



Administrative Regulation 6501 ADVANCED PLACEMENT/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CLASSES

Responsible Office(s): Office of Academics

PURPOSE

This Administrative Regulation establishes the guidelines for consistency for Advanced Placement opportunities in the Washoe County School District (District).

DEFINITIONS

1. "Advanced Placement Program" is college-level curriculum and examinations created by the College Board to provide placement and college credit at most colleges within the United States to high school students who obtain above the required score on the examinations.
2. "International Baccalaureate Programme" is an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepare students for success at university and life beyond.

REGULATION

1. Access
 - a. All high school students in the District shall have access to Advanced Placement (AP) / International Baccalaureate (IB) classes.
 - b. Sections of AP and IB courses may be combined. No other combination of AP and non-AP students will be permitted except for art and world languages. When a course is designated as Advanced Placement, no honors section may be offered in the same course at that school.
2. Examinations
 - a. Each student enrolled in an AP class will take the AP examination in that subject at the end of the year. Each school site shall inform students and parents of this requirement at the time of course selection. If for any reason a student enrolled in an AP class does not take the examination, the AP designation will not appear on his/her transcript for either semester; an exception could be made for students repeating a world language AP exam.
 - b. A student not enrolled in an AP class may elect to take an AP examination in any subject at the end of the year.

- c. Each student enrolled in an IB class will take the IB examination in that subject at the end of the course of study. If for any reason a student enrolled in an IB class does not take the examination, the IB designation will not appear on his/her transcript for either semester. The International Baccalaureate Organization does not allow students who are not enrolled in an IB class to take the IB examination in that subject.
- d. Students are expected to pay for their own AP/IB examinations. High schools and the District will make every effort to provide funding for a test fee reduction for students who meet the requirements for Free and Reduced Lunch.

3. Enrollment

- a. Students will be actively encouraged to challenge themselves by enrolling in AP/IB classes. The District will develop methods to provide such encouragement to each student by:
 - i. Encouraging the development of rigorous preparatory classes to prepare students for AP or IB work;
 - ii. Providing students with a nationally recognized college readiness examination as well as a report on the student's potential for success in AP/IB classes; and
 - iii. Providing professional development for counselors and teachers with the express purpose of encouraging student participation in AP/IB classes.
- b. Grades in AP and IB classes will be weighted in the computation of a student's grade point average for the Millennium Scholarship, Advanced Diploma, and Honors Diploma.
- c. The District shall make efforts to encourage diversity in AP and IB enrollment with the intention that the ethnic, gender, and socio-economic enrollment in those classes will mirror that of the high school's student body as a whole.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- 1. This Administrative Document reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
 - a. Board Policy 6505, Pathways to Early College Credit; and
 - b. Administrative Regulation 5127, High School Graduation Diploma Requirements.

REVIEW HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
05/11/2004	1.0	Adopted
01/27/2014	2.0	Revised
09/12/2022	3.0	Revised: Changed to Regulation number from 6500 to 6501, updated process and clarified language