

Why Advanced Placement?

(from "Building and Sustaining Quality AP" by Becky Chambers, Georgia DOE)

- AP access is linked to success in college...rigorous high school curriculum is key
- AP participation is linked to college completion
- ...more important than socioeconomic status
- ...more important than GPA
- In June 1999, the U.S. Department of Education released a study by Clifford Adelman showing that by the time students enter college, the type of courses they took in high school is more important than test scores, class rank, or grade averages. Adelman found that students participating in AP courses were significantly more likely to attain a college degree than those without an AP experience.
- ***Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less***
 - No AP, 29% likely to finish in 4 years
 - One AP, 45% likely to finish in 4 years
 - Two + AP, 61% likely to finish in 4 years

