

Levittown School District AP Capstone Pilot Plan

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- AP Capstone is a new program from the College Board that allows students to earn an AP Capstone Diploma by successfully taking the two AP Capstone Courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, and four other AP courses in any discipline.
- The two AP Capstone courses are focused on skill, not content. The critical skills that students focus on is in research, argumentation and communication.
- The first course, AP Seminar, is taken as students English 10 Pre-AP experience in the tenth grade.
- The second course, AP Research, is a stand alone course that students take after successfully completing AP Seminar.
- Currently there are only 136 schools in the country that offer AP Capstone. It is expected that there are an additional 260 schools adding the program in the 2016-17 school year.



What is AP Capstone?



Program Overview

AP Capstone

AP Seminar

Themes are chosen that allow for deep exploration based upon:

- student interests
- local and civic issues
- global topics
- concepts from other AP courses

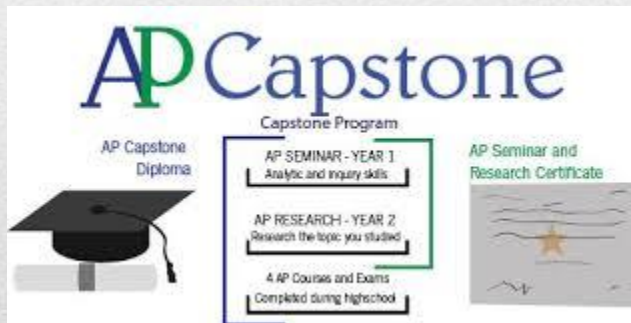
AP Research

Deep investigation of a topic to foster a scholarly understanding of a real world issue.

- Academic thesis paper
- Public Presentation and Defense

AP Capstone™

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNzjskIBLIM>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aoEXEIQKTM>



A Video about AP Capstone



AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation

Research-based Essay & Presentation

Written Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Thesis

Public Presentation and Defense

AP Capstone Certificate™

Those students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses but not on the four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Capstone Certificate™, signifying successful performance in those courses.

4 AP COURSES (Throughout High School)

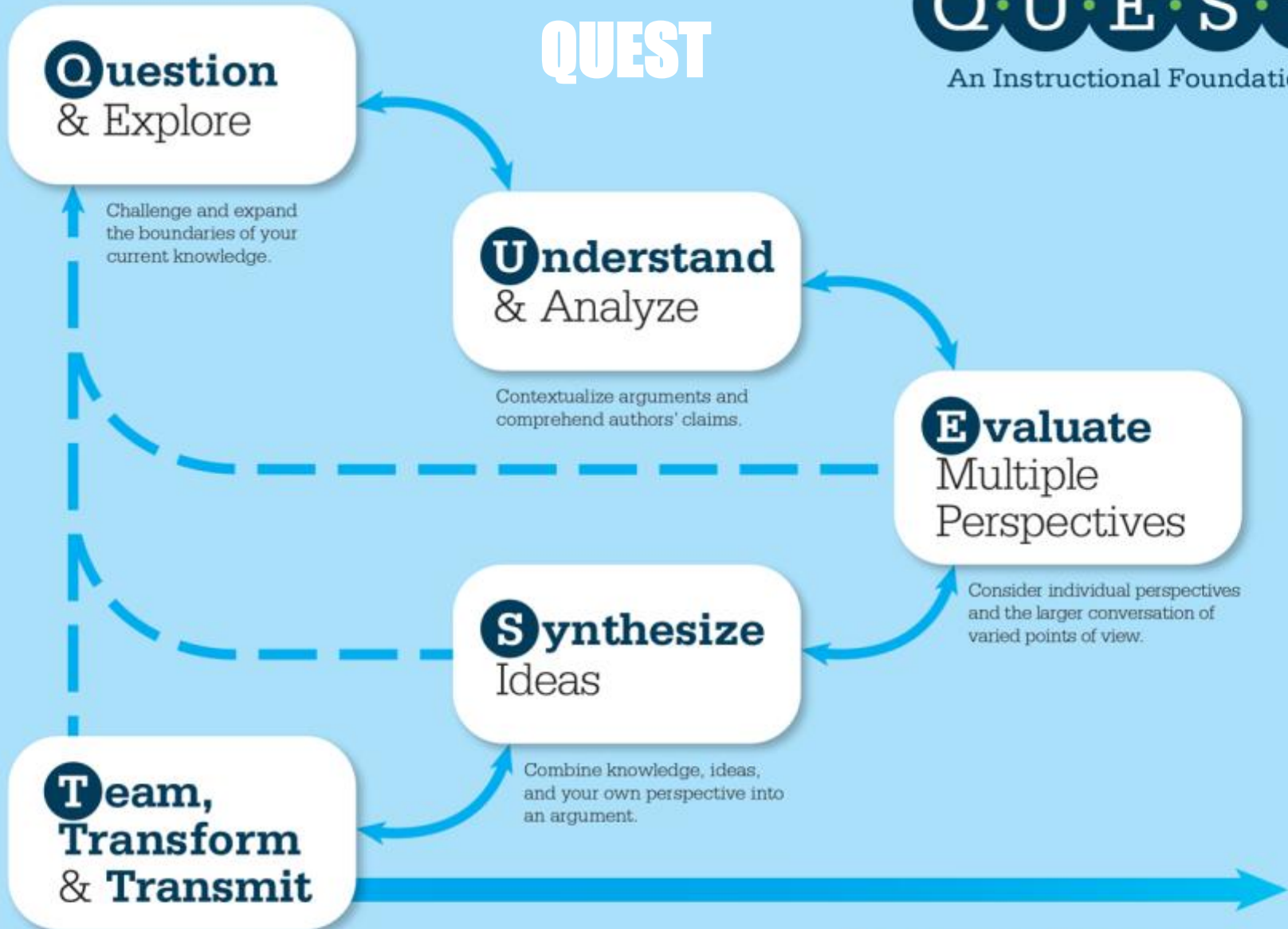
AP EXAM 1

AP EXAM 2

AP EXAM 3

AP EXAM 4

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Collaborate, reflect, and communicate your argument in a method suited to your audience.

Use these QUEST skills as you advance to college, career, and beyond.

- Using an inquiry framework, students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies, and foundational literary and philosophical texts; listening to and viewing speeches, broadcasts, and personal accounts; and experiencing artistic works and performances.
- The course aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.

“Let’s go an inch wide and a mile deep as we really research and explore a specific topic of interest..”

AP Seminar



In AP Seminar, teachers will encourage students to explore a topic through several of the following lenses:

- Artistic and philosophical
- Cultural and social
- Economic
- Environmental
- Ethical
- Futuristic
- Political and historical
- Scientific

AP Seminar (continued)

Format of Assessment

Team Project and Presentation | 25% of AP Score

- Individual Research and Reflection
- Written Team Report
- Team Multimedia Presentation and Defense

Individual Research-Based Essay and Presentation | 35% of AP Score

- Individual Written Argument
- Individual Multimedia Presentation
- Oral Defense

End-of-Course Exam (3 Hours) | 40% of AP Score

- Understanding and analyzing an argument (3 short-answer questions)
- Evaluating and comparing the effectiveness of arguments (essay)
- Synthesizing information to develop an evidence-based argument essay (evidence-based argument essay)



AP Seminar (continued)

- Fosters the research, argumentation, and communication skills that are at the core of college readiness and essential for lifelong learning.
- Provides a setting to build on the knowledge and rigorous course work of AP in an interdisciplinary format.
- Offers students a unique opportunity to distinguish themselves to colleges and universities by choosing to challenge themselves academically, and by showing their passion and interest in specific research topics.
- Transforms students into independent thinkers; they gain self-confidence as they find their voice and pursue their passions and are more prepared to face academic challenges ahead.

Benefits of AP Capstone for Students



Below are some of the 140+ colleges that have endorsed AP Capstone for its challenging interdisciplinary curricula. Also, over 100 colleges have developed credit policies .



Visit www.collegeboard.org/apcapstone for the latest list of colleges with credit policies for AP Seminar and/or AP Research.

- The AP Seminar course will be offered to a select group of students in the tenth grade. This course will be taken as a student's English 10 Pre-AP course. Students who take the AP Seminar course will receive their tenth grade English credit.
- The AP Research course would be offered to students who have successfully completed the AP Seminar course.

How would this course be structured in Levittown?

Students' acceptance into this program will be contingent upon their completed student questionnaire, a well-written essay of 300-500 words, and committee input.



- <http://www.levittownschools.com/>

What will the selection process be?

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AP Capstone Costs

- \$141 per exam for each- AP Seminar and AP Research (paid by student)
- \$1,275 per teacher for week-long training session plus travel, lodging and expenses in year one and two of implementation

**Thank you for
considering this
program!**

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QUESTIONS???
