

Renert School

AP Mastery Policy 2024-2025

In AP courses, students have the opportunity to earn both University Credits, if they complete the AP exam with a mark of 4 or 5, and Alberta Education High School Credits, if they complete the Renert School course requirements. Some AP courses prepare students for the exam, but do not give high school credits (e.g. AP Psychology).

When you take a Renert School course to prepare you for an AP exam, all Division 4 Assessment Policies apply. It is acknowledged that AP courses deliver university level content to high school students and that there is sometimes a learning curve associated with this depth of content and that students may want to upgrade marks achieved towards Alberta Education High School Credits.

In order to qualify for an upgrade in any AP course, students are expected to achieve AP Mastery in that course. As AP courses provide students with exposure to university level material, students must adhere to rigorous work standards in order to achieve AP Mastery. These include Minimum Performance Standards, adherence to Completion Timelines, and completion of a set minimum number of AP Test Simulations. Students who do not meet AP Mastery will NOT be upgraded, and their course mark will be based on their course assessments, e.g., assignments, unit tests, and lab reports.

AP Mastery Conditions

- (1) **Minimum Performance Standards** - Students will be expected to achieve a **minimum score** on all summative assessments (e.g., 80% on every lab and unit test for AP Chemistry). This minimum score will be set by each teacher at the beginning of the course. Students will be granted **multiple opportunities** to earn this minimum score, but should recognize that not achieving it on the first attempt will require additional work. This could include, but is not limited to: revising work, retaking tests, or completing an alternate assessment on similar material.
- (2) **Timeliness of Assessments (Pilot Initiative until November 2024)** - Students are expected to submit or complete all assessments on time. Submission deadlines will be discussed ahead of time, and students should raise any concerns with regards to workload or conflicts **at that time**. Once a deadline has been set, students must meet it in order to achieve AP Mastery. Students will be permitted **one extension request** (made in advance of the deadline) until November Break. Students will also be granted **forgiveness** for an unexcused missed deadline exactly **once** until November Break.
- (3) **AP Test Simulations** - In each AP course, the teacher will set a minimum number of AP Test Simulations to be completed before the AP exam. Students must meet this minimum number of practice tests to achieve AP Mastery.

Upgrading Opportunities

- (1) **Replacement Assessments** - As students work towards mastery on individual assessments teachers may provide, at their discretion, the opportunity to complete additional work to replace assessment marks. In courses that involve labs, replacement lab work must be completed before the school break ending the period in which the original assessment was completed.
- (2) **Test Simulations** - Teachers may replace a portion of the course mark with a higher grade based on student performance on AP Test Simulations.