

# AP Computer Science Principles

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Availability: 6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:45pm – 2:20pm  
2:30pm – 3:00pm

## Course Expectations

You are expected to work, study, and collaborate in this classroom in a professional manner. We will use JAG SWAG to help be the best professionals through this course. These are by no means the limit of expectations, only the benchmark. Please remember all district and school rules apply to this classroom as well.

1. **Be Safe.** Absolutely NO food and drink in the lab. Remain in your seat throughout class. Do not block exits before, during or after class. Clean up the area around you before dismissal.
2. **Have Work Ethic.** Use your time in class from bell to bell. Work efficiently through slides, through notes, through classwork, ALWAYS!
3. **Be Accountable.** Enter the classroom prepared and be in your seat before the start. Turn in all assignments on time. Gather makeup work and complete in appropriate time. Ask questions and get help immediately.
4. **Give Respect.** You are only in charge of one person. Be the best person you can be. Treat others as you expect to be treated.

## Course Text

This course will not use a hard copy textbook. This course will be a blend of project-based and assessments. The materials used for this course are adapted from the Mobile CSP Curriculum as well as the A+ Computer Science Curriculum.

The course will also use AppInventor to create Android Applications, which is web-based and available on any desktop web program. Pycharm will be used to create Python Applications.

## Course Materials

The classroom this year will be designed as paperless as possible. All files will be retrievable online at the class website or on the network folder. Homework will be submitted primarily through Canvas. It may be nice to reserve a folder for occasional flyers and have your own reliable flash drive.

## **Grading**

An average of the four quarter grades accounts for 90% of your final grade. A final exam will account for the remaining 10% of your grade. For each quarter's grade, there are three categories.

*Labs* are 30% of your quarter grade. To show programming mastery, it is essential that you create, reconstruct, or manipulate programs. Each unit will contain one large programming project lab. Labs will be graded using a rubric for each assignment, posted each time.

*Assessments* are 40% of your quarter grade. You will be assessed on your ability to read and write code through unit tests, quizzes, and constructed response problems.

*Coursework* is 30% of your quarter grade. Assignments in this category vary. We will have Article Summaries, Mini Labs, research, and various worksheets necessary to gain skills prior to completing a lab.

## **Academic Integrity Policy**

Due to the high accessibility to online content in this course, you will be monitored daily for appropriate computer use. Coding a computer is just like hand-writing, it is unique to each individual. Turing in another author's code is strictly prohibited. Using the computers to access information during a test is prohibited as well. You can use page 34 in your Student Handbook in your Agenda to review the consequences.

## **Late Work Policy**

Being tardy in assignments can hinder the learning process. It is essential that you, the student, complete all assignments in a timely manner. However, late assignments will be accepted since the goal of this course is to attain mastery of content. Any late work is accepted at half credit.

There will be a final date of acceptance so grades may be posted in an appropriate time.

## **Absence Policy**

If you are absent, collect any missing assignments from the website. You are given the number of days you were absent to return missed work. You are still responsible for work due on the day you were absent, it is to be turned in the day of your return.

Credit on missed work is based on the type of absence and the amount of time taken to return the work. If the absence is excused, and the work is returned according to the amount of time missed, it will be accepted as full credit. If the absence is unexcused, the work is accepted for half credit. If you are absent for a unit test, quiz, or other assessment, you will have one week from your return to complete the assignment in your own time (before or after school).

## **Course Outline**

### **Mobile App and CS Basics**

Unit 1: App Inventor Basics

Unit 2: Graphics and Drawing

Unit 3: Animation and Simulation

Unit 4: Algorithms and Abstraction

Unit 5: Using and Analyzing Data

Unit 6: Communication Through the Internet

### **Python Language and Applications**

Unit 1: Python Basics

Unit 2: Methods and Classes

Unit 3: Graphics

Unit 4: Conditionals

Unit 5: Loops

Unit 6: Strings

Unit 7: Lists