

JULIA R MASTERMAN LABORATORY AND DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL
1699 SPRING GARDEN STREET
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January 28, 2020

FROM: Ms. Jessica Brown- Principal

Ms. Michelle Harrison and Ms. Tonya Broussard- Assistant Principals

Mr. Justin Gilken- High School Dean

TO: All Current Grade 10 and 11 students

It is necessary at this time to consider your course selection for next year. Several of the courses available to you are Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses conform to an external syllabus put forth by the College Board and are essentially college level courses. All syllabi will be located on our website at:

www.masterman.philasd.org---- Click on STUDENT then Click on AP Course Syllabi for your perusal. At the completion of each AP course, you will be required to take an exam designed by the College Board.

There are several important considerations:

- Students who take Advanced Placement courses must have strong overall academic records and must meet the criteria below that are specific to each course taken.
- Other considerations include the thoroughness of preparation, class and school attendance, lateness, motivation, student behavior and integrity.
- Students in grade 10 may elect no more than two AP courses in grade 11; however, under extenuating circumstances AND with permission of the Administrator/Dean, a student may take one additional AP course.
- Students in grade 11 may elect no more than three AP courses in grade 12; however, under extenuating circumstances AND with permission of the Administrator/Dean, a student may take one additional AP course.
- While AP courses are offered in the selection process, there is no guarantee it will actually be offered until the entire scheduling process is complete as budget, class size and scheduling all play a factor.

FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Grades in all related courses must be A's or very high B's. Depending on the competitiveness of the applicant pool, not all students who meet the minimum requirements will be admitted to the course due to the limited sections available. However, all attempts are made to meet students' requests.

FOR INCOMING SENIORS (Current Juniors): The suggested PSAT range for Language Arts AP courses is 570 or above in the ERW section. The suggested PSAT range for Math and Science AP courses is 570 or above in Math.

FOR INCOMING JUNIORS (Current Sophomores): PSAT scores will be considered in the selection process.

If you are interested in taking a course for which you do not meet the requirements, you may still submit a request for the course. However, you will need to attach a typewritten explanation of why you should be admitted into the course. Admission to the AP course will be at the discretion of the AP teacher.

All completed forms must be returned by Friday, January 31 at 8:30am to Mr. Justin Gilken in Room 210 or in his mailbox.

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Printed Student Name _____ Section _____

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2020-2021 Course Selection Choices for Grade 12

Note: **AP course requests must be ranked by preference with "1" being the student's first choice.** The student may request as many AP courses as allotted, recognizing that the limit is three courses for Grade 12 unless granted permission. We, at Masterman, are committed to giving as many students as possible the opportunity to take AP classes. Therefore, we remind students to complete the ranking by preference authentically. This will have an impact during selection.

MATH OPTIONS- Select at least two courses from the following. **Be sure to rank order with "1" as the student's first choice.**

_____ Calculus AB

_____ Calculus BC- Highly Competitive

_____ Discrete Math- counts as an AP- 8 undergraduate credits awarded by Community College of Philadelphia at possibly an additional cost to the student as funding is not guaranteed by the School District. All students must have completed Calculus BC in Junior Year

_____ Statistics AP

_____ Statistics- Advanced

_____ Calculus- Advanced

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AP Elective OPTIONS- Select as many courses as you wish from the following. **Be sure to rank order with a "1" as the student's first choice.**

_____ AP Biology

_____ AP Chemistry

_____ AP Physics

_____ AP English Literature and Composition

_____ AP French

_____ AP Music Theory (see Ms. Neu to take the test)

_____ AP Spanish

_____ AP US Government and Politics

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_____ I meet all criteria established for the courses for which I have applied

OR

_____ I am requesting an exemption from the criteria established for the courses for which I have applied. I attached a typewritten request for this consideration to this document that has been both written and signed by me.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

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2020-2021 Course Selection Choices for Grade 11

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MATH OPTIONS- If you have taken pre-calculus, select at least one course from the following.

GRADE 11

_____ Calculus AB- Pre Calculus must be completed prior to the start of this course

_____ Calculus BC- Pre Calculus must be completed prior to the start of this course

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AP Elective OPTIONS- Select AP courses from the following. **Be sure to rank order with a "1" as the student's first choice**

_____ AP English Language and Composition

_____ AP American History

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_____ I meet all criteria established for the course(s) for which I have applied

OR

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