



# Parent Workshop



**CAMBRIDGE**

International Examinations

*Excellence in education*

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Advanced  
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Program

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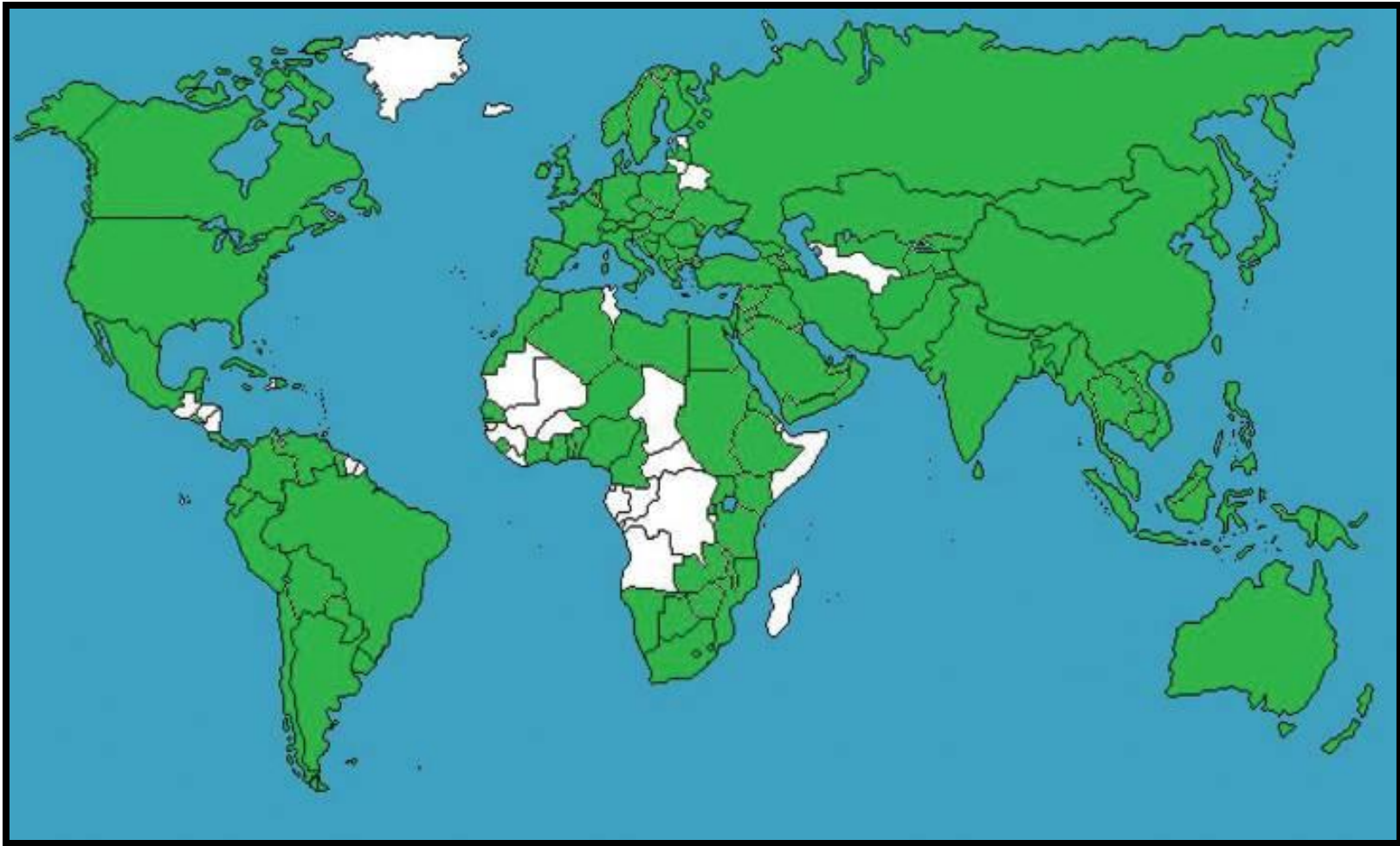
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# WHAT IS THE CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM?

- ◉ Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is part of the University of Cambridge and offers an international curriculum for grades K-12.
- ◉ Each year there are 2 million subject entries for Cambridge exams
- ◉ PPCHS started offering the Cambridge curriculum, in addition to AP, for grades 9-12 starting with the 2014-2015 school year.

# Cambridge International Education is worldwide



Offered at over 10,000 schools in over  
160 countries

# WHAT IS THE AP PROGRAM?

- ◉ Advanced Placement is part of College Board and offers college-level courses to students while still in high school.
- ◉ Established in 1955 and millions of exams have been given - Over 4 million last year!
- ◉ The College Board also runs the PSAT and SAT program for college admissions.

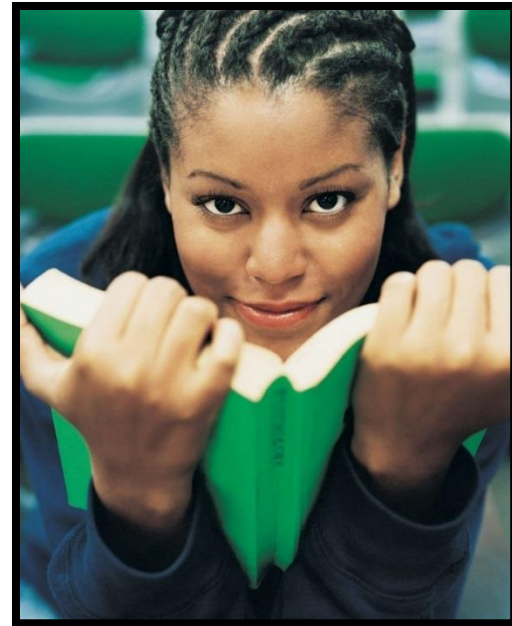
# AIMS OF THE AP & CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMS

- ◉ Think critically
- ◉ Develop curiosity and passion for learning
- ◉ Carry out independent research
- ◉ Communicate clear and well-reasoned arguments
- ◉ Understand global issues with multiple perspectives



# WHO SHOULD TAKE THESE CLASSES?

- ◉ High standardized test scores
- ◉ Passing courses with A/B average
- ◉ Desire for a challenging environment
- ◉ Self-motivated
- ◉ Willingness to work!



# ACADEMIC BENEFITS

- Provides students with skills needed for academic success in the future
- Builds confident and responsible students
- Taking higher-level courses weights GPA with quality points
- Passing scores on exams will give college credit. Please check with individual college for policies.



# ACADEMIC BENEFITS

- Cambridge/AICE Diploma (Advanced International Certificate in education)
  - Exempt HOPE and online requirement with AICE Diploma
  - AICE Diploma guarantees the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship
    - Currently \$103/credit hour
      - \* Pending annual state legislation





# CAMBRIDGE COURSE OFFERINGS

- ◉ **AS Level (2017-18)**
  - Environmental Management
  - Marine Science
  - Psychology
  - International History
  - US History
  - Geography\*
  - Global Perspectives
  - General Paper\*
  - English Language
  - Literature
  - Spanish Language\*
  - Mathematics
  - Thinking Skills

- ◉ **A Level (2017-18)**
  - Marine Science
  - Sociology
  - Global Perspectives
- ◉ **IGSCE/Pre-AICE (2017-18)**
  - Global Perspectives\*

\* Courses available to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

# AP COURSE OFFERINGS

- ◉ Art History (FLVS - Lab)
- ◉ Studio Art
- ◉ Calculus AB
- ◉ Calculus BC
- ◉ Statistics
- ◉ Biology
- ◉ Chemistry
- ◉ Environmental Science
- ◉ Physics I & II
- ◉ Spanish Language & Culture
- ◉ World History
- ◉ U.S. History
- ◉ U.S. Government & Politics
- ◉ Psychology
- ◉ English Language & Composition
- ◉ English Literature & Composition
- ◉ Computer Science Principles

**\*\*AP courses are not available to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students\*\***

# BY THE NUMBERS

2016-2017

- ◉ Almost 2,000 AP and Cambridge exams will be given April-June this year.



# AICE DIPLOMA - CLASS OF 2021

- Receive 7 points between 4 groups of courses
  - Group 1: Mathematics and Science
  - Group 2: Languages
  - Group 3: Arts and Humanities
  - Group 4: Interdisciplinary/Skills-Based (max of two credits)
  - GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IS A REQUIREMENT
- Take at least one course per group
  - AS Level one credit
  - A Level two credits
  - Pass examinations to earn 7 points



# AICE CATEGORIES FOR DIPLOMA

## ○ Group 1

- Environmental Management
- Marine Science
- Psychology
- Mathematics

## ○ Group 2

- Spanish Language
- English Language

## ○ Group 3

- International History
- US History
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography

## ○ Group 4

(2 points MAX)

- General Paper
- Thinking Skills

**\*\* Global Perspectives is a mandatory requirement for diploma**

# AICE DIPLOMA SCHEDULE (EXAMPLE)

## ◎ 9<sup>th</sup> grade

- IGCSE/Pre-AICE Global Perspectives or AS Geography
- Biology or Biology Honors
- Honors English I or General Paper
- Math
- Elective
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# EXAMINATIONS

- ◉ April - June (Retakes offered October-November)
- ◉ Exams last from 1 hour to approximately 3 ½ hours
- ◉ Students must sit for each exam. There are no makeup exams available for Cambridge.
- ◉ Failure to sit for examinations will result in a financial obligation for the cost of exam and the loss of quality points in GPA.
- ◉ If students do not pass a Cambridge examination, there are retake exams in the fall. Student pays retake fees.



# CREDIT BY EXAM (AP/AICE/CLEP)

## ○ University Course Equivalents

- The Florida Department of Education has established credit course equivalencies for AICE and AP programs.



# IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE TEST...

- ◉ Study and appreciate literature and methods from other parts of the world
- ◉ Courses prepare students for college level expectations
- ◉ College admissions advantage
- ◉ Many basic college course requirements are earned through exam credit
- ◉ Ease the transition from HS to college

# OTHER ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

- ◉ Dual Enrollment through Broward College offered afterschool, evenings, Saturdays, and summer.
  - Dual Enrollment requirements are set by the college: Unweighted 3.0, 11 full credits, and min. test scores on SAT, ACT, or PERT.
  - Contact Melissa Sabatier for more info - [msabatier@pinescharter.net](mailto:msabatier@pinescharter.net)



# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- ◎ Florida Academic Scholars Award
  - 3.5 GPA
  - 100 Community Service Hours
  - 2016: SAT - 1290      ACT - 29
  - AUTOMATICALLY awarded for AICE Diploma recipients without SAT/ACT requirement
  
- ◎ Florida Medallion Scholars Award
  - 3.0 GPA
  - 75 Community Service Hours
  - 2016: SAT - 1170      ACT - 26

# SUCCESS TIPS

- ◉ Students learning to advocate
- ◉ Monitor Jupitergrades
- ◉ Monitor study habits - Make it a part of daily routine
- ◉ Access before/after school help from teacher
- ◉ NHS student tutors
- ◉ Private tutoring
- ◉ Parent/teacher conference

# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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