

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT APPLICATION 2020-2021

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Fill out the information on this sheet.
2. **Both you AND a parent must sign and date the course description and "APPLICATION STATEMENT" Form on the back of this sheet to be admitted to the course.**
3. Return the signed "APPLICATION STATEMENT" form to Mr. Whitmyer (A200) IN PERSON or HIS MAILBOX IN THE MAIN OFFICE no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.** Do NOT put the application under the door or outside the classroom door.

## CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE:

- ADMISSIONS POLICY: All students who will be **Seniors** in 2020-2021 who wish to sign up for AP US Government may be evaluated based on the following criteria:
  - Cumulative GPA & Social Studies GPA
  - Academic preparation & credit in U.S. Government course
  - Teacher recommendations
  - Application is complete (**please note parents and students need to sign the front and the back**) and submitted on time. Absence or illness will not excuse you from this deadline.
- If your **completed** application is not returned by **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** you will not be admitted.

**REMINDER: RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE TEACHER (A-200)  
BY: Friday 2/7 AT 3:00PM.**

<b>NAME OF STUDENT APPLYING TO AP US GOVERNMENT</b>	(PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)
<b>STUDENT NUMBER:</b>	

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Advanced Placement U.S. Government course provides students a rigorous college level experience in a yearlong time period. At the conclusion of the course students are required to take the AP test and may potentially earn college credit if they score a 3 or higher. The A.P. course curriculum and assessment format is designed by the College Board to create a university experience for students across the country. The content, scope, sequence, rigor and assessments of the A.P. U.S. Government course taught at Okemos High School were designed and audited in accordance with College Board requirements.

## Students entering this class should understand the following expectations:

- time is **not** allotted for remediation of prerequisite skills and concepts
- the textbook and ancillary reading assignments are written for a **college level** student
- this course includes more lecture, reading, and rigorous assessments than general education courses
- extensive summer assignment including chapter work, Constitution research, non-textbook reading and writing
- You **must** attend a **MANDATORY** meeting concerning summer homework on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 in the OHS KIVA
- Summer assignments are due on the first day of class- no exceptions

I have read the above statement and understand the expectations.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above statement and am aware of and support the commitment made by my son/daughter to the requirements listed here and on the application form.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and  
sign the back as  
well.

## FOR PARENTS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS

Okemos High School offers the Advanced Placement Program of studies for talented students who are capable of doing college level work. There is an application/selection process for admission to each Advanced Placement course. Students who take Advanced Placement courses are required to take the Advanced Placement Examination in that area which is given annually in May. The Advanced Placement exam is an integral part of the Advanced Placement course, and the content of that exam shapes the framework of the course. Students taking Advanced Placement courses are making a commitment to excellence, and the Advanced Placement Examination provides both a unity of purpose and the measure of integrity of the course experience. Fairness to all (the others in the class, the teacher, and the colleges seeing AP on a transcript) decrees that all students complete the requirements of the Advanced Placement course by taking the Advanced Placement Examination.

There is an Advanced Placement Examination fee that the student must pay. However, there is a fee waiver provision for any student who may have difficulty paying it. If a student has difficulty paying the fee, Mrs. Akers in the Counseling Office should be contacted and arrangements to discuss fee reduction or waiver will be made. Each year the College Board provides fee reductions for candidates who are unable to pay the full fee for each Advanced Placement AP Examination. Available funds are limited. Therefore, fee reductions should be requested only for those students whose financial needs are clear. The basic guideline for financial need is membership in a low-income family.

**The fee for the Advanced Placement exam is due in September 2020. If the payment is not submitted by the due date, a late fee will be applied to each exam fee.**

**If a student withdraws from an Advanced Placement course, the colleges and universities to which the student has already applied will be informed of the change in the student's schedule.**

**I have read the above statement and agree to abide by it.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the above statement and am aware of and support the commitment made by my son/daughter to the requirements listed here and on the application form.**

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If a student fails to apply for an advanced placement course by the February deadline, that student's approval for AP enrollment will be based on the same criteria required of the February deadline but may also be limited by seat availability. (The number of sections offered is determined by on-time applications.) Late applications should be submitted to the AP teacher who will then conference with the advanced placement committee to determine whether or not the late applicant will be placed on the approved list. Placement on the "approved list" does not ensure placement in the course if seats are not available. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students meet the AP application deadline.