

January 16, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The staff at Tuscola High is pleased that your child is considering taking one or more *advanced* classes next year. For the AP (Advanced Placement) courses, the college-level work is strenuous, but the rewards for making the commitment & seeing it through are great. You may already know that a passing grade on a College Board AP test in high school allows a student to enter college with credit earned ahead of time. Each year Tuscola has a significant number of students who enter college with various amounts of credit earned through AP courses. To compensate for the increased difficulty of the AP & Advanced courses, AP classes are weighted with two extra points awarded in computing a student's Grade Point Average, while *Advanced* courses are awarded one extra point.

Please understand Tuscola's policies concerning all *advanced* courses. Once students have made their final class selections, *changes will not be made except in cases of administrative decisions*. Thus, both students & parents should be very certain of the commitment they are making. Additionally, students taking AP classes are offered the National Advanced Placement Test for each AP course at a cost of \$89 per test, which a student must take & pass in order to receive college credit. The fee for *each* test will be collected in the fall of next school year on or before December 13, 2013.

Should you have any questions concerning the AP courses or tests, please feel free to contact the Tuscola Counseling Center at 456 – 2408.

Cordially,

Mr. Dale McDonald

I have reviewed the contents of this letter as well as criteria & modifications listed for each AP course to which my child is applying. I understand the AP courses require college level work which is much more rigorous than normal high school courses. I also understand that participation in any AP class requires that my child pass the National Advanced Placement Test in order to receive college credit.

Student (Print Name) _____

Student Signature (Sign Name) _____

Parent/Guardian (Print Name) _____

Parent/Guardian (Sign Name) _____

**COURSES REQUIRING AN APPLICATION
TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL
2013 - 2014**

Instructions: This form must be completed, signed by a parent/guardian, and returned to the counseling center no later than **Wednesday, January 23, 2013.**

Please print or type:

Name _____

Current Grade _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Circle the course(s) for which you are applying: (Circle/apply for all courses in which you have an interest.)

ENGLISH

AP English IV (12th) – Ms. Jessie Tucker-(5th period)

AP English III (11th) – Ms. Melville-(6th period)

Honors English IV-Ms. Maggie Melville-(4 & 7th period)

Honors English III-Ms. Carla Brookshire (1st period)

Honors English II-Ms. Jessie Tucker-(4 & 5th period)

SCIENCE

Advanced(NOT AP) Chemistry (11/12th) – Mr. Jim Davis-(6 & 7th periods)-

AP Biology (11/12th) – Ms. Randi Neff- (6th period)

AP Environmental Science (11th, 12th) – Ms. Suzanne Orbock-Miller-(4th period)

Advanced Physics (11/12th) – Ms. Randi Neff-(5th period)

Advanced (NOT AP) Biology II (11/12th) - Ms. Plemmons-(6 & 7th periods)

MATH

AP Calculus (12th) – Mr. Randy Pressley – (1st period)

AP Statistics (11/12th)-Mr. Randy Pressley-(2nd period)

Honors Discrete-(12th)-Ms. Gay Phillips-(3rd period)

HISTORY

U.S. & World Affairs Since WWI – Mr. Barron Rogers (**Advanced Course – Not AP**) - (3rd period)

AP U.S. History (11th) – Mrs. Cecilia Ruth Marcus (3rd Period)

Turning Points in US History – Mrs. Jennifer Smathers (**Advanced Course – Not AP**)

ELECTIVE COURSES- Student applications are required but these are **NOT** advanced courses

Publications – Mrs. Tammy Bates – (4th & 5th Periods)

Peer Helping – Mrs. Chelsea White – (1st – 7th)

Peer Tutoring – Mrs. Cindy Early – (1st – 7th)

Media Assistant – Mrs. Sharon Erwin-Smart (1st – 7th)

Summit – Mrs. Fritzie Wise – (2nd Period)