Fall 2026 – Spring 2027

AP Capstone | ELITE OPEN SCHOOL

Elite Open School is proud to offer the AP Capstone Diploma program —an innovative program that consists of two yearlong, college- level courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, that encourage students to develop critical thinking and research skills. Make your college applications shine by adding the highest honor conferred by the College Board to your resume in just 5 hours per week!

Year 1: AP Seminar

Students begin by taking the foundational course, AP Seminar, which focuses on developing students' abilities to explore complex issues from multiple perspectives, evaluate and analyze information, and present persuasive arguments. Students engage in collaborative team projects and deliver individual presentations. We recommend that Elite AP Capstone students take AP Seminar in 10th grade.

Year 2: AP Research

After AP Seminar, students continue their journey by taking AP Research. AP Research lets students take on an academic research project of their choice under the guidance of a mentor. Students learn research methodology, gather and analyze data, and ultimately produce a research paper or create a project showcasing their findings. We recommend that students take AP Research in 11th grade.

+ 4 More AP Courses

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. We recommend that students complete at least one AP course in 9th grade and all required AP courses and exams by the end of 11th grade to receive the full benefits of the AP Capstone program before they submit college applications.

Stand Out on College Apps with AP Capstone at Elite!

AP Capstone Students Stand Out

- **ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS** because they demonstrate critical thinking, communication, and research skills associated with AP Capstone.
- **IN COLLEGE INTERVIEWS** because of the confidence, expertise, and passion they show when they talk about their unique academic projects.
- **WITH RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES**, because they can receive research mentoring and publishing support through Elite's partnership with Polygence, an personalized online research program.

2026–2027 Course Schedule

AP SEMINAR

- **Semester 1:** September 7 – December 18, 2026
- **Semester 2:** January 4 – May 7, 2027
- **Class:** Tuesday @ 6:00-8:00pm or Thursday @ 6:00-8:00pm
- **Office Hours:** On Discord. Monday @ 6:00-9:00pm and Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:00-9:00pm

AP RESEARCH

- **Semester 1:** September 7 – December 18, 2026
- **Semester 2:** January 5 – May 4, 2026
- **Class:** Wednesday @ 6:00-8:00pm
- **Office Hours:** On Discord. Monday @ 6:00-9:00pm or Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:00-9:00pm

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