



Mustang Collegiate Scholars Application

Class of 2029 Cohort
Lakewood Ranch High School



The Lakewood Ranch High School Mustang Collegiate Scholars Program is an advanced studies program that guides students through the process of obtaining the AP Capstone Diploma. The goal of the program is to support students as they challenge themselves with collegiate-level coursework and create a sense of community within the cohort of students. Students will also be encouraged to take dual-enrollment courses, if they choose, upon completion of the AP Capstone Diploma requirements.

The program is divided into 3 pathways, each with specific standards. All students will be slated for the Tier 1 Pathway; however, the final decision for their tiered graduation status will be determined in the Spring semester of their senior year. Students who complete the program will graduate as a Mustang Collegiate Scholar, Mustang Collegiate Scholar *with Merit*, or a Mustang Collegiate Scholar *with Distinction*. The provided Tiers and Pathways sheet will breakdown the criteria for each tier.

Acceptance Criteria for Incoming 9th Graders:

- Earn semester grades of A's or B's in all academic courses
- Earn at least a 3 on Reading and Math state assessments (at least a 3 on FAST PM 2 and any high school Math state assessment)
- Participation in at least one honors high school credit class during 8th grade
- Acceptable behavior (no level 3 or 4 infractions)
- Signed commitment statement to remain in the Mustang Collegiate Scholars Program (found on this Form)

To be considered for the program, this form must be **completed** and **submitted by January 31, 2025 at 3:00 PM.**

Applications will be reviewed to ensure the required criteria are met. Acceptance letters will be mailed to the provided address no later than February 15, 2025. Please allow until February 20th to receive the letter. If you have not received a letter by February 20th, please reach out to Mrs. Biggs at BiggsS@manateeschools.net.

To access the application, scan the provided QR code:



*Students must use their SDMC provided email address to access the application

All students applying for the Mustang Collegiate Scholars Program must be zoned for Lakewood Ranch High School. Applying/acceptance to the program will not bypass School Choice regulations.

Mustang Collegiate Scholar Program Pathways and Requirements

<p>Tier 1 Pathway – Mustang Collegiate Scholar with Distinction</p>	<p>Students who meet the following requirements will be recognized as a Mustang Collegiate Scholar with Distinction at graduation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the AP Capstone Diploma program prior to entering 12th grade• Complete a minimum of 6 AP and/or dual enrollment courses on the Lakewood Ranch High School campus.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Online courses do not count towards this requirement.○ At least 2 AP/DE courses must be taken on campus during both Junior and Senior years.• Earn a minimum unweighted 3.0 in AP courses each year.• Complete at least 2 consecutive years of foreign language.• Exhibit acceptable behavior each year.• Display proficiency on all state assessments each year.• Complete at least 75 community service hours• Earn at least an 1170 SAT and 26 on ACT scores.
<p>Tier 2 Pathway – Mustang Collegiate Scholar with Merit</p>	<p>Students who meet the following requirements will be recognized as a Mustang Collegiate Scholar with Merit at graduation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earns the AP Capstone Certificate OR is finalizing AP Capstone Diploma during 12th grade• Complete a minimum of 6 AP and/or dual enrollment courses on the Lakewood Ranch High School campus.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Online courses do not count towards this requirement.○ At least 2 AP/DE courses must be taken on campus during both Junior and Senior years.• Earn a minimum unweighted 3.0 in AP courses each year.• Complete at least 2 consecutive years of foreign language.• Exhibit acceptable behavior each year.• Display proficiency on all state assessments each year.• Complete at least 75 community service hours• Earn at least an 1170 SAT and 26 on ACT scores.
<p>Tier 3 Pathway – Mustang Collegiate Scholar</p>	<p>Students who meet the following requirements will be recognized as a Mustang Collegiate Scholar at graduation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempts to earn AP Capstone Diploma/Certificate• Complete a minimum of 6 AP and/or dual enrollment courses on the Lakewood Ranch High School campus.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Online courses do not count towards this requirement.○ At least 2 AP/DE courses must be taken on campus during both Junior and Senior years.• Earn a minimum unweighted 3.0 in AP courses each year.• Complete at least 2 consecutive years of foreign language.• Exhibit acceptable behavior each year.• Display proficiency on all state assessments each year.• Complete at least 75 community service hours• Earn at least an 1170 SAT and 26 on ACT scores.

AP Course Work

Students enrolled in the Mustang Collegiate Scholars Program will be required to take collegiate level courses during their 4 years of high school. These courses will prepare students for post-secondary institutions by building critical thinking skills, shaping the ability to research, and promoting effective organizational skills.

AP Course Work Pathway	
Grades 9 and 10	<p>Students will be enrolled in either PreAP/Honors level courses (if available) for English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.</p> <p>9th Grade: Required AP Course: - AP Human Geography</p> <p>Additional Recommended AP Course: - AP Computer Science Principles <i>*AP Computer Science Principles is a gateway AP course. This course is designed to introduce students to the AP program and prepare students for future courses. It is highly recommended for Mustang Collegiate Scholars to take this course as a 9th grade student.</i></p> <p>10th Grade: Required AP Course: - AP World History - AP Seminar (<i>AP Capstone requirement</i>)</p> <p>Additional Recommended AP Course: - Students will be advised by their school counselor for taking an additional AP course in 10th grade</p> <p><i>Students are advised to enroll in foreign language for both 9th and 10th grade years, if they have not already met the language requirement.</i></p>
Grades 11 and 12	<p>Students must be enrolled on campus in 2 AP or Dual Enrollment courses. It is recommended to have all 6 AP courses finished by the end of the 11th grade year, if seeking the AP Capstone Diploma.</p> <p>11th Grade: Required AP Course: - AP United States History - AP Research (<i>AP Capstone requirement</i>)</p> <p>Additional Recommended AP Courses: - Visit the LRHS Curriculum Guide to view the AP courses offered to 11th and 12th grade students.</p>