



JOHN FRASER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Regional Advanced Placement Program Fact Sheet

What is an Advanced Placement (AP) Program?

- The AP program is a university-readiness program that is designed for academically inclined students and regulated by the College Board, a U.S. education association focusing on post-secondary school readiness. (www.collegeboard.org) (www.apcanada.collegeboard.org)
- It allows students to pursue university-level studies while still in high school.
- It provides an enriched learning environment with like-minded peers.
- The program leads to an opportunity to earn first-year university credits for each AP exam successfully written.
- AP credits are recognized by all Canadian universities and by post-secondary institutions in over 60 countries around the world.
- The College Board provides significant training, resources and support for the development of AP programs around the world.
- There are more than 30 courses that secondary schools can offer in art, history, languages, mathematics and science. Each AP course concludes with a standardized exam which is written and scored by external professors and AP Readers (evaluators) in the U.S. Each AP exam costs approximately \$125, payable when exams are written in Grade 11 and/or 12.

The Pre-AP (grade 9 and 10) at JFSS:

- JFSS offers a full Pre-AP and AP program.
- The John Fraser Pre-AP program for grades 9 and 10 includes English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and French.
- All courses are based on the Ontario curriculum expectations while providing enrichment activities to prepare students for the rigour of senior-level AP courses.
- The program increases the level of rigour in the curriculum to accelerate learning, and to prepare students for AP at the senior level.
- Pre-AP classes will focus on 21st Century skills that will prepare students for current learning formats in post-secondary institutions – digital fluency, inquiry, critical-thinking, problem-solving, collaboration and innovation.

Applying for the Advanced Placement Program at JFSS:

In order to select the best qualified candidates for the academically demanding Advanced Placement Program, the John Fraser Secondary School selection committee will consider the following components:

- Grade 7 Report Card
- Grade 8 Progress Report Card
- The results of a locally designed numeracy and literacy assessment that will take place at John Fraser Secondary School on **Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**
- Response to reflection questions as part of the on line application
- The application requires the consent of a parent/guardian and the payment of a non-refundable \$40 administrative fee.
- The **annual** fee for the Regional AP Program is \$250 per student.
- Applications are accepted on-line between **November 5th, 2018** and **November 21st, 2018**