Advanced Placement (AP) Enrollment Contract

To be completed by any student registering in one or more AP courses for next year.

AP courses are college level courses. The AP curriculum is much more rigorous and demanding than the basic high school college preparatory class. The pacing, difficulty, skill development and content are designed to help the student competently prepare for the AP exams given in May. These exams are graded at regional sites by selected college professors and AP teachers. Students earning scores ranging from 3 to 5 may be awarded college credit or advanced placement according to the criteria set by the respective colleges or universities. Some students have been known to earn from 3.0 to 30.00 credits (depending on the number of tests taken) resulting in a savings of both time and money.

We encourage students and parents to carefully consider the commitment needed to be successful in AP classes. Signing the AP contract is mandatory. Part of the contract requires students and parents to learn about each class prior to enrolling. Curriculum information can be obtained by attending AP Night, speaking with AP teachers and in pre-registration assemblies and counselor meetings.

Student Initial _________
Parent Initial _________

Students should plan to follow these general guidelines for each AP class:

**Time Commitment** – weekends, holidays and breaks from school will need to be used to stay on schedule with content information. Expect at least one to two hours of homework a night for each AP class. **Multiple AP classes will require more time.**

**Participation** – means being prepared along with displaying a willingness to actively take part in classroom discussions, simulations and group work.

**Work Ethic** – those who are willing to use the best of their abilities to stay on course will find success. Anyone who lacks the discipline to meet the rigorous demands these courses present may encounter trouble.

**Summer Work** – some courses may assign summer work to be completed prior to the start of the school year.

**Examination** – GCHS students are strongly encouraged to take the AP exam, and it is a major focus of the course content and instruction. There is a current cost of $93.00 for each AP exam taken. This amount may change from year to year.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- **Friday, February 24, 2017**: Signed AP Contracts must be turned into guidance counselor in order to register for an AP course.
- **Friday, March 24, 2017**: Last day for schedule changes for the 2017/2018 school year
AP Contract for 2017/2018
Grant Community High School

Student Name:________________________________  ID#_________________

Method used to obtain information about specific AP classes. (Check all that apply)

- [ ] AP Course
- [ ] AP Night
- [ ] Group Registration Meeting
- [ ] Counselor Meeting
- [ ] Meeting with AP Teacher

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Parent/Guardian Name_______________________________________
Parent/Guardian Email______________________________________
Preferred Phone___________________________________________

By signing this contract, I understand that the following conditions and requirements apply to my taking one or more AP classes:

- I understand that after I register for an AP course I can withdraw my registration by the Friday before Spring Break (March 24, 2017). After that date I am committed to starting the course.
- I understand the class description and expectations of the college-level class(es).
- I have received specific information about the AP class(es) in at least one of the four ways listed above.
- I will complete all summer assignments prior to the first day of classes.
- I understand that I am strongly encouraged to take the AP exam.
- I understand that if I drop any AP class after the deadline date for schedule changes (Friday, March 24, 2017), the course will remain on my transcript with a “W” for withdrawal and I forfeit the credit for that course for the entire year. I will be placed into another course if it is available or I will have to be in a study hall and earn no credit.
- I understand that if I drop any AP class after the first progress report date for that course, the course will remain on my transcript with a “WF” for withdrawal failing for all remaining grading periods. I also forfeit the credit for all remaining grading periods. I understand that I will not be placed into another course and will have to be in a study hall for the remainder of the semester.

I understand that the deadline date for schedule changes is the Friday, March 24, 2017.
I affirm that I have read this contract and I will abide by its stipulations.

Student Signature _________________________________  Date _____________________
Parent/Guardian Signature _____________________________  Date _____________________

This signed contract is due back to the counselor no later than Friday, February 24, 2017.