

## **Gifted Pairings: AP Human Geography (HUG) and AP Environmental Science (APES)**

Gifted and high achieving freshmen may choose to apply to participate in the pairing of two Advanced Placement classes.

### **Purpose**

- Research shows that a large percentage of the curriculum for AP Human Geography and AP Environmental Science connects. Students taking both classes concurrently often score higher on the AP test than students who take each class during different years.

### **Will this pairing be offered at MVHS?**

- Depending on the interest of prospective gifted 9<sup>th</sup> graders, MVHS may offer 1 section of the pairing during the 2018-2019 school year.

### **What type of students would be best suited for this program?**

- Self-motivated learner (takes initiative to read, work at home; ready to discuss/relate in class)
- Skilled reader
- Strong time manager
- Enthusiastic student (wanting to work hard, learn)
- Skilled at critical thinking - fairly informed about basic science, geography, current events
- Strong problem solver

### **How can my child be a participant?**

- The HUG/APES pairing will be limited to 30 gifted and high achieving ninth grade students. Students must apply by January 26<sup>th</sup> to Dr. Wendy Rhodes at MVHS ([wendy\\_rhodes@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:wendy_rhodes@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)). Applications may be emailed directly to Dr. Rhodes OR stapled to the Course Registration form.

### **What are the benefits of taking Advanced Placement classes?**

- Students have the potential to earn college credit. AP classes are the most rigorous classes offered at MVHS. The classes follow a college curriculum and textbook. In May, students participate in national AP tests. If a student scores well on the AP test, a college may award credit for the class. AP class credit is awarded once a student is accepted to college and can vary from college to college.

### **What would my child's schedule look like if they choose the Pairing?**

- Required- Language Arts
- Required- Math
- Required- Science (Biology)
- Required- Health/Physical Education\*\*
- Elective #1- AP Human Geography
- Elective #2- AP Environmental Science

\*\*Many students choose to take Health/PE over the summer. This cost is usually about \$500 to take the class online or in person over the summer. A student may want to do this so that they can take a fine arts class.

### **Does my student have to take both AP classes?**

- Students are allowed to take AP Human Geography as a freshman
- Students are NOT allowed to take AP Environmental Science as a freshman unless they are a Pairing participant.

### **If I have more questions about the pairing, who should I contact?**

- Kristen Wilson ([Kristen\\_wilson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Kristen_wilson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us))

Application to Participate in the AP HUG/AP APES Pairing for the 2018-2019 School Year

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in the Gifted Program?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_\_ No

How do you best describe your report card grades?

\_\_\_\_\_ All A's  
\_\_\_\_\_ Almost all A's, but maybe 1 or 2 B's  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mostly B's  
\_\_\_\_\_ Almost all B's, but maybe 1 or 2 C's

Do you understand that if you are accepted to the AP Pairing, that you could potentially earn college credit?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you understand that in order to be eligible for college credit, that you must take the national Advanced Placement test for HUG and APES in May 2018?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you understand that if you do not take Health/PE over the summer that AP Hug and AP APES will count as your only electives?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you want Dr. Rhodes to send you more information about Health/PE summer opportunities?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_\_ No

In order to assess your understanding of the rigorous nature of taking 2 AP classes, please write a short essay about why you would like to take the HUG/APES pairing and how you will prepare and manage the workload of both of these courses.

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