

Louisiana students and schools are in need of **Advanced Placement programming support**. The Advanced Placement® Program (AP) offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses and exams in high school and earn college credit, advanced placement, or both at many colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world. By earning college credit in high school and skipping introductory courses in college, Louisiana students can save time and money as they work toward a college degree. The Department has created a series of [toolkits](#) for stakeholders to use for implementation of AP programming within school systems.

Bulletin 741 **§2325**. *Each high school shall provide students access to at least one advanced placement (AP) or international baccalaureate (IB) courses in each of four content areas and one additional AP or IB course.*

Available funds could be used for Advanced Placement program or support in the following ways:

- **Professional learning for all AP teachers:** Teachers serving students from designated schools will complete a 1-week Louisiana based College Board endorsed [AP Summer Institute](#) supplemented by Higher Ed. led instructional enrichment dedicated to developing cultural competencies that support inclusive instructional practices and encourages the incorporation of contributions of underserved subgroups into curricula.
- **Funding for AP exams:** The Federal AP Test Fee Reimbursement program was a critical resource for economically disadvantaged students. After the program was discontinued in 2016, Louisiana experienced a decrease in exam participation among impacted populations. To eliminate financial barriers associated with the cost of AP exams, all exams taken by students enrolled at designated schools will be fully funded.
- **Intermediary Support:** A list of LDOE approved [AP intervention intermediaries](#) are available to schools through the **School System Support Toolbox**.
- **Funding for course materials for Fall 2020:** If the AP Social Studies or AP English course is new to the school, this funding could potentially be used to purchase the College Board required college level textbooks to fulfill the textbook requirement for course approval by the College Board.