 2014-2015 school year.

Cambridge International Education is worldwide



Offered at over 10,000 schools in over
160 countries

WHAT IS THE AP PROGRAM?

- ⦿ Advanced Placement is part of College Board and offers college-level courses to students while still in high school.
- ⦿ Established in 1955 and millions of exams have been given – Over 4 million last year!
- ⦿ The College Board also runs the PSAT and SAT program for college admissions.

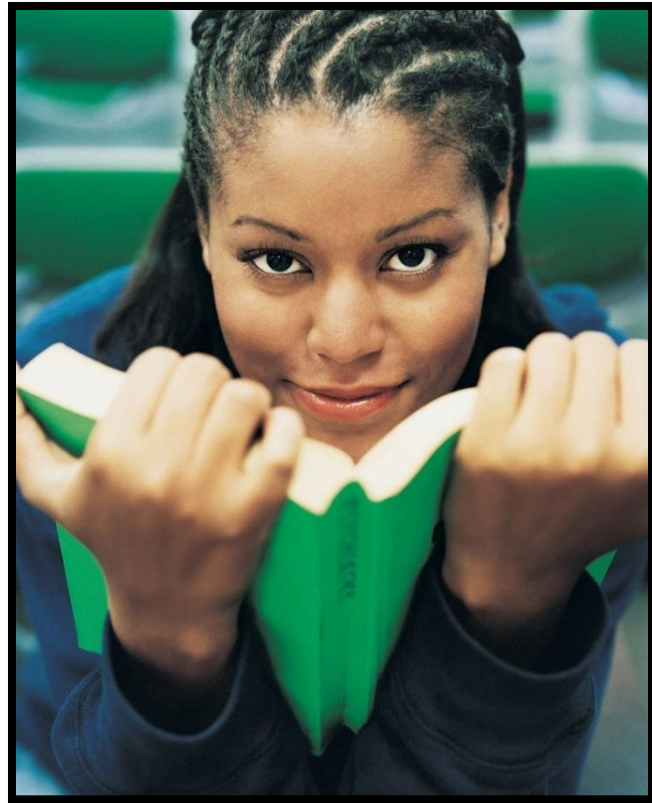
AIMS OF THE AP & CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMS

- ◉ Think critically
- ◉ Carry out independent research
- ◉ Evaluate arguments
- ◉ Communicate clear and well-reasoned arguments
- ◉ Understand global issues with multiple perspectives



WHO SHOULD TAKE THESE CLASSES?

- ◉ High standardized test scores (FCAT/FSA)
- ◉ Passing courses with A/B average
- ◉ Wants a challenging environment
- ◉ Self-motivated
- ◉ Willingness to work!



ACADEMIC BENEFITS OF BOTH

- ⦿ Taking higher-level courses weights GPA with quality points
- ⦿ Provides students with skills needed for academic success in the future
- ⦿ Passing scores on exams will give college credit. Please check with individual college for policies.

CAMBRIDGE COURSE OFFERINGS

○ AS Level (2016-2017)

- Biology
- Marine Science
- Psychology
- International History
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- Art & Design
- General Paper
- English Language
- Literature
- Spanish Language
- Travel & Tourism

○ A Level (2016-2017)

- Marine Science
- Sociology
- Global Perspectives
- U.S. History

○ Pre-AICE (2016-2017)

- Global Perspectives
- Biology
- Art & Design

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

- ◉ Art History
 - ◉ Studio Art
 - ◉ Calculus AB
 - ◉ Statistics
 - ◉ Biology
 - ◉ Chemistry
 - ◉ Environmental Science
 - ◉ Physics 1
 - ◉ Spanish Language & Culture
- ◉ World History
 - ◉ U.S. History
 - ◉ U.S. Government & Politics
 - ◉ Psychology
 - ◉ English Language & Composition
 - ◉ English Literature & Composition

****AP courses are not available
or 9th grade students****

BY THE NUMBERS

2015-2016

- Over 1,700 AP and Cambridge exams will be given April-June this year.



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- AICE Diploma
 - Advanced International Certificate of Education
 - Exempt HOPE and online requirement with AICE Diploma
 - AICE Diploma guarantees Florida Academic Scholarship (Highest level of Bright Futures)
 - Pending annual state legislation

AICE DIPLOMA - CLASS OF 2017+

- ◉ Receive 7 credits between 4 groups of courses
 - Group A: Mathematics and Science
 - Group B: Languages
 - Group C: Arts and Humanities
 - Group D: Global Perspectives (max of two credits)
 - **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IS A REQUIREMENT**

- ◉ Take at least one course per group
- ◉ AS Level one credit
- ◉ A Level two credits
- ◉ Pass 7 credit examinations



AICE CATEGORIES FOR DIPLOMA

○ Group 1

- Biology
- Marine Science
- Psychology

○ Group 2

- Spanish Language
- English Language

○ Group 3

- Art & Design
- International History
- US History
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography
- Travel & Tourism

○ Group 4

(2 credits MAX)

- ****Global Perspectives**
- General Paper

**** Global Perspectives in a mandatory requirement for diploma**

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

⦿ Florida Academic Scholars Award

- 100 Community Service Hours - BY GRADUATION
- 2015: SAT - 1290 ACT - 29

⦿ Florida Medallion Scholars Award

- 75 Community Service Hours - BY GRADUATION
- 2015: SAT - 1170 ACT - 26

⦿ Florida Gold Seal Award - req. 3 Voc. Courses

- 40 Community Service Hours - BY GRADUATION
- SAT - R-440, M-440 ACT - Eng. 17, R-18, M-19

Vocational track at PPCHS is in our Computer Science Dept.

FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FROM BRIGHT FUTURES AS AN AICE DIPLOMA RECIPIENT*

***PENDING ANNUAL STATE LEGISLATION**

- AICE Diploma recipients are automatically awarded the Florida Academic Scholars Award (Bright Futures)
 - Must complete a min. of 100 hours of student community service.
 - SAT and ACT requirement is waived.

EXAMINATIONS

- ◉ April – June
- ◉ 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.



IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE TEST...

- ◉ Study and appreciate literature and methods from other parts of the world
- ◉ Courses prepare students for college level expectations
- ◉ College admissions advantage
- ◉ Many basic college course requirements are earned through exam credit
- ◉ Ease the transition from HS to college

OTHER ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

- ◉ Dual Enrollment through Broward College offered afterschool, evenings, Saturdays, and summer.
 - *Dual Enrollment requirements are set by the college: Unweighted 3.0, 11 full credits, and min. test scores on SAT, ACT, or PERT.*



Dual Enrollment

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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