

Roosevelt High School

Advanced Scholars Program

Founded in 2011, the Roosevelt Advanced Scholars Program is a rigorous academic program offered to all students at RHS. The program seeks to challenge students to reach the full potential while preparing them for them for advanced options in college. Students will be involved in rigorous classes that extend their studies and participate in enrichment activities promoting college options, service learning, and scholarship opportunities.

Students who successfully complete the requirements will awarded an Advanced Scholar Diploma at Graduation and receive a special cord during the ceremony. Additionally many advanced courses will gain students weighted G.P.A. credit.

Expectations of the Program

While at RHS, Advanced Scholars are expected to meet the following criteria to retain their membership in the program.

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA at an time during their four years
- Maintain at least 90% attendance at any time during their four years
- Meet annual service and enrichment requirements of the program
- Complete summer reading and writing assignment each year.
- Document a college financial plan incorporating scholarships, financial aid, and loans.
- Apply to a minimum of 3 colleges and 3 college scholarships
- Be in good standing with the Dean’s office
- Student must participate in at least one Roosevelt extracurricular activity, other than participation in athletics, per year.
- Meet all curricular requirements of the program.

Curricular Requirements

Students must successfully complete either four AP classes, or three AP courses and one dual credit course during their four years at Roosevelt. One of these courses must be within English, Spanish or Social Studies and the other two courses can be outside of these subjects. Students must also complete four years of math and science at the appropriate level, which can include AP courses or corresponding PCC classes.

Recommended Sequence

Grade	Recommended Courses	Other Courses to consider
10 th Grade	AP Human Geography	AVID Geo/Alg 3-4 Biology and Chemistry
11 th Grade	AP English Literature or Language AP Spanish Language	AVID Pre-Calculus One additional AP Course Government and Economics
12 th Grade	AP English Literature or Language AP Spanish Literature PSU Inquiry	AVID Two AP Courses Calculus AP Government

AP Courses offered at Roosevelt

AP English Literature
AP English Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Spanish Language
AP Biology

AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Physics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

AP Government
AP Art (independent study)
AP Human Geography

Service and Enrichment Component

In addition to academic course work, students in the Advanced Scholar Program are also asked to challenge themselves in the area of arts, culture and careers. The enrichment component to the program requires students to:

1. Attend one educational field trip per year. These trips will be only for Advanced Scholars students and will be geared to college and beyond.
2. Participate in one non-athletic school organization or activity. A minimum of 15 hours is required during 10th and 11th grade. The list of school activities is supplied to students at the beginning of the year and can be found in the SUN School.
3. Meet with their mentor teacher two (or maybe once) times per month. Students must take the initiative to meet with their mentor
4. Attend all ASP meetings in the library at lunch. These meetings will take place about once per month. Topics include personal organization, college applications, scholarships, and personal essays for college. We do group building activities to break barriers between upperclassmen and incoming students, and we invite former ASP members to speak about their college experience.
5. Complete 10 hours each year of volunteer work during 10th, 11th, and 12th grade year.

Volunteer hours, school activity, educational field trip, mentor meetings, and ASP meetings will be logged by the student on Naviance. These hours must be entered with a minimum of a one paragraph reflection on the activity. Activities must be up to date each semester.

Application to the Program

Roosevelt students can apply any time during the 9th grade year or at the start of their 10th grade year. Students enrolling in RHS after the start of 10th grade year can work on a plan with their counselors and be admitted conditionally. During the 2013-14 school years, 10th and 11th graders may also apply if they are currently meeting the requirements.

The Advanced Scholar program is open to any student wishing to enter the challenging framework of the program. It is designed for all students regardless of previous academic success, TAG, SPED, 504, or disciplinary actions. Only students who successfully complete all of the requirements will be granted the Advanced Scholar designation upon graduation.

Advanced Scholars Support

Due to the increased course load of the Advanced Scholar Program, we offer several options for support. ASP students are encouraged to participate in the AVID program all four years to provide the study skills, critical thinking skills, reading and writing skills to support the advanced coursework. Students can also attend daily tutoring after school in the library and Saturday School to gain additional support.

Senior Colloquium Presentation

Senior students will be required to present their portfolio of work that exhibits the completion of the requirements of the Advanced Scholars Program. The student will present their senior portfolio to their mentor teacher. The mentor teacher will collaborate to review portfolios before handing out official Advanced Scholar Program cords for graduation. Seniors also need to present a brief presentation to younger students about their experience and college application process at the end of the year meeting.

Application Requirements for 9th and 10th Graders

Application will be available in October and should be submitted by November 8th.

- Student Application
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent/Guardian Application and Consent Form
- 3.0 GPA after two semesters of high school (10th graders only)
- 95% attendance
- Participation in one extracurricular activity, in addition to any athletics during their 9th grade year
- Special consideration and possible interview will occur for students not meeting criteria due to extenuating circumstances.

Application Requirements for current 11th and 12th Graders

Due to the recent start of the Advanced Scholars Program, current 11th and 12th graders will be grandfathered in if they meet the criteria listed below. This is only applicable for the 2013-14 school year.

- Student Application
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent/Guardian Application and Consent Form
- 3.0 GPA
- 95% attendance
- Participation in one extracurricular activity, in addition to any athletics during each school grade year
- Special consideration and possible interview will occur for students not meeting criteria due to extenuating circumstances.

11 th Graders	12 th Graders
Currently taking at least one AP Class Completed 10 hours of service work and logged in Naviance	Completed at least one AP class and enrolled in remainder of requirements. Completed 20 hours of service work and logged in Naviance Taken the ACT exam and 1 AP exam, in addition to OAKS Assessments.

Essay Question:

On a separate piece of paper, please type your response to the following question: Explain how you have helped your family or made your community a better place to live. Please provide specific examples. Your answer must be limited to 150 words.

For current juniors and seniors:

Please describe how you have met the following criteria:

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Commitment:

By signing below, I am agreeing to be an Advanced Scholar and complete all criteria by assigned deadlines. See program description for hours and details. Failure to complete activities will result in student meetings and may result in suspension of program.

Requirement	Date	Requirement	Date
Take four college level classes with passing marks	By Graduation	Meet service and enrichment requirements	Each year
Maintain at 3.0 GPA	Every semester	Complete summer reading and assignment	September 10 th each year
Maintain 95% attendance and be in good standing with the Dean's office	Every semester	Apply to 3 colleges and 3 scholarships	By Graduation
Participate in one RHS activity other than sports	Each year	Attend yearly ASP field trip and monthly ASP meetings	Yearly
Meet with your mentor teacher during office hours once a month	Monthly	Complete all curricular activities and log activity in Naviance	By June 1 st each year

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Students will be notified by November 18th. Summer reading assignment will be given at that time.