

AP Psychology Application

**Student: Complete all components of this application and submit by March 1, 2018 to Mr. Ross. This application process does not guarantee your position in this course. Mr. Ross, who will take into account all factors including any summer coursework, makes all final decisions.*

Name:

(Previous Applicant) Have you applied for this class before? _____ If so did you apply for this class last school year? _____

Email Address:

Parent Email:

❖ AP courses are very demanding and rigorous. AP Psychology is not an "easy" AP class. Are you willing and able to devote 1-2 hours each day outside of school to be successful in this course?

_____ yes _____ no

❖ Are you frequently absent from school? _____ yes _____ no
Attendance is critical to success in an AP class and excessive absences are not acceptable.

❖ Do you have computer and Internet access daily?

_____ yes _____ no

❖ By taking an AP course you are **required** to take the AP Psychology exam at the end of the school year. Passing this exam could result in college credit and in turn saving you money.

Are you currently taking an AP class? _____ If so please list the class and your current grade in that class? _____

❖ Why do you wish to be considered for AP Psychology?

***Teacher recommendation:** (Social Studies or English teacher)

***Please print off the next page titled teacher recommendation and politely ask your Social Studies or English teacher to fill it out for you (way before the deadline). Your teacher will place this form in my box in the front office.**

***The next part of the application is the entrance essay prompt and all pertinent information is provided on the next page. Make sure you follow directions and thank you for your interest in AP Psychology.**

**Mr. Ross
AP Psychology**

AP PSYCHOLOGY RECOMMENDATION

** Teachers: please complete this form honestly and return to Mr. Ross by 2/28/19. The student will NOT see this form or be advised as to what you have recommended. Also be aware that Mr. Ross, who takes all recommendations into consideration, makes the final decision. Thank you for your valued feedback!*

Student's Name _____

Student's Current Class (circle): 9th/10th/11th Student's Total # of Absences: _____

Please consider the following characteristics of the candidate in making your recommendation:

- Commitment to intellectual pursuits
- Ability to deal with abstract concepts
- Self-expression in writing and speech
- Capacity for independent study
- Ability to accept and apply constructive criticism
- Exemplary attendance
- Overall dedication and commitment to academics
- Always exceeding expectations

Recommendation:

_____ Highly recommended
_____ Recommended
_____ Recommended with reservation
_____ Not recommended

Comments:

English/Social Studies Teacher's Signature _____

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**AP Psychology Teacher Verdict:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recommended**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Recommended with reservation**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Not recommended**

**Comments:**

## **\*Entrance Essay Prompt**

***Respond to the essay-writing prompt on a separate sheet of paper to serve as an example of your writing skills. Essay must be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, Arial. Essay should be stapled to your application when submitted.***

**Read the question carefully. Your answer should be written in paragraph form using correct grammar and complete sentences. Be sure that you answer all parts of the question and use examples to support your answer. Please attach this prompt to the front of your answer.**

Steve is planning to apply to college but has not yet decided where he will apply. Describe how the following psychological concepts and terms relate to his choice.

Availability heuristic

Compliance

Intrinsic versus Extrinsic Motivation

Self-fulfilling prophecy