

AP Psychology Application

**Student: Complete all components of this application and submit by Friday March 27, 2026 (2:30pm) to Mr. Ross. Please note this application process does not guarantee your position in this course.*

Name:

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

Email Address:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 3/27/26. 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 _____

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 and 12 pt. font. Essay should be stapled to your application when submitted. (Please keep your essay response to no more than 2 pages)

Read the question carefully (you will probably need to look up some of the terms). 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.

Essay Prompt: Eric 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