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Tonight's Learning Focus: **AP Capstone Program**

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AP Capstone™

Discovery, Research, Distinction



“The AP Capstone program will help students to develop critical thinking skills that allow them to think independently, to analyze issues from different perspectives, to communicate clearly, and to conduct independent research. These are exactly the types of skills that they will be expected to utilize in college, and the AP Capstone program will give them a terrific head start.”

— *Zina L. Evans, VP for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost,
University of Florida*

- o Analyze topics through multiple lenses to construct meaning or gain understanding.*
- o Plan and conduct a study or investigation.*
- o Propose solutions to real-world problems.*
- o Plan and produce communication in various forms.*
- o Collaborate to solve a problem.*
- o Integrate, synthesize, and make cross-curricular connections.*

AP Seminar

- o Students work with a team and then independently to research a topic and deliver a multimedia presentation and oral defense*
- o Explore topics such as education, wealth and poverty, or freedom from multiple perspectives (e.g. scientific, economic, political, cultural)*

AP Seminar Assessment

- o 2 Performance tasks during course
 - o Team project and presentation (20%)
 - o Individual research-based essay and presentation(35%)
- o 1 End-of-course exam
 - o 3 short answer questions and 1 evidence-based argument essay (45%)
- o All 3 are used to determine final AP score of 1 to 5

AP Research

- o Students design, plan, and conduct a year long research-based investigation on a topic of individual interest, connecting with experts in the field they are studying
- o Research question is based on a gap in the current field of knowledge,
 - o Students explain approach to research, present findings and interpret the significance of those findings, and provide possible next steps for research in chosen area

AP Research Assessment

- o Academic Paper (75%)
 - o 4,000-5,000 words
- o Presentation & Oral Defense (25%)
 - o During which students will answer 3-4 questions from a panel of evaluators
- o Both are used to determine overall AP exam score of 1-5

AP Capstone Diploma



College Admission Benefits

- o Certificate or Diploma
- o Ability to distinguish him/herself in the process
- o Endorsed by schools such as Georgetown, Princeton, Yale, Harvard
- o Credit policies established by school such as MIT, Kentucky University System, Florida University System, South Carolina University System