

## **Program of Studies Update Highlights**

### **1) Levels of Instruction**

- **Old**

#### **LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION**

##### **COLLEGE PREPARATORY (CP)**

College preparatory courses are paced for students who demonstrate average academic ability. College preparatory courses provide a foundation for post-secondary education.

##### **ADVANCED COLLEGE PREPARATORY (ACP)**

Advanced College Preparatory courses are paced for the student who demonstrates above-average academic ability. They are rigorous and require a commitment to an in-depth study of the subject.

##### **HONORS (HON)**

Honors level courses are designed for the student who demonstrates superior academic ability. Except for the Advanced Placement courses, these are the most accelerated courses offered at Stoneham High School.

##### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)**

AP courses are the most rigorous courses offered at Stoneham High School. AP courses are designed for the student who demonstrates superior academic ability. Students are expected to take the Advanced Placement examinations as concluding experiences in these courses.

- **New**

#### **LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION**

##### **College Preparatory (CP):**

These courses feature structured, scaffolded instruction to allow for more individualized attention and foster academic independence. These courses provide a learning environment which supports foundational work, and help students strengthen college and career readiness skills.

##### **Advanced College Preparatory (ACP):**

These are career and college preparatory courses which include increasing independence on inquiry, problem solving, critical thinking, and reading and writing within each content area. ACP courses offer academic preparation for students planning to further their education beyond high school in two or four-year college programs.

##### **Honors (HON):**

These are more rigorous college preparatory courses in which materials taught are at an accelerated pace. Students are expected to work more independently on inquiry, problem solving, critical thinking, and reading and writing within each content area. These courses provide a strong foundation for future studies in each field.

##### **Advanced Placement (AP):**

These courses are conducted at a standard comparable to college work. Courses are rigorous and materials taught are at an accelerated pace and greater depth. Students work independently on inquiry, problem solving, critical thinking, and reading and writing within each content area. These courses offer students the opportunity to take

college-level courses and exams in high school and earn college credit, advanced placement, or both at many colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world. Students taking AP courses are expected to take the Advanced Placement test for the content area of their course in May. The cost of each AP test is determined and published by the College Board

## **2) Prerequisite grades for advancement to upper level courses**

- Old
  - Specific grade A- / B- , etc.
- New
  - Successful completion
    - 70 / C- or higher

## **3) Elective Course Levels**

- Old
  - CP, ACP, Honors, AP (if offered)
- New
  - ACP and Honors or AP (if offered)