

# 2017-18 Course Selection FAQ

## **Can I take AP courses in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade?**

*Certainly. There are AP courses that have zero or basic prerequisites.*

**AP® Human Geography** challenges students in critical reading and writing, fostering skills in literature analysis, research, and communication.

**The AP® Computer Science Principles** course introduces you to the essential ideas of computer science. You'll learn to understand how computing and technology influences the world around you. Similar to AP® Human Geography, AP® Computer Science Principles is another ideal choice for your first AP® course(s).

**AP Physics 1** can also be taken at 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The only prerequisite for the course is Algebra 1. But we strongly suggest that students finish *Conceptual Physics* before taking the course. The summer preceding the school year is an ideal time for finishing *Conceptual Physics*.

## **What is AP Capstone Program? How can I join the program?**

*AP Capstone™ is an innovative diploma program that allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success: research, collaboration, and communication. The program consists of two courses taken in sequence: AP® Seminar and AP Research. Developed in direct response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admission officers, AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific study of other Advanced Placement® courses and exams. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research assessments and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will earn the AP Capstone Diploma™.*

*Students may join the program by enrolling the first course in the program, the AP Seminar, in the fall of 2017.*

## **I can't double up on science courses at my school. What can I do?**

*Pair our science tracks with the ones at your full-time high school. If you're taking Chemistry at school already, consider completing the Physics track at Legend.*

*Conceptual Physics → AP Physics 1 / AP Physics 2 → AP Physics C*

*Biology / Biology Honors → Chemistry / Chemistry Honors → AP Chemistry / AP Biology*

## **Can I complete a course prerequisite at Legend and finish subsequent courses at my full-time school?**

*Yes, most schools will recognize courses taken at Legend and approve them for fulfilling course prerequisites. However, we always recommend that you inform your full-time school that you plan on taking a course at Legend. Typical examples are Intro to Java as prerequisite for AP Computer Science A and all levels of math courses.*