

AP EXAMS

ARE THEY WORTH IT?

These days, more and more students take more AP classes because the grades you earn in an AP class boost your weighted GPA, and high scores on AP Exams can earn you college credit. But some say the pressure to take AP classes puts too much stress on students.

26%

Percent of 2017
graduates from
Illinois public
schools who
participated in AP
and earned a 3 or
higher on at least
one AP Exam.

\$94

Cost of each AP
exam in 2019.
Seniors who
participate in AP
classes take an
average of 3.4 AP
tests.



Average cost of tuition for a course at a private college.
Students who take AP exams are more likely to graduate from college in 4 years instead of 5.

"TAKING APS FREES UP YOUR SCHEDULE IN COLLEGE...SO YOU CAN TAKE THE CLASSES THAT INTEREST YOU."

Michael -- Sophomore at Cornell University

IS THE EQUITY GAP CLOSING?



Increase from 2007 to 2017 in the number of underrepresented minority students earning a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

