

January 13, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The staff at Tuscola High is pleased that your child is considering taking one or more *advanced* classes next year. For the AP (Advanced Placement) courses, the college-level work is strenuous, but the rewards for making the commitment and seeing it through are great. You may already know that a passing grade on a College Board AP test in high school allows a student to enter college with credit earned ahead of time. Each year Tuscola has a significant number of students who enter college with various amounts of credit earned through AP courses. To compensate for the increased difficulty of the AP and Advanced courses, AP classes are weighted with two extra points awarded in computing a student's Grade Point Average, while *Advanced* courses are awarded one extra point.

Please understand Tuscola's policies concerning all *advanced* courses. Once students have made their final class selections, changes will not be made except in cases of administrative decisions. Thus, both students and parents should be very certain of the commitment they are making. Additionally, students taking AP classes are offered the National Advanced Placement Test for each AP course at a cost of \$87 per test, which a student must take and pass in order to receive college credit. The fee for *each* test will be collected in the fall of next school year on or before **November 18, 2011**.

Should you have any questions concerning the AP courses or tests, please feel free to contact the Tuscola Counseling Center at 456 – 2408.

Cordially,

Mr. Dale McDonald

I have reviewed the contents of this letter as well as criteria and modifications listed for each AP course to which my child is applying. I understand the AP courses require college level work which is much more rigorous than normal high school courses. I also understand that participation in any AP class requires that my child pass the National Advanced Placement Test in order to receive college credit.

Student (Print Name) _____

Student Signature (Sign Name) _____

Parent/Guardian (Print Name) _____

Parent/Guardian (Sign Name) _____

**COURSES REQUIRING AN APPLICATION
TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL
2011 - 2012**

Instructions: This form must be completed, signed by a parent/guardian, and returned to the counseling center no later than **Thursday, January 27**.

Please print or type:

Name _____

Current Grade _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Circle the course(s) for which you are applying: (You should circle/apply for all those in which you have an interest.)

English

AP English IV (12th) – Mr. Robbie Robles & Mrs. Carla Brookshire - (4th & 5th Periods)

AP English III (11th) – Ms. Beth Sanderson – (5th & 7th Periods)

Science

Advanced Chemistry (11th, 12th) – Mr. Jim Davis (**Advanced Course - Not AP**)
(7th Period)

AP Biology (11th, 12th) – Mrs. Randi Neff- (2nd Period)

AP Environmental Science (11th, 12th) – Mr. Mark Ethridge – (7th Period)

AP Physics (11th, 12th) – Mr. Mark Ethridge – (5th Period)

Advanced Biology (11th, 12th) – Ms. Yvonne Plemmons (6th & 7th Periods) (Advanced Course - Not AP)

Math

AP Calculus (12th) – Mr. Randy Pressley – (2nd & 7th Periods)

History

The U.S. & World Affairs Since WWI – Mrs. Cecilia Ruth Marcus (Advanced Course – Not AP) - (2nd & 3rd Periods)

AP U.S. History (11th) – Mrs. Margaret Sutton (3rd Period)

Elective Courses (Student applications are required but these are

NOT advanced courses.)

Teacher Cadet – Mrs. Helen Pollifrone – (7th Period)

Publications – Mrs. Tammy Bates – (4th & 5th Periods)

Peer Helping – Mrs. Stephanie Goodwin – (1st – 7th)

Peer Tutoring – Mrs. Cindy Early – (1st – 7th)

Media Assistant – Mrs. Sharon Erwin-Smart (1st – 7th)

Summit – Mrs. Fritzie Wise – (2nd Period)