



How the Colorado Legacy Schools Initiative Can Help Your Student

The Colorado Legacy Schools Initiative helps students succeed in Advanced Placement (AP) classes in math, science, and English. AP classes are college-level courses taught in high school that include an exam given to all AP students in the country at the end of the school year. These classes can help pave your student's way to college.

- ◆ **AP classes prepare students to succeed in college.** Students who earn qualifying scores on AP exams are *three times more likely to graduate from college* than students who do not take AP classes. Even students who do not earn qualifying scores on AP exams are more likely to graduate from college than students who do not take AP classes.
- ◆ **AP gives students a head start toward college graduation.** Most colleges offer credit to students who have received qualifying scores on AP exams. These extra credits increase a student's chances of graduating from college in four years and *can save families the additional \$12,000 to \$33,000 it costs to attend another year of college.*
- ◆ **Taking AP classes can increase your student's chances of receiving scholarships and getting in to college.** Schools often consider a student's AP experience when determining scholarship awards. Additionally, more than 85% of selective colleges consider AP experience when deciding which students to admit.
- ◆ **The Colorado Legacy Schools Initiative and college graduation secure a brighter future for your student.** In the United States, workers with only a high school diploma are twice as likely to be unemployed as college graduates.
- ◆ **These courses prepare your student for successful careers.** The Colorado Legacy Schools Initiative focuses on AP classes that will prepare your student for majors in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), which are some of the fastest-growing and highest-paying career fields. In fact, the 10 majors with the highest average salaries are all in STEM fields.

**Colorado Legacy Schools knows that AP classes are hard;
we provide strong support to help your student succeed in AP, including:**

- Saturday Study Sessions providing an additional 18 hours of instruction per AP subject, taught by experts in the field.
- Exam fee supports to make AP exams more affordable.
- Financial incentives for students, rewarding the extra effort required to succeed in AP classes
- Supplies and equipment to help create innovative classrooms.

For more information on the Colorado Legacy Schools visit: coloradoedinitiative.org/our-work/colorado-legacy-schools.