



Enrich Your Life

- motivate and challenge yourself
- meet other highly able students
- prepare for an international exam
- gain an edge going into University

Admissions

A minimum average of 75% in English is generally recommended for this pathway of study in English but some highly able students do underachieve. Use the *Student Self Assessment* on the school website, under the Academics link, to determine if the Pre-AP stream is right for you.

Students who are self-starters, curious, passionate about reading books, and looking to be challenged should consider the AP program at MDCSS.

Fact or Fiction?

Myth: *Pre-AP and AP classes are a lot more work than regular stream courses.*

Fact: The goal of the AP program is not to create more work for students but to rather create more challenging projects and learning activities that more deeply engages and stretches students' skills of critical thinking, analysis and creativity.

Myth: *You have to be super intelligent to take an AP class.*

Fact: The AP English program at Monsignor Doyle is not designed to exclusively cater to an elitist group of intellectual students. On the contrary, this program is catered to students who have a passion for literature and enjoy pursuing this love through reading, writing, and classroom discussion.

“The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities of a child, to invent and discover, to create people who are capable of doing new things.”

Jean Piaget

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Advanced Placement Brochure



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Learning, Faith and
Respect Together.



Course Selection

- Grade 8 Students (recommended by their Grade 8 teacher) may select any Grade 9 Pre-AP courses they wish.
- Students are not required to take the entire Pre-AP/AP program, and they may opt out of courses in future grades.
- It is possible to opt into Pre-AP/AP courses in later grades without the previous Pre-AP course; however, students would then be responsible for filling in any gaps in their learning (with the support of their teacher).
- Students in Pre-AP/AP courses complete Ontario curriculum with appropriate extensions designed to prepare students for writing the Grade 12 AP exams.
- AP exam results stay confidential until the student elects to release them. Some students will opt not to write the exam.



Available Courses

	English	French
Grade 9	Pre-AP English ENG1DP (Available Now)	Pre-AP French FSF1DP (Available Now)
Grade 10	Pre-AP English ENG2DP (2019-2020)	Pre-AP French FSF2DP (Available Now)
Grade 11	Pre-AP English ENG3UP (2020-2021)	Pre-AP French FSF3UP (2019-2020)
Grade 12	AP English ENG4UP (2021-2022)	AP French FSF4UP (2020-2021)

How do students benefit from AP?

- Grouping highly able learners creates an environment where students can challenge each other and thrive.
- Students will gain a wealth of experience and critical thinking skills that will benefit them all of their lives.
- University credits may be awarded to students that perform well on their Grade 12 AP exams. This is dependent on post-secondary institutions.

Typically, students who write the AP Exam achieve higher grades in University than students with similar grades in High School who did not.

What is AP?

Advanced Placement (AP) is an internationally recognized program that allows students to enrich the Ontario Curriculum with the goal of achieving university accreditation while enrolled at Monsignor Doyle CSS.

Pre-AP courses are offered in grades 9 – 11. AP courses are offered in grade 12. They are audited by the AP College Board and include writing AP exams in May.

What does AP provide?

- Topics and material studied in greater depth
- Enriched learning opportunities
- Thought-provoking discussion
- Interaction with other motivated learners

The focus is not to create more work, but a different kind of work that challenges a student's higher order thinking skills.

Who should consider AP?

- Highly able learners looking to be challenged
- Students with a passion for learning
- Self-motivated learners with strong communication and analytical skills.

Grades are only one of the many factors that help determine a student's suitability for AP.