

Kansas Advanced Placement

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE GRANT

Below you will find information relative to our Advanced Placement (AP) Incentive grant.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the AP Incentive grant is to increase AP course professional development and AP access in rural areas while improving student achievement.

Goals and Objectives

- **Expand AP coursework** in mathematics, sciences, English, the critical languages (Japanese and Chinese) to high schools with large percentages of low-income students
- Increase the number of USDs providing AP coursework through a **sub grant process** (up to \$15,000) each year of the project
- Improve KSDE's infrastructure by contracting an **AP Coordinator**, collaborating with the state AP advisory group and implementing a statewide marketing and recruitment campaign
- Increase the number of high schools utilizing AP courses that are **College Board compliant**
- Increase the number of students receiving a **4 or 5 on identified subject area** AP examinations
- Improve AP instructor knowledge through **professional development** opportunities
- Increase **business and community stakeholder** involvement in advancing AP coursework **via on-line and distance learning options** throughout Kansas
- Increase the number of feeder schools by utilizing the **vertical team or Springboard** programming with under classmen
- Increase the number of sophomores in qualified schools participating in **PSAT** examinations

Funding

The AP Incentive Grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Advanced Placement Program. The award amounts are as follows:

- Year 1: \$593,528
- Year 2: \$590,400
- Year 3: \$592,563

Here is a line item breakdown of activity expenditures for Year 1:

- Project Coordinator: \$46,000
- Online AP course vendors: \$50,000
- AP Summer institutes/workshops: \$75,000
- Sub grants (15 @ \$15,000 each; 25% match): \$299,500
- Website maintenance: \$18,000
- PSAT costs for qualified sophomores at eligible schools (2,300 @ \$13 each): \$29,000
- Registration for Midwestern Regional Forum (20 @ \$750): \$15,000
- Scholarships for Chinese or Japanese rater training (5 @ \$2,000 each): \$10,000
- Teacher stipends for summer institutes (100 @ \$500 each): \$50,000

ADVANCED PLACEMENT FEE REDUCTION GRANT

Below you will find information College Board will post relative to our Advanced Placement Fee Reduction grant:

Kansas

The State of Kansas will pay \$55 per AP Exam for public and private school students qualifying for the College Board fee reduction.

Final AP Exam fee for qualifying students: \$0

What the school must do:

- Fill in the "Option 1" oval on qualifying students' AP Exam answer sheets.
- When generating your invoice online, enter the total number of exams (not students) that qualify for the fee reduction.
- AP Coordinators in Kansas will forgo collection of AP Exam fees from students qualifying for the College Board fee reduction. The AP Coordinator must submit a copy of their Invoice to the State. The College Board will bill the State directly for qualifying students' AP Exam fees.*
- **Please forward the state copy of your invoice to KSDE when you submit your end of program invoices to College Board.**

For more information, contact Kent Reed, Kansas State Department of Education, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1182; kreed@ksde.org; 785 296-8109.

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO ADVANCED COURSES ON-LINE GUIDEBOOK

KSDE has available (in PDF format) a guide in helping schools/students connect to AP on-line courses. E-mail your request to kreed@ksde.org.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESOURCES

College Board

www.collegeboard.com

About Advanced Placement

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

Ad Astra Advanced Placement Summer Institute

www.washburn.edu/ce/apsi

AP Coordinator Online Resources

Resources for Coordinators

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ap/coordinate>

AP Services

apexams@info.collegeboard.org

College Board's New AP Course Ledger

www.collegeboard.com/apcourseledger

Midwest Region Events

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/prof-dev/regions/midwest>

AP Potential Page

<http://appotential.collegeboard.com/>

AP Statistics Page

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jspf>

Advanced Placement Fee Reduction Policy

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/2008-Fee-Reduction-Policy.pdf>

AP at K-State

<http://consider.k-state.edu/majorslist/advancedplacement.htm>

Arkansas AP Rules

http://arkedu.state.ar.us/rules/pdf/current_rules/ade_229_ap_and_ib_courses.pdf

Virtual Virginia and Virtual Advanced Placement

<http://www.virtualvirginia.org/>

Oklahoma Advanced Placement Grants

http://www.sde.state.ok.us/home/home01_test.html?http://title3.sde.state.ok.us/ap/!

AP Questions and Answers (Texas Education Agency)

<http://professorlamp.com/ed/TEA/AP.html>

NY Times Article on AP Achievement Gap

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/07/education/07ap.html>

Washington Post Article on Benefits of AP

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/01/28/AR20070128012801238.html>

AP and the Bush Administration's *Jobs for the 21st Century*

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/01/20040121.html>

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