



**Central Union High School District
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs
Participation Agreement**

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs are extremely rigorous and are recommended for students who have demonstrated an interest in enrolling in high-level courses and are committed to hard work. Such students need to show determination, perseverance, time management, and effective study skills. Since AP/IB courses are designed to prepare students for college-level, subject-specific AP/IB exams, and possible college credits, the materials covered are extensive and the pace is rapid. If a student struggles with AP/IB courses, it is expected that he/she will commit to a greater effort and seek regular support services, one of which could be tutoring. Students wishing to enroll in AP/IB courses must make an appointment with a counselor. Students who are enrolled in the full IB program will have a set curriculum.

These courses directly affect college admission eligibility and merit-based financial aid. Students wishing to drop an AP/IB course at semester must meet with their counselor in order to submit an exit form prior to Thanksgiving break.

Students will not be enrolled in AP/IB Courses without a signed agreement by the student and parent or guardian. Students and parents must return the signed agreement no later than the second week of school.

Please fill out the following information accurately and clearly. (Print legibly!)

Student name: _____ **Parents' last name:** _____

Address: _____

Birth date: _____ **E-mail address** _____

Carefully read each of the following terms and conditions. Students and parents/guardians must initial each item in the space provided. When finished, sign and date the agreement.

- _____ I understand that this is a college course with college level expectations, and that my work will be held to college level standards. _____
- _____ I understand that this course's curriculum is designed to help prepare me to pass the AP/IB test. _____
- _____ I understand that class attendance is extremely important, and I will have no unexcused/unverified absences. _____
- _____ I will come to class every day prepared and with all necessary materials. _____
- _____ I agree to complete all assignments in a manner outlined by the teacher including all readings, reading and lecture notes, assessments, projects and any pre-course/summer requirements. _____
- _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to seek additional assistance when I need it. _____
- _____ I will make up missed work (by the deadline established by the teacher, and I understand there may be penalties for work submitted late). _____
- _____ I will behave appropriately in class, treating the teacher and my fellow students with respect. _____
- _____ I understand that I will NOT be allowed to drop this class after the second week of the semester. _____
- _____ I have read the Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Program agreement carefully and fully understand that every clause pertains to me; I know that I will be held directly and immediately accountable for my actions should I choose to violate any of its provisions. _____
- _____ I will abide by all of the guidelines set forth in the Southwest High School Academic Honesty Agreement. _____
- _____ I understand that I will be committing much more time to do homework than I would in a regular class. _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____