

Manatee High School

College Preparatory Academy

Completion Options



Students in the MHS College Preparatory Academy will have the option to choose their completion path. Tier 1 completers must meet a set list of minimum requirements that were specifically chosen to ensure these students will be strong applicants for colleges and universities. Tier 2 and 3 completers must meet the Tier 1 requirements, as well as courses for the AP Capstone program (see details at the bottom of this page). These tiers allow students to further challenge themselves and earn additional knowledge, skills and recognition.

Tier 1: College Preparatory Academy Completer

Students who meet the following requirements will be recognized as an MHS College Preparatory Academy Completer at graduation.

- Complete a minimum of 6 AP and/or dual enrollment courses on Manatee High School campus:
 - Online courses do not count toward this requirement.
 - **At least 2 AP/DE courses must be taken on campus during **both** Junior and Senior years.*
- Earn a minimum unweighted **B** average in CPA and/or AP courses each year with no **Ds** for semester grades.
- Complete at least 2 consecutive years of a foreign language.
- Exhibit acceptable behavior each year.
- Display proficiency on all state assessments each year.
- Pass at least one AP exam prior to senior year.
- Take the PSAT during 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.
- Complete at least 75 community service hours.
- Earn at least 1210 on the SAT or at least 26 on the ACT.

Tier 2: College Preparatory Academy Completer with Merit

Students who wish to complete the MHS College Preparatory Academy *with Merit* must meet all the requirements for Tier 1, as well as earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

Tier 3: College Preparatory Academy Completer with Distinction

Students who wish to complete the MHS College Preparatory Academy *with Distinction* must meet all the requirements for Tier 1, as well as earn the AP Capstone Diploma™.

AP Capstone Program

All MHS College Preparatory Academy students will have the exclusive opportunity to participate in our AP Capstone program. AP Capstone™ is a diploma program offered through College Board and is founded on two AP courses: **AP Seminar** and **AP Research**. These yearlong courses focus on developing the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills you need for college-level work. AP Seminar is offered to sophomores and AP Research is offered to juniors.

- Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.
- Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, *and* on four additional AP Exams of their choice, will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.