



Advanced Curriculum at PPCHS



CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

Excellence in education



CollegeBoard

Advanced
Placement
Program

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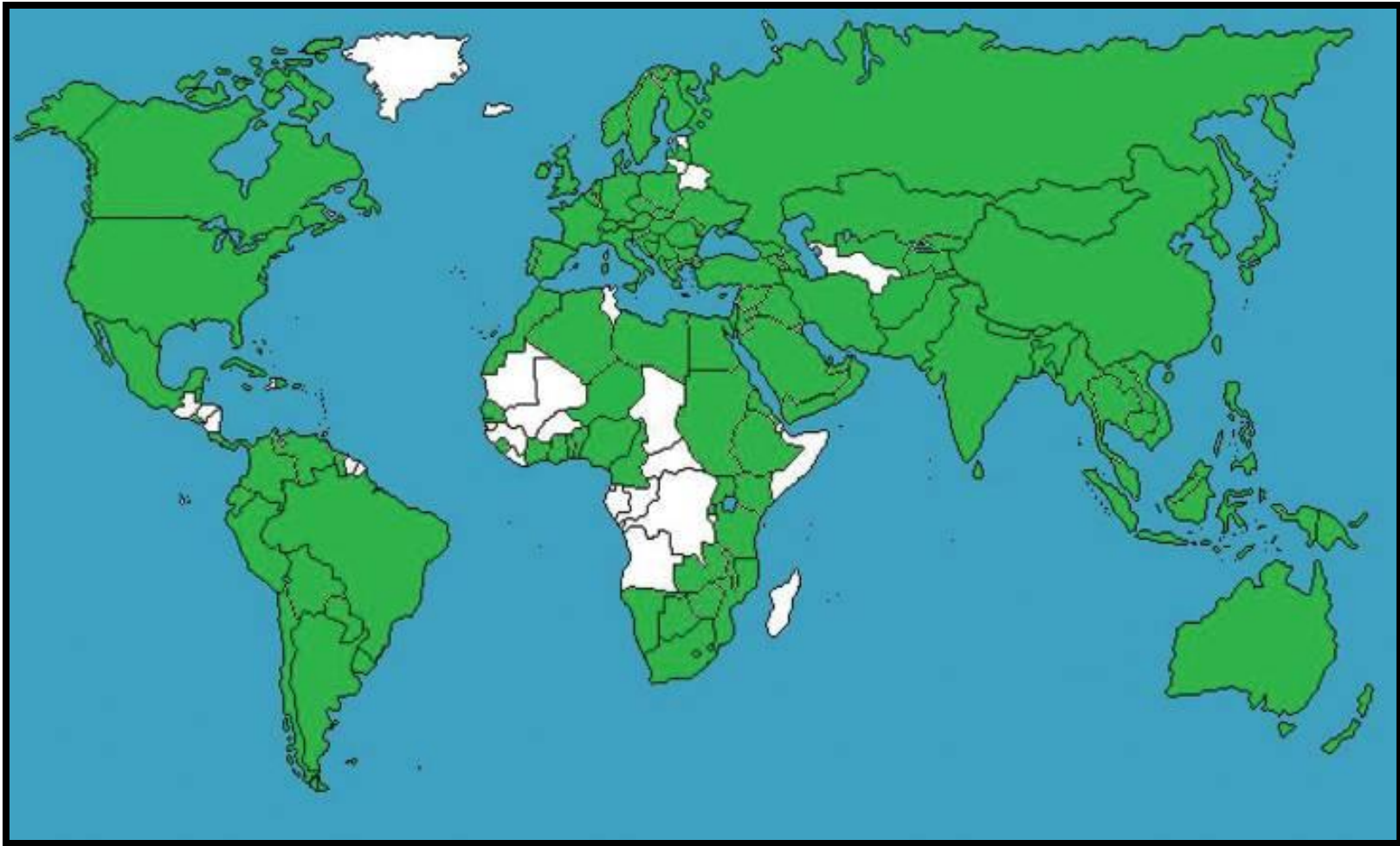
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WHAT IS THE CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM?

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

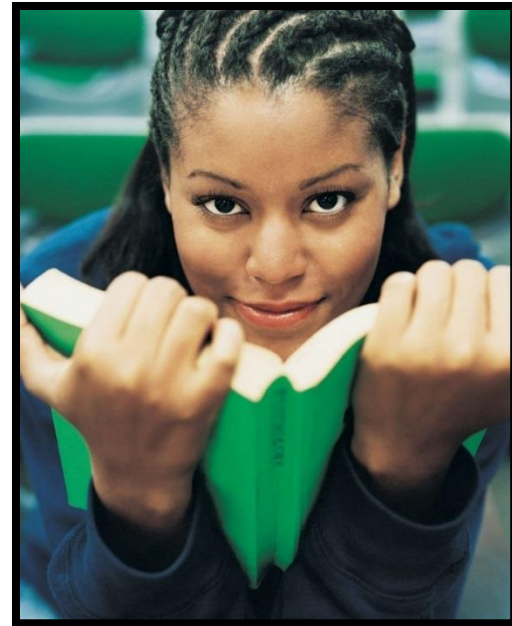
AIMS OF THE AP & CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMS

- ◉ 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?

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



ACADEMIC BENEFITS

- Provides students with skills needed for academic success in the future
- Builds confident and responsible students
- Weights GPA with quality points
- Passing scores on exams = 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
 - *Why does this matter?*
 - * Pending annual state legislation



CAMBRIDGE COURSE OFFERINGS

○ AS Level (2018-19)

- Environmental Management
- Marine Science
- Psychology
- Biology
- International History
- US History
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- General Paper
- English Language
- Literature
- Spanish Language
- Mathematics
- Thinking Skills
- Media Studies

○ A Level (2018-19)

- Marine Science
- Global Perspectives

○ IGSCE/Pre-AICE (2018-19)

- Global Perspectives

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

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

BY THE NUMBERS

2017-2018

- Approximately 2,000 AP and Cambridge exams will be given in May.



AICE CATEGORIES FOR DIPLOMA

⊙ Group 1

- Environmental Management
- Marine Science
- Psychology
- Biology
- Mathematics

⊙ Group 2

- Spanish Language
- English Language

⊙ Group 3

- International History
- US History
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Geography
- Media Studies

⊙ Group 4

(2 points MAX)

- General Paper
- Thinking Skills

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

AICE DIPLOMA - CLASS OF 2018+

- 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



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



Dual Enrollment

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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