



What are the benefits of the AP Capstone Diploma?

Students can earn the AP Capstone Diploma™. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Stand out on college applications.
- Develop key academic skills for college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

Bright Futures Scholarship Opportunity: Florida House Bill 1105 authorizes the use of the AP Capstone designation to meet specific diploma eligibility requirements for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award under the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

To qualify for the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars award through the AP Capstone Diploma pathway **for current 10th, 11th, and 12th graders**, students must achieve:

- A score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research
- Scores of 3 or higher on four additional AP Exams of the student's choice

To qualify for the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars award through the AP Capstone Diploma pathway **for current 9th graders and future students**, students must achieve:

- A score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research
- Scores of 3 or higher on three AP Exams that satisfy graduation requirements in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies
- A score of 3 or higher on one additional AP Exam of the student's choice

It is important to note that earning the AP Capstone designation does not replace the requirements for earning a standard high school diploma.

How do I get started earning my AP Capstone Diploma?

Students should request AP Seminar as one of their elective choices in their 10th or 11th grade year. They should plan to take AP Research the following year and speak with their school counselor to confirm that they have taken or are scheduled to take the remaining required AP courses. **Note that students must pass the AP exam with a level 3 or higher in addition to enrolling in the course.