

ADVANCED PLACEMENT and COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES

The Ledyard Board of Education encourages students to take academically challenging courses to enhance and diversify their educational experience. To this end, the Board shall provide an “advanced placement course program” at Ledyard High School and will allow students to receive credit toward graduation requirements for courses taken at institutions of higher learning.

Ledyard High School shall offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses available through the College Board and other courses through programs approved by the State Board of Education that provide college or university-level instruction for high school students, such as the University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE) program.

The number and variety of course offerings shall be based on student interest and may vary from year to year. Any change to course offerings requires the approval of the Superintendent.

Participation in these advanced courses will be typically limited to Juniors and Seniors. Sophomores may be allowed to enroll on a case-by-case basis.

These courses typically require a significant commitment in time and effort by a student to successfully complete the course. Each student desiring to take an AP or other college-level course must discuss the student’s academic suitability with his/her guidance counselor. If the guidance counselor feels that the student’s past academic performance indicates that the student might have difficulty successfully completing the course, the guidance counselor shall inform the student’s parents/guardians of that determination.

The Board strongly believes that all students should have the opportunity to take these courses, regardless of their previous academic performance. Therefore, Ledyard High School students may enroll in an advanced courses with the specific permission of their parents/guardians pending availability in the course.

Students have the opportunity to earn college credit for AP courses and the UCONN ECE courses but to do so requires an additional expense. Parents/guardians are typically responsible for any costs associated with obtaining college credit (for example, the fee for taking an AP subject exam or the cost of enrolling in UCONN). For those students qualifying for the free or reduced price lunch program, the District may pay for such costs on a case-by-case basis.

College / University Attendance

Ledyard High School students may receive credit toward meeting graduation requirements through successful completion of courses taken at institutions of higher learning. See Board Policy 6146, *Graduation Requirements*, and its attendant regulations for more information.

With prior approval of the LHS administration, students may be released during the normal school day to attend classes at an institution of higher learning.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes:

10-221a. High school graduation requirements.

10-221r. Advanced placement course program. Guidelines (as amended by Public Act 11-136)