# Postsecondary Course Performance of AP<sup>®</sup> Exam Takers in Subsequent Coursework

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## **Executive Summary**

The Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>) Program offers high school students the opportunity to take rigorous coursework in high school and receive college credit for AP Exam scores that meet or exceed the requirements of their attending institution. Students receiving AP credit are typically exempted from an introductory level course or series of courses and are typically able to take more advanced courses in the same subject area. In this study, we compare the subsequent course performance of AP Exam takers who placed out of an introductory college course to students who did not take the AP Exam and completed the introductory course at their respective institutions. Results indicate that AP Exam takers, on average, earn the same or statistically significant higher grades in subsequent introductory courses within the same subject area than do students completing the equivalent introductory course work at their institution. Results provide evidence that AP Exam scores are valid indicators for course credit and placement decisions. The AP Exams covered in this report are:

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP United States Government and Politics
- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- AP Psychology
- AP Statistics

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### Introduction

The Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>) Program offers high school students the opportunity to complete college-level coursework in 38 subjects and demonstrate proficiency by taking a nationally standardized exam at the conclusion of the course. AP Exam scores are criterion referenced<sup>1</sup> and range from 1 to 5. A score of 1 represents 'No recommendation for college credit'; 2 represents 'Possibly qualified for college credit'; 3 represents 'Qualified for college credit': 4 represents 'Well-gualified for college credit': and 5 represents 'Extremely wellgualified for college credit'. The American Council on Education (ACE) recommends awarding college credit or placement into higher level courses to students scoring 3 or higher. In practice, AP policies vary as the AP score required for credit or placement often differs by institution. The purpose of this study is to compare the subsequent course performance of AP Exam takers who placed out of an introductory college course to students not taking the AP Exam who first took the equivalent introductory course(s) as matriculated college students<sup>2</sup>. For AP Exam takers, the subsequent course will be the first course taken on campus in the same subject area of the AP Exam. For those not taking the AP Exam, the subsequent course is the first course taken following the introductory course(s) for which the AP Exam takers received credit. Specifically, the primary research question is:

How do AP Exam takers who received credit at an institution perform in the next course taken compared to students who didn't take the AP Exam but took the corresponding introductory course(s) at their institution?

In this report we compare students who took an AP Exam to students who did not take an AP Exam. While non-AP Exam takers did not take the AP Exam in the particular subject under study, they may have taken the corresponding AP course (or a similar advanced course) while in high school.

### **Data and Sample**

Students in this sample were entering freshman in fall 2009, and attended one of the 93 four-year postsecondary institutions that participated in the National SAT Validity study<sup>3</sup>. These institutions must have participated in the study for four academic years from 2009 to 2013 and students must have attended one of these institutions for at least one academic year. The sample was further restricted to institutions providing written guidelines on AP



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Criterion-referenced tests measure student performance against predetermined criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Because the primary purpose of this research is to understand the utility of AP Exam scores in making course placement decisions, control variables that may be used in other research to isolate the impact of AP participation on college success measures such as gender, ethnicity, parental income, etc., are not used as these variables are not considered when course placement decisions are made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For more information see: http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED563103.pdf

credit and placement policies. The number of institutions included in the analysis by AP subject is presented in Table 1.

## Method

In this study, the performance of students who took an AP Exam and were exempted from an introductory course on campus is compared to the performance of students who did not take the AP Exam and did take the introductory course on campus. Performance was measured by the grade earned in the subsequent course(s) taken in the same subject area (e.g., U.S. History). For AP Exam takers, this represented the first course(s) taken in the same subject area of the AP Exam on campus and for students who did not take the AP Exam, it represents the first course(s) taken following the introductory course for which the AP students received credit. If two or more courses were taken simultaneously, an average of grades is used to measure performance.

For each analysis, there were six groups of students: three AP groups and three non-AP comparison groups. The AP groups were divided into students who scored 3 on the AP Exam, students who scored 4 on the AP Exam, and students who scored 5 on the AP Exam. To be included in the AP groups, AP Exam takers eligible for placement could not have taken the equivalent introductory course(s) on campus and must have completed a subsequent course(s) in the same subject. To be included in the non-AP groups, students must not have taken the AP Exam, and must have completed the introductory course on campus as well as a subsequent course(s) in the same subject. While AP Exam takers can appear in only one group, students who did not take the AP Exam could appear in multiple groups. The three non-AP groups are divided into those students who participated in courses at the institution that were considered equivalent<sup>4</sup> to the course(s) for which students would earn credit if scoring a 3 on the AP Exam; students who participated in courses at the institution that were considered equivalent to the course(s) for which students would earn credit if scoring a 4 on the AP Exam; and students who participated in courses at the institution<sup>5</sup> that were considered equivalent to the course(s) for which students would earn credit if scoring a 5 on the AP Exam. For example, consider an institution that lists Statistics 100 as the AP equivalent course for AP Statistics scores of 3, 4, or 5. Students who did not take the AP Statistics Exam but did take Statistics 100 as well as a subsequent statistics course would be the appropriate comparison group for all AP students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 and would appear in all three non-AP comparison groups. More information on identifying AP and non-AP student groups is provided in Appendix A.

Once the AP and non-AP samples were created, a series of regressions was conducted to compare the AP and non-AP groups: The AP 3 group was compared to the non-AP 3 group,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> While decisions on group membership were made based on the policies at the attending institution, results were calculated using all of the participating institutions.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An equivalent course is one for which an AP student receives credit and/or placement per their institution's policy.

the AP 4 group was compared to the non-AP 4 group, and the AP 5 group was compared to the non-AP 5 group. In each regression the outcome was the grade earned in the subsequent course and the predictor was a dichotomous variable representing AP group membership (0, 1).

### **Results**

Table 1 shows the number of institutions included in the analysis of each AP Exam subject. We additionally disaggregate that number by the minimum AP score accepted. The number of institutions range from 15 in Music Theory to 49 in U.S. Government. An AP score of 3 was most often the minimum score needed to receive credit or placement. The exceptions

	Number of Institutions Granting Credit/ Placement for AP Exam Score of:						
AP Exam	3 or Higher	4 or Higher	5	Total Institutions			
AP Computer Science A	12	12	0	24			
AP Macroeconomics	23	20	0	43			
AP Microeconomics	23	19	1	43			
AP English Language and Composition	23	15	0	38			
AP English Literature and Composition	21	12	0	33			
AP Environmental Science	16	11	1	28			
AP United States Government and Politics	30	18	1	49			
AP Comparative Government and Politics	15	10	2	27			
AP Human Geography	13	4	0	17			
AP Music Theory	8	5	2	15			
AP Physics C: Mechanics	10	17	1	38			
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	8	16	3	27			
AP Psychology	24	18	5	47			
AP Statistics	30	19	0	48			

### Table 1: Summary of Institutional AP Credit- and Placement-Granting Policies

Note: Institutions accepting scores lower than 3 for credit and placement are not reported here and were not considered in our study. All institutions that accept AP scores of 3 for credit and placement also accept scores of 4 and 5, and all schools that accept scores of 4 also accept scores of 5.

Institutional Ch	aracteristic							Ре	rcent						
		Comp Sci A	Econ Macro	Econ Micro	Eng Lang	Eng Lit	Env Sci	Gov't U.S.	Comp Gov't	Hum Geog	Music Theory	Phys Mech	Phys E&M	Psych	Stats
Number of Insti	tutions	(24)	(43)	(43)	(38)	(33)	(28)	(49)	(27)	(17)	(15)	(38)	(27)	(47)	(48)
U.S. Region	Midwest	21	19	21	21	15	14	20	26	24	20	11	15	17	10
	Mid-Atlantic	13	12	14	8	15	14	12	15	18	13	18	15	13	16
	New England	13	14	16	11	9	11	14	7	6	13	14	15	15	14
	South	29	19	19	24	24	25	18	33	24	33	29	30	19	18
	Southwest	17	19	16	24	27	18	18	4	18	13	18	15	17	20
	West	8	19	14	13	9	18	16	15	12	7	11	11	19	20
Control	Public	54	56	53	61	67	64	53	63	76	53	46	52	51	51
	Private	46	44	47	39	33	36	47	37	24	47	54	48	49	49
Admittance	Under 50	17	16	21	11	9	21	18	11	0	20	29	33	19	16
Rate	50 to 75	71	70	70	63	67	54	63	78	82	60	64	63	64	63
	Over 75	13	14	9	26	24	25	18	11	18	20	7	4	17	20
Undergraduate	Small	0	7	2	8	6	4	10	4	6	13	0	0	9	8
Enrollment	Medium	29	30	35	29	24	21	31	26	12	33	43	41	32	31
	Large	29	19	19	26	27	21	22	22	12	7	14	11	23	22
	Very Large	42	44	44	37	42	54	37	48	71	47	43	48	36	39

### Table 2: Summary of Institutional Characteristics

Note: Institutional Characteristics (U.S. Region, Control, Admittance Rate, and Undergraduate Enrollment) are provided in percent.

were in Physics: Mechanics and Physics: Electricity and Magnetism where an AP score of 4 was most often the minimum score required for credit or placement. Computer Science A was split, as half of the institutions had a minimum AP score of 3 and half had a minimum AP score of 4.

Table 2 displays the characteristics of the postsecondary institutions in each sample. Descriptive statistics are included for region, control, selectivity, and size. Descriptive characteristics at the student level by AP Exam are provided in Appendix B.

Table 3 shows the number of students in each of the AP and non-AP groups as well as the mean subsequent course grades for the non-AP groups and the difference between the AP group mean and non-AP group mean. The number of students included in each analysis varies considerably, with Computer Science A having some of the smallest sample sizes (e.g., non-AP 3 = 483 and AP 3 = 42) and English Language having some of the largest samples (e.g., non-AP 3 = 19,773 and AP 3 = 3,716). The popularity of the subject and the number of institutions with explicitly stated AP credit and placement policies are among the primary determinants of sample size. For all subjects, the number of students in the non-AP groups is considerably larger than the number of students in the AP groups.

The course means also vary by subject: The mean grades for the non-AP groups range from 2.77 in Physics C: Mechanics to 3.37 in Music Theory. In all subjects, the AP Exam takers performed the same or better than their respective non-AP comparison group, suggesting that AP Exam scores are valid indicators of adequate preparation for subsequent coursework when applied in accordance with institutional policies. Although not all differences were statistically significant, students earning a 3 on the AP Exam outperformed their non-AP comparison group anywhere from 0.12 in Psychology to 0.57 in Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, whereas the students scoring a 4 on the AP Exam outperformed their non-AP comparison group anywhere from 0.14 in Psychology to 0.48 in English Literature and U.S. Government and Politics, and students scoring a 5 on the AP Exam outperformed their non-AP comparison group anywhere from 0.28 in Music Theory to 0.74 in English Literature. As expected, within subject, the smallest differential is typically between the students scoring a 3 on the AP Exam and their non-AP comparison group whereas the largest differential is between the students scoring a 5 on the AP Exam and their non-AP comparison group. Regardless of AP Exam score, all AP Exam takers, on average, performed just as well if not better than non-AP Exam takers who took the introductory college course on campus.

Table 3: Performance Differences in Course(s) Following an Equivalent Course:
AP Students Compared to Non-AP Students

		Course P	articipation a	nd Means	Differenc	e Course Perfe es: AP Studer on-AP Studer	nts Minus
AP Exam	Non-AP 3	Non-AP 4	Non-AP 5	AP 3	AP 4	AP 5	
Computer Science A	Mean	3.00	2.90	2.90	0.24	0.32*	0.52*
	Ν	483	1,101	1,093	42	207	222
Macroeconomics	Mean	2.94	2.97	2.97	0.34*	0.30*	0.57*
	Ν	5,027	9,996	9,996	183	846	521
Microeconomics	Mean	2.91	2.92	2.92	0.28*	0.41*	0.66*
	N	8,657	18,247	18,484	198	536	328
English Language	Mean	3.15	3.16	3.11	0.27*	0.37*	0.60*
-	N	19,773	21,480	16,634	3,716	2,786	1,104
English Literature	Mean	3.05	3.08	3.00	0.39*	0.48*	0.74*
	Ν	14,953	11,614	8,421	3,529	3,075	864
Gov't & Politics:	Mean	3.10	3.09	3.10	0.12	0.29*	0.31*
Comparative	Ν	961	1,614	1,821	45	63	78
Gov't & Politics: U.S.	Mean	2.83	2.87	2.87	0.29*	0.48*	0.69*
	Ν	5,796	7,159	6,991	1,132	1,114	909
Environmental Science	Mean	2.95	3.01	3.01	0.23*	0.30*	0.58*
	Ν	1,489	1,853	2,006	220	404	190
Human Geography	Mean	2.94	2.95	2.91	0.30*	0.36*	0.63*
	Ν	508	637	525	66	77	58
Music Theory	Mean	2.82	3.07	3.37	0.34	0.40	0.28*
	Ν	118	223	227	34	30	53
Physics C: Mechanics	Mean	2.77	2.84	2.83	0.33*	0.32*	0.61*
	Ν	3,805	6,393	7,762	62	282	500
Physics C: E&M	Mean	2.87	2.97	2.92	0.57	0.31*	0.61*
	Ν	1,633	3,264	4.443	10	128	268
Psychology	Mean	3.12	3.12	3.13	0.12*	0.14*	0.40*
	Ν	7,000	12,572	14,408	287	901	1,456
Statistics	Mean	3.11	3.06	3.06	0.25*	0.41*	0.60*
	Ν	1,859	3,255	3,204	698	1,146	686

\* P < .05

## **Appendix A**

### **Identifying Equivalent Courses**

AP equivalent courses were identified using a College Board database of AP policies at postsecondary institutions in 2009. An AP equivalent course is one for which an AP student receives credit and/or placement as per the policy at their institution. We excluded institutions from the study if the courses for which AP credit is awarded are not explicitly stated or if elective credit is awarded. Institutions that awarded course credit for AP Exam scores less than or equal to 2 were excluded from the study.

### Identifying AP Exam Takers and Subsequent Coursework

#### **Students**

To be included in one of the AP groups students must have taken the AP Exam and obtained a score greater than or equal to the minimum score required for credit or placement at their postsecondary institution. Students must also attend an institution that has at least one non-AP student and must not have repeated an equivalent course(s) at their institution.

### **Subsequent Course Identification**

This subsequent course is the first course(s) taken in the subject area of the AP Exam at the students' campus. If multiple courses in the same subject area of the AP Exam were taken in the same term, then a weighted average was calculated and used as the subsequent course grade. A more advanced equivalent course can serve as a subsequent course for a less advanced equivalent course. For example, a course that serves as equivalent to an AP score of 4 or 5 can serve as a subsequent course for students earning an AP Exam score of 3. A course that serves as an equivalent to an AP score of 5 can serve as a subsequent course for students earning an AP Exam score of 4.

### Identifying the Non-AP Comparison Groups and Subsequent Coursework

#### **Students**

To be included in one of the non-AP groups, students must not have taken the AP Exam, attended a postsecondary institution with one or more AP Exam takers, and must have taken the AP equivalent course(s) as well as a subsequent course on campus. For example, if two courses (e.g., Hist 101, Hist 201) are noted as equivalent for an AP Exam (e.g., AP United States History) score (e.g., 3), the student must have taken both courses along with a subsequent history course.

#### **Subsequent Course Identification**

The next course is the course(s) taken in the first term following the completion of all equivalent courses. If a student took more than one subsequent course in a term, then a weighted average was calculated and used as the course grade. Any same-subject nonequivalent course can serve as the next course for all students who have completed the equivalent courses. In addition, a more advanced equivalent course can serve as a subsequent course to a less advanced equivalent course. For example, any course equivalent to an AP score of 4 or 5 can serve as a subsequent course for a student who took the course(s) on campus that are equivalent to earning a 3 on the AP Exam. Similarly, any course equivalent to an AP score of 5 can also serve as a subsequent course for a student who took the course(s) on campus that are equivalent to earning a 3 on the AP Exam.

#### **Non-AP Comparison Groups**

There are three non-AP comparison groups: those who completed the college course(s) considered equivalent to an AP score of 3 (non-AP 3); those who completed the college course(s) considered equivalent to an AP score of 4 (non-AP 4); and those who completed the college course(s) considered equivalent to an AP score of 5 (non-AP 5). In addition, students must have taken a subsequent course in the same subject. A student could appear in more than one non-AP group and could appear in all 3 non-AP groups. For example, if a school had one policy for AP Statistics and awarded credit in Stat 101 for a score of 3, 4 or 5, then a non-AP examinee who took Stat 101 and another Statistics course in a later term would be in the non-AP 3, non-AP 4, and non-AP 5 groups. A school could also have differential policies by AP score that would allow students to be in all three non-AP groups. If a school awarded Stat 101 for an AP score of 3, and both Stat 101 and Stat 102 for AP scores of 4 or 5, then a student who took Stat 101 in one term, Stat 102 in a subsequent term, and a next course in a subsequent term would be in all three non-AP comparison groups.

## Appendix B

# Table B - 1: Characteristics of Students in the AP Computer Science A Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparisor	n Groups	AP Groups				
		3	4	5	3	4	5		
Number of S	tudents	483	1,101	1,093	42	207	222		
Gender	Female	20.3	18.4	18.6	4.8	12.1	8.1		
	Male	79.7	81.6	81.4	95.2	87.9	91.9		
Race/	American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Ethnicity	Asian American	10.8	12.9	13.0	14.3	29.0	20.7		
	Black/African American	4.3	4.2	4.2	2.4	1.0	0.9		
	Hispanic	4.3	5.4	5.5	2.4	3.4	1.4		
	White	51.3	54.3	54.5	52.4	56.5	66.2		
	Other	2.3	1.7	1.6	4.8	2.4	1.8		
	No Response/Missing	26.9	21.4	21.1	23.8	7.7	9.0		
High	A+	6.2	10.7	10.8	9.5	8.7	18.5		
School GPA	A	23.0	28.7	28.9	21.4	38.6	42.3		
	A-	22.2	20.1	20.1	14.3	28.0	16.2		
	B+	11.0	9.8	9.9	9.5	10.6	9.5		
	В	9.5	6.9	6.8	16.7	5.8	4.1		
	B-	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	1.0	0.5		
	C+	0.2	0.4	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.0		
	С	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	C- or Lower	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Missing	26.5	22.0	21.7	26.2	6.8	9.0		
SAT	2100–2400	5.8	10.3	10.3	4.8	19.3	41.4		
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	30.2	38.9	39.1	47.6	52.7	45.5		
	1500–1790	29.4	24.6	24.6	19.0	21.3	4.5		
	1200–1490	8.3	5.4	5.4	4.8	0.5	0.0		
	900–1190	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Missing	26.1	20.8	20.5	23.8	6.3	8.6		



Highest Parental Education	No High School Diploma	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.4	1.9	0.5
	High School Diploma	13.0	12.4	12.5	11.9	8.2	5.9
	Associate Degree	4.6	5.1	5.0	2.4	4.3	2.3
	Bachelor's Degree	23.4	24.6	24.6	26.2	30.4	28.4
	Graduate Degree	27.7	29.9	30.1	26.2	43.0	49.1
	Missing	30.0	26.8	26.5	31.0	12.1	14.0

# Table B - 2: Characteristics of Students in the AP Macroeconomics Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparisor	n Groups	AP Groups			
		3	4	5	3	4	5	
Number of	Students	5,027	9,996	9,996	183	846	521	
Gender	Female	37.3	37.5	37.5	37.7	34.9	25.9	
	Male	62.7	62.5	62.5	62.3	65.1	74.1	
Race/	American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	
Ethnicity	Asian American	5.7	9.0	9.0	9.3	14.8	16.1	
	Black/African American	4.2	3.6	3.6	2.7	3.2	1.5	
	Hispanic	5.6	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.0	
	White	62.6	54.5	54.5	72.7	57.9	65.3	
	Other	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.7	0.9	1.9	
	No Response/Missing	20.0	26.2	26.2	7.1	17.6	11.1	
High	A+	5.3	6.8	6.8	6.0	11.1	19.0	
School GPA	A	21.1	21.1	21.1	29.0	30.4	39.2	
	A-	22.8	20.7	20.7	30.1	25.9	22.1	
	B+	16.6	13.5	13.5	18.6	10.3	5.0	
	В	10.5	8.1	8.1	8.2	3.7	2.5	
	В-	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.2	
	C+	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	
	С	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	
	C- or Lower	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Missing	19.9	26.6	26.6	5.5	18.1	12.1	

SAT	2100–2400	1.3	4.0	4.0	3.3	12.1	28.6
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	21.8	24.7	24.7	42.6	49.2	52.8
	1500–1790	44.7	34.3	34.3	47.0	18.9	7.9
	1200–1490	13.3	10.8	10.8	2.2	0.7	0.0
	900–1190	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	18.3	25.4	25.4	4.9	19.1	10.7
Highest	No High School Diploma	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.4
Parental Education	High School Diploma	12.4	10.8	10.8	13.7	7.4	6.1
	Associate Degree	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	0.8
	Bachelor's Degree	33.5	28.4	28.4	37.7	28.5	31.5
	Graduate Degree	26.2	26.2	26.2	35.5	37.6	42.4
	Missing	22.8	30.0	30.0	9.3	22.1	18.8

# Table B - 3: Characteristics of Students in the AP Microeconomics Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
		3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	8,657	18,247	18,484	198	536	328
Gender	Female	38.6	39.0	38.9	33.3	30.4	21.6
	Male	61.4	61.0	61.1	66.7	69.6	78.4
Race/	American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.3
Ethnicity	Asian American	5.9	8.8	9.0	11.6	16.4	19.8
	Black/African American	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	1.1	0.6
	Hispanic	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.5	2.6	4.3
	White	62.7	56.7	56.6	72.2	62.5	62.2
	Other	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.1	2.4
	No Response/Missing	21.8	24.2	24.1	6.1	16.2	10.4
High	A+	4.9	7.6	7.8	8.6	13.4	21.3
School GPA	A	21.3	23.1	23.3	28.8	31.0	40.2
	A-	22.4	21.4	21.3	30.8	25.0	17.7
	B+	16.4	13.6	13.4	17.7	11.2	5.2
	В	9.8	7.3	7.2	8.1	3.0	1.5

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	B-	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.0	0.6	0.0
	C+	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0
	С	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	21.8	24.5	24.5	5.1	15.7	14.0
SAT	2100–2400	1.3	3.9	4.7	2.0	12.1	45.4
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	21.7	26.5	26.5	47.0	50.0	38.1
	1500–1790	42.6	34.8	34.4	46.0	20.5	5.2
	1200–1490	13.4	10.5	10.3	3.0	0.2	0.0
	900–1190	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	20.3	23.5	23.3	2.0	17.2	11.3
Highest	No High School Diploma	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.5
Parental Education	High School Diploma	11.9	11.1	11.0	11.6	7.5	4.6
Lucation	Associate Degree	4.4	3.8	3.7	4.5	1.7	1.8
	Bachelor's Degree	31.8	28.5	28.4	38.9	30.6	22.0
	Graduate Degree	26.4	27.7	28.0	34.8	38.6	47.6
	Missing	24.7	27.9	27.9	9.6	20.1	22.6

# Table B - 4: Characteristics of Students in the AP English Language andComposition Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	AP Groups			
		3	4	5	3	4	5			
Number of	Students	19,773	21,480	16,634	3,716	2,786	1,104			
Gender	Female	52.8	51.9	51.6	67.9	62.7	60.7			
	Male	47.2	48.1	48.4	32.1	37.3	39.3			
Race/	American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5			
Ethnicity	Asian American	3.7	5.1	5.3	5.8	8.9	11.1			
	Black/African American	7.6	6.3	5.4	5.4	2.8	2.2			
	Hispanic	7.0	6.1	6.7	9.8	5.6	3.7			
	White	50.0	48.1	50.0	67.7	69.2	71.3			
	Other	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.2	1.9	2.2			
	No Response/Missing	29.8	32.5	30.7	8.8	11.4	9.1			

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High	A+	3.2	3.5	3.4	11.4	16.9	26.7
School GPA	A	15.2	15.3	14.6	32.1	37.5	39.1
	A-	18.0	17.3	17.4	25.8	22.6	16.8
	B+	16.1	15.0	15.9	13.9	8.1	6.4
	В	11.7	11.0	12.0	6.4	3.1	1.8
	B-	3.8	3.6	4.0	1.5	0.6	0.7
	C+	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
	С	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	29.7	32.5	30.8	8.6	11.0	8.3
SAT	2100–2400	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.3	12.8	41.6
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	10.0	12.9	12.3	38.4	58.6	46.6
	1500–1790	35.9	35.6	34.3	50.0	17.3	3.4
	1200–1490	22.7	20.8	20.5	2.9	0.3	0.0
	900–1190	2.4	2.1	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	28.6	27.7	29.5	7.4	11.0	8.4
Highest	No High School Diploma	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.3
Parental Education	High School Diploma	15.3	13.7	13.9	14.0	9.2	5.9
	Associate Degree	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.5	3.2	2.2
	Bachelor's Degree	26.0	24.8	25.1	35.6	32.3	29.4
	Graduate Degree	19.4	19.7	20.5	31.3	39.4	49.8
	Missing	32.6	35.5	33.8	12.6	15.4	12.4

# Table B - 5: Characteristics of Students in the AP English Literature and Composition Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups	AP Groups		
		3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	14,953	11,614	8,421	3,529	3,529 3,075	
Gender	Female	53.0	50.4	51.1	66.1	64.1	59.5
	Male	47.0	49.6	48.9	33.9	35.9	40.5
Race/ Ethnicity	American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	Asian American	2.5	4.5	4.9	4.8	7.3	9.3

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	Black/African American	8.4	7.3	6.8	4.7	2.6	1.2
	Hispanic	7.9	5.1	6.8	8.0	4.4	3.6
	White	47.5	48.7	50.4	66.3	75.5	76.6
	Other	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.5
	No Response/Missing	31.8	32.6	29.2	14.1	7.7	6.4
High	A+	2.9	3.5	3.7	11.8	19.6	25.9
School GPA	A	14.3	16.0	16.1	31.9	38.1	41.3
•	A-	17.3	17.2	17.6	24.2	21.7	19.2
	B+	15.8	14.8	16.0	12.2	8.8	5.1
	В	11.6	10.5	11.5	5.1	3.7	2.2
	B-	3.8	3.5	3.9	1.3	1.1	0.5
	C+	1.7	1.3	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.2
	С	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	31.8	32.6	29.2	13.3	6.8	5.6
SAT	2100–2400	0.2	0.8	1.1	1.5	13.9	38.5
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	7.8	12.1	12.4	38.1	63.2	53.8
Coolo Dalla	1500–1790	34.8	34.6	35.6	46.3	16.9	4.4
	1200–1490	24.0	19.6	21.0	1.8	0.2	0.1
	900–1190	2.5	1.5	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	30.7	31.4	27.8	12.3	5.8	3.1
Highest	No High School Diploma	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.2
Parental Education	High School Diploma	16.0	13.6	14.6	12.7	10.2	5.7
	Associate Degree	5.6	4.8	5.2	4.9	3.7	3.2
	Bachelor's Degree	25.4	26.5	27.2	33.7	33.9	31.8
	Graduate Degree	17.3	19.0	20.1	30.7	41.2	48.8
	Missing	34.4	35.2	31.9	17.2	10.4	10.2

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups	AP Groups			
	-	3	4	5	3	4	5	
Number of S	tudents	1,489	1,853	2,006	220	404	190	
Gender	Female	57.0	55.8	55.6	54.1	51.7	36.3	
	Male	43.0	44.2	44.4	45.9	48.3	63.7	
Race/	American Indian	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Ethnicity	Asian American	6.6	7.0	7.5	9.5	11.1	8.4	
	Black/African American	3.0	3.1	2.9	1.4	1.0	0.5	
	Hispanic	6.4	6.3	6.0	4.5	5.7	2.6	
	White	65.5	62.4	62.6	76.8	71.5	77.4	
	Other	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.5	2.1	
	No Response/Missing	16.3	19.1	18.7	5.0	8.2	8.4	
High	A+	5.4	6.7	7.2	10.5	10.4	17.4	
School GPA	A	19.9	20.7	22.5	25.9	31.9	32.6	
	A-	26.1	24.3	24.1	26.8	30.0	27.4	
	B+	17.5	16.0	15.2	18.6	13.1	9.5	
	В	11.9	10.3	9.6	11.8	5.9	3.7	
	B-	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.7	0.5	1.1	
	C+	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	
	С	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Missing	15.5	18.9	18.4	3.6	7.9	8.4	
SAT	2100–2400	1.9	3.4	3.5	1.4	5.7	20.5	
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	19.2	22.0	24.8	40.9	59.4	62.1	
	1500–1790	44.2	39.8	38.4	49.1	27.7	8.9	
	1200–1490	18.8	16.1	15.0	5.5	0.7	0.0	
	900–1190	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Missing	14.5	17.6	17.2	3.2	6.4	8.4	

# Table B - 6: Characteristics of Students in the AP Environmental Science Validity Analyses

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Highest	No High School Diploma	2.4	2.0	1.8	3.2	1.7	0.5
Parental Education	High School Diploma	15.2	13.9	13.4	6.8	11.4	6.3
	Associate Degree	5.6	4.9	4.9	3.6	1.2	1.1
	Bachelor's Degree	30.6	28.7	29.1	34.1	33.4	29.5
	Graduate Degree	27.5	28.7	29.3	42.3	40.6	50.0
	Missing	18.7	21.8	21.5	10.0	11.6	12.6

## Table B - 7: Characteristics of Students in the AP Comparative Government and Politics Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
	-	3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	961	1,614	1,821	45	63	78
Gender	Female	51.1	46.6	45.7	55.6	39.7	35.9
	Male	48.9	53.4	54.3	44.4	60.3	64.1
Race/	American Indian	0.6	0.8	0.7	2.2	0.0	0.0
Ethnicity	Asian American	5.5	5.1	5.3	6.7	3.2	12.8
	Black/African American	9.7	7.5	6.7	2.2	0.0	0.0
	Hispanic	6.9	5.6	5.0	2.2	0.0	3.8
	White	56.0	61.0	57.3	77.8	82.5	69.2
	Other	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	4.8	2.6
	No Response/Missing	19.3	17.8	23.0	8.9	9.5	11.5
High	A+	5.4	7.8	7.4	2.2	9.5	10.3
School GPA	A	20.9	21.9	20.8	24.4	38.1	37.2
	A-	19.1	20.9	19.8	33.3	25.4	25.6
	B+	18.7	15.9	14.6	26.7	14.3	15.4
	В	11.1	10.2	9.5	4.4	3.2	0.0
	В-	3.5	3.4	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C+	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
	С	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	19.4	18.6	23.7	8.9	9.5	11.5

SAT	2100–2400	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.4	9.5	30.8
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	24.7	29.1	27.7	44.4	63.5	44.9
	1500–1790	38.5	36.3	33.5	35.6	17.5	11.5
	1200–1490	13.4	12.0	10.8	4.4	0.0	0.0
	900–1190	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	19.0	17.7	23.4	11.1	9.5	12.8
Highest	No High School Diploma	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parental Education	High School Diploma	14.0	13.2	12.0	11.1	4.8	6.4
	Associate Degree	5.0	4.5	4.1	0.0	1.6	0.0
	Bachelor's Degree	26.3	27.1	25.9	28.9	38.1	21.8
	Graduate Degree	30.8	32.5	30.6	46.7	44.4	55.1
	Missing	23.0	21.9	26.6	13.3	11.1	16.7

# Table B - 8: Characteristics of Students in the AP United States Government and Politics Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
		3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	5,796	7,159	6,991	1,132	1,114	909
Gender	Female	50.6	49.1	49.2	52.4	47.4	44.2
	Male	49.4	50.9	50.8	47.6	52.6	55.8
Race/	American Indian	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
Ethnicity	Asian American	5.6	5.4	5.5	8.3	9.4	9.0
	Black/African American	6.9	6.3	6.4	4.1	2.5	2.4
	Hispanic	12.5	10.9	11.1	8.7	5.9	4.1
	White	54.0	54.4	53.8	64.8	67.6	71.4
	Other	1.8	1.9	1.9	3.2	2.2	2.4
	No Response/Missing	18.7	20.6	20.9	10.5	11.7	10.3
High	A+	9.7	9.2	9.3	15.7	15.0	21.0
School GPA	A	25.3	24.1	24.2	30.0	34.8	38.0
	A-	21.5	21.1	21.1	23.3	26.4	21.7
	B+	13.4	13.2	13.0	14.3	9.7	6.3
	В	7.7	8.2	7.9	5.6	2.5	1.8

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	B-	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.8
	C+	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.0
	С	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	19.0	20.8	21.2	10.3	10.8	10.6
SAT	2100–2400	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.4	11.7	26.5
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	25.8	25.8	25.9	50.5	56.0	52.0
	1500–1790	37.5	35.7	35.1	34.4	21.5	10.3
	1200–1490	14.5	14.1	14.1	2.5	0.7	0.0
	900–1190	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	17.7	19.5	19.9	9.2	10.1	11.1
Highest	No High School Diploma	2.6	2.2	2.2	3.0	1.3	0.3
Parental Education	High School Diploma	16.2	15.4	15.2	10.0	9.2	5.6
	Associate Degree	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.4	2.6	2.0
	Bachelor's Degree	28.5	27.6	27.5	32.1	32.7	31.6
	Graduate Degree	25.5	26.0	25.8	37.2	38.9	45.7
	Missing	22.8	24.5	24.8	14.3	15.3	14.9

# Table B - 9: Characteristics of Students in the AP Human Geography Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
	-	3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	508	637	525	66	77	58
Gender	Female	48.6	48.8	49.1	62.1	41.6	44.8
	Male	51.4	51.2	50.9	37.9	58.4	55.2
Race/	American Indian	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ethnicity	Asian American	2.8	3.0	3.2	4.5	6.5	3.4
	Black/African American	3.3	3.6	2.9	6.1	1.3	0.0
	Hispanic	5.9	7.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	3.4
	White	72.2	67.8	65.7	71.2	61.0	82.8
	Other	1.4	1.3	1.3	4.5	2.6	3.4
	No Response/Missing	13.8	16.2	17.3	4.5	19.5	6.9

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High	A+	7.5	6.4	5.9	12.1	10.4	17.2
School GPA	A	29.1	26.8	23.4	24.2	28.6	31.0
-	A-	24.0	23.9	24.0	22.7	24.7	31.0
	B+	13.4	14.3	14.7	22.7	14.3	6.9
	В	10.2	10.8	12.6	10.6	6.5	5.2
	B-	2.0	1.9	2.1	3.0	0.0	0.0
	C+	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	С	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	13.4	15.5	17.1	4.5	15.6	8.6
SAT	2100–2400	2.6	2.4	1.9	3.0	3.9	20.7
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	24.6	22.6	19.2	33.3	48.1	60.3
	1500–1790	44.3	44.6	44.2	56.1	32.5	8.6
	1200–1490	15.4	15.4	18.1	6.1	0.0	1.7
	900–1190	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	12.4	14.4	15.8	1.5	15.6	8.6
Highest	No High School Diploma	1.2	1.3	1.3	3.0	0.0	0.0
Parental Education	High School Diploma	16.3	16.3	17.9	12.1	7.8	5.2
	Associate Degree	4.1	4.4	4.4	1.5	3.9	1.7
	Bachelor's Degree	31.3	30.8	29.5	31.8	28.6	43.1
	Graduate Degree	29.3	26.7	25.1	42.4	41.6	36.2
	Missing	17.7	20.6	21.7	9.1	18.2	13.8

## Table B - 10: Characteristics of Students in the AP Music Theory Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups		
	-	3	4	5	3	4	5	
Number of	Students	118	223	227	34	30	53	
Gender	Female	52.5	52.0	50.7	35.3	50.0	41.5	
	Male	47.5	48.0	49.3	64.7	50.0	58.5	
Race/	American Indian	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Ethnicity	Asian American	5.9	4.0	3.5	5.9	10.0	9.4	
	Black/African American	7.6	5.4	3.1	11.8	3.3	1.9	

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	Hispanic	11.9	7.6	1.8	5.9	6.7	1.9
	White	55.1	58.7	55.9	73.5	73.3	69.8
	Other	1.7	1.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	No Response/Missing	16.9	22.0	34.4	2.9	6.7	17.0
High	A+	5.9	9.0	10.6	8.8	10.0	7.5
School GPA	A	23.7	27.4	26.0	35.3	26.7	43.4
	A-	23.7	21.1	15.0	32.4	40.0	13.2
	B+	16.9	13.0	9.3	8.8	6.7	7.5
	В	10.2	6.7	4.0	8.8	6.7	5.7
	B-	1.7	1.3	0.4	0.0	10.0	1.9
	C+	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	С	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	16.9	21.1	34.4	5.9	0.0	20.8
SAT	2100–2400	1.7	3.6	6.2	2.9	6.7	24.5
Composite Score	1800–2090	22.9	28.3	29.5	58.8	56.7	43.4
Band	1500–1790	37.3	33.6	24.7	26.5	33.3	17.0
	1200–1490	19.5	13.0	7.0	5.9	3.3	1.9
	900–1190	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	16.9	20.6	32.6	5.9	0.0	13.2
Highest	No High School Diploma	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.8
Parental Education	High School Diploma	14.4	8.5	4.8	20.6	26.7	7.5
	Associate Degree	10.2	7.6	4.8	5.9	3.3	0.0
	Bachelor's Degree	32.2	28.7	22.0	23.5	30.0	20.8
	Graduate Degree	22.0	29.1	31.3	41.2	40.0	39.6
	Missing	20.3	25.6	36.6	8.8	0.0	28.3

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
	_	3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of St	udents	7,000	12,572	14,408	287	901	1,456
Gender	Female	73.5	71.4	71.1	80.8	73.1	73.5
	Male	26.5	28.6	28.9	19.2	26.9	26.5
Race/	American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Ethnicity	Asian American	5.2	8.0	7.9	9.8	11.1	13.5
	Black/African American	5.9	5.5	5.7	4.5	4.2	2.3
	Hispanic	6.8	7.2	7.0	9.8	4.6	3.1
	White	60.6	55.7	53.8	66.6	63.7	56.6
	Other	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.0	3.9	2.5
	No Response/Missing	19.2	21.1	23.3	8.0	12.3	21.7
High	A+	7.3	7.9	7.9	5.6	6.4	13.5
School GPA	A	23.0	24.1	23.5	27.2	29.0	33.4
	A-	22.5	21.0	20.3	29.6	26.9	21.0
	B+	15.5	13.9	13.3	18.1	17.1	8.0
	В	9.0	8.1	7.8	10.1	7.4	2.5
	В-	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.7	0.7	0.2
	C+	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.1
	С	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	19.1	21.5	23.7	7.0	12.1	21.3
SAT	2100–2400	1.1	2.9	3.3	0.3	3.4	16.1
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	18.3	23.2	22.4	23.3	44.5	45.4
	1500–1790	41.6	36.5	34.8	60.6	37.6	15.4
	1200–1490	19.6	15.7	15.4	10.5	3.1	0.7
	900–1190	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	17.9	20.2	22.5	5.2	11.3	22.5
Highest	No High School Diploma	1.8	1.9	1.8	3.8	0.9	0.7
Parental Education	High School Diploma	16.8	15.3	15.2	15.0	12.9	8.2
	Associate Degree	6.2	5.4	5.1	7.3	4.2	2.2

## Table B - 11: Characteristics of Students in the AP Psychology Validity Analyses

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Bachelor's Degree	29.2	26.7	25.5	34.8	30.6	24.4
Graduate Degree	23.2	25.3	24.8	27.5	35.0	39.4
Missing	22.8	25.4	27.6	11.5	16.4	25.1

# Table B - 12: Characteristics of Students in the AP Physics C: Mechanics Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparisor	Groups		AP Groups	
		3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of S	tudents	3,805	6,393	7,762	62	282	500
Gender	Female	39.3	35.6	32.8	24.2	17.0	12.6
	Male	60.7	64.4	67.2	75.8	83.0	87.4
Race/	American Indian	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.2
Ethnicity	Asian American	10.5	15.1	14.3	12.9	22.7	22.8
	Black/African American	5.1	4.3	3.8	0.0	0.7	0.4
	Hispanic	10.8	7.7	6.8	9.7	3.5	2.4
	White	61.4	56.8	51.7	74.2	66.0	58.8
	Other	2.6	2.7	2.5	1.6	2.5	3.4
	No Response/Missing	9.0	12.8	20.6	1.6	3.9	12.0
High	A+	16.0	16.9	15.8	16.1	19.9	25.6
School GPA	A	34.5	34.9	32.1	41.9	41.5	37.4
-	A-	23.3	21.3	19.2	24.2	22.7	15.4
	B+	10.9	9.2	7.9	12.9	8.2	5.2
	В	5.2	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	1.6
	B-	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C+	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	С	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	Missing	9.0	13.2	21.0	1.6	4.6	14.4
SAT	2100–2400	5.8	9.2	10.2	6.5	26.6	46.8
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	40.3	44.3	40.8	75.8	58.9	36.8
	1500–1790	38.7	29.6	24.8	16.1	13.1	2.8
	1200–1490	7.4	5.1	3.8	1.6	0.4	0.0
	900–1190	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	7.6	11.7	20.3	0.0	1.1	13.6
Highest Parental Education	No High School Diploma	2.5	2.0	1.6	0.0	1.8	0.4
	High School Diploma	13.9	12.0	10.1	9.7	5.7	4.6
	Associate Degree	5.0	4.4	3.8	3.2	2.5	0.6
	Bachelor's Degree	31.1	28.5	25.6	33.9	29.1	23.0
	Graduate Degree	33.6	34.9	33.2	43.5	50.7	49.0
	Missing	13.9	18.2	25.6	9.7	10.3	22.4

# Table B - 13: Characteristics of Students in the AP Physics C: Electricity andMagnetism Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
		3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	1,633	3,264	4.443	10	128	268
Gender	Female	33.5	30.8	27.8	20.0	16.4	14.9
	Male	66.5	69.2	72.2	80.0	83.6	85.1
Race/	American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Ethnicity	Asian American	15.7	17.3	16.2	30.0	24.2	22.0
	Black/African American	3.3	3.6	2.9	0.0	0.8	0.4
	Hispanic	8.9	6.2	5.1	0.0	1.6	3.4
	White	56.3	56.3	48.9	70.0	65.6	53.4
	Other	3.6	2.9	2.7	0.0	3.9	4.1
	No Response/Missing	11.8	13.5	23.9	0.0	3.9	16.4
High	A+	13.1	15.3	13.9	20.0	16.4	19.8
School GPA	А	33.1	35.8	31.8	70.0	39.8	37.7
	A-	25.7	22.2	19.2	0.0	26.6	15.7
	B+	10.1	8.9	7.4	0.0	10.9	5.2
	В	4.6	3.3	2.7	10.0	0.8	1.5
	В-	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
	C+	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	С	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.4
	C- or Lower	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	12.2	13.7	24.3	0.0	4.7	19.4

SAT	2100–2400	8.2	10.8	11.3	50.0	25.0	46.3
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	43.7	47.5	41.8	50.0	60.2	32.8
	1500–1790	31.5	25.6	20.1	0.0	11.7	3.4
	1200–1490	5.4	3.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
	900–1190	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	11.0	12.5	24.3	0.0	3.1	17.5
Highest	No High School Diploma	2.4	1.9	1.6	0.0	3.1	0.0
Parental Education	High School Diploma	13.3	11.7	9.6	0.0	6.3	3.0
	Associate Degree	4.5	4.1	3.4	0.0	4.7	0.4
	Bachelor's Degree	28.1	27.4	23.7	20.0	29.7	22.8
	Graduate Degree	33.9	35.6	32.4	80.0	47.7	50.4
	Missing	17.8	19.3	29.3	0.0	8.6	23.5

## Table B - 14: Characteristics of Students in the AP Statistics Validity Analyses

		Non-AP	Comparison	Groups		AP Groups	
	-	3	4	5	3	4	5
Number of	Students	1,859	3,255	3,204	698	1,146	686
Gender	Female	61.1	54.4	53.9	43.8	42.2	32.2
	Male	38.9	45.6	46.1	56.2	57.8	67.8
Race/	American Indian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1
Ethnicity	Asian American	13.4	10.6	10.7	11.9	16.5	19.4
	Black/African American	6.8	5.5	5.1	3.2	1.7	0.6
	Hispanic	10.5	7.7	7.7	6.0	3.2	2.8
	White	53.5	53.6	53.9	71.9	64.8	67.9
	Other	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.9
	No Response/Missing	14.0	20.8	20.9	4.6	11.8	7.3
High	A+	13.4	9.9	9.9	10.5	14.7	25.7
School GPA	A	28.5	25.1	25.0	30.9	34.0	40.8
	A-	20.5	20.7	20.8	28.2	24.8	17.8
	B+	13.2	13.5	13.5	17.6	9.2	3.8
	В	7.1	7.3	7.1	6.3	3.1	1.0
	В-	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.6	0.4	0.0

	C+	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.0
	С	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
	C- or Lower	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	13.9	20.6	20.8	4.7	13.4	10.9
SAT	2100–2400	4.0	3.3	3.3	4.7	12.1	40.4
Composite Score Band	1800–2090	31.3	27.6	28.0	44.6	56.8	45.3
	1500–1790	35.4	35.3	35.2	43.7	18.4	4.2
	1200–1490	15.1	12.7	12.2	2.7	0.4	0.0
	900–1190	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	600–890	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Missing	12.8	19.9	20.1	4.3	12.2	10.1
Highest	No High School Diploma	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.3	0.3
Parental Education	High School Diploma	16.4	13.4	13.0	11.2	9.0	4.8
	Associate Degree	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.6	2.4	1.5
	Bachelor's Degree	28.1	28.3	28.4	36.4	32.8	27.0
	Graduate Degree	28.7	26.6	26.8	37.2	37.3	51.6
	Missing	19.4	25.7	25.8	9.6	17.3	14.9

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