

Renert School AP Policy (2026–27)

AP (Advanced Placement) Courses

Renert School offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses that give students the opportunity to study university-level material. Most AP courses are eligible for Alberta Education high school credit (for example, *Chemistry 35 (Advanced)*). Many universities also grant university credit to students who achieve a score of 4 or 5 on their AP exams.

AP courses require a high level of commitment, and Renert School students will receive support as they adjust to the demands of advanced academic work. Those who complete the school's **AP Mastery** requirements will earn high school credits for the course, be eligible to upgrade their school mark, and be permitted to take the AP exam in May.

Types of AP Students

There are three types of AP students:

- **Regular students** enroll in the course, complete all required assessments, receive teacher feedback, and earn high school credits upon completion.
 - **Auditors** may attend some or all course lectures but do not complete assessments. They may receive limited feedback when they participate in multiple-choice assessments.
 - **Challengers** do not attend the course and instead prepare independently for the AP exam. They do not complete course assessments or receive feedback. Only students in Grades 10-12 may challenge AP exams; students in lower grades are not permitted to do so at Renert School.
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Academic Standing and Commitment

All Division 4 assessment policies apply to AP Regular students. Moreover, because AP courses are optional for graduation and an additional commitment, students must meet prerequisite requirements before enrolling **and** remain in good standing in their core courses—those required for diploma completion or admission to postsecondary programs.

Typical prerequisites for enrollment in AP courses include strong academic standing across core courses and a minimum of 85% in any prerequisite courses (e.g. *Chemistry 20* for *AP Chemistry*).

Once enrolled, Students who are not meeting expectations in their core courses may be withdrawn from their AP course so they can focus on required work. Taking an AP course is a privilege and must not come at the expense of core coursework.

Upgrading AP Course Marks

Regular students who want to upgrade their AP course mark must first achieve **AP Mastery**. This ensures that upgrades are reserved for students who demonstrate high performance and consistent work habits. Students who do not achieve AP Mastery will not be eligible for upgrades, and their final mark will be based solely on their regular course assessments (for example, assignments, labs, and tests).

When regular students achieve AP Mastery, teachers may allow them to redo or replace assessments. Teachers may also replace part of the course mark with a higher mark from AP Test Simulations to reflect growth over the duration of the course. All upgrading allowances are at the discretion of the teacher. In lab-based courses, any replacement lab work must be completed before the end of the subsequent school break.

Requirements for AP Mastery

To earn AP Mastery, students must meet all three of the following requirements:

- **Performance:** Meet the minimum performance standards set by their teacher (for example, 80% on all unit tests or labs). Students who do not meet this standard must revise or retake assessments until they do.
 - **Timeliness:** Submit all assessments on time. One extension (requested before the deadline) and one forgiven late submission (for an unexcused deadline) are allowed before November Break. After that, all deadlines must be met.
 - **Practice:** Complete the required number of AP Test Simulations, as set by their teacher, before the AP exam.
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Procedures for Auditors and Challengers

Auditors and Challengers are not required to meet AP Mastery. If they request it, auditors may receive scoring on multiple-choice practice tests, but teachers are not expected to provide feedback or support beyond this. Additional support will only be considered if a timetable conflict prevents a student from enrolling as a Regular student.

Eligibility to Take the AP Examination

Regular students, auditors, and challengers are all eligible to register for the AP Examination. The cost, billed to the student's family account, is \$99 USD for regular registration and \$139 USD for late registration.

All regular students who achieve AP Mastery are eligible to take the AP exam in May. Regular students who do not achieve AP Mastery, as well as all Auditors and Challengers, must first write an **AP Diagnostic Exam Simulation** in April. They must score 4 or 5 on this simulation to be permitted to write the official AP exam in May.

Students who do not achieve a 4 or 5 on the diagnostic simulation will have their AP exam registration cancelled. A portion of their exam fee will be refunded; the cost of a cancelled exam is \$40 USD.

Contingencies

Any contingencies not covered by this policy will be decided by the school's Vice Principal of Junior and Senior High School, Ms. Goegan, at her discretion. Students are expected to comply with all such decisions.

Agreement

I have read and agree to follow the Renert School Division 4 Policies outlined in this document.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your signature indicates that you have read the Renert School Division 4 Policies and will support your child in following them in their Division 4 courses.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____