



North Cobb
School for
International Studies

Magnet Information

North Cobb High School

Background

- Student feedback
 - “Preparation for Research”
 - Concerns about YL Chemistry
 - Concerns about “extra” work and coinciding due dates
- Teacher Feedback
- Parent/Community Feedback on Research
- Selective University Readiness

Goals

- *Engage* students in enjoyable, thought-provoking academic experience that *supports* magnet academic goals and distinguishes individual scholarship
- *Relieve* pressure on 11th grade year
- *Prepare* students for significant personalized research
- *Reward* excellence with college credit
- *Provide opportunity* for highly distinguished national recognition
- *Create* a **TRUE** collaborative bundled experience

Introducing AP Capstone

- Two-course sequence
 - AP Seminar
 - AP Research
- Seminar in 10th Grade
- AP Research replaces ASR
- <https://youtu.be/0aoEXEIQKTM> (College Board Video on Capstone)



What Changes?

- Current 10th Grade bundle splits
 - Chemistry goes back to single semester
 - World Lit moves to 11th Grade
- NEW Seminar Bundle:
 - AP Seminar and AP English Language
 - TRUE BUNDLE
 - Shared texts, shared assignments, fully collaborative

Typical Sophomore Schedule

Fall	Spring
AP World History	Honors Chemistry
Math	World Language
AP Seminar/AP Language	AP Seminar/AP Language
Elective	Elective

Typical Junior Schedule

Fall	Spring
AP US History	Honors World Lit.
Math	World Language (if needed)
AP Research/AP Enviro Science	AP Research/AP Enviro. Science
Elective	Elective

How will Seminar be Taught?

- True Collaborative Model
 - AP Language re-conceived as a *partner* course with AP Seminar
 - Courses will use common texts and coordinate assessments and due dates
- International Studies
 - I-S themes, topics Throughout

End Result

- More manageable Junior Year
- Effective Scaffolding to Research Course
- More impactful Sophomore Year with International Studies thread throughout
- More Structure and Support in Research
- Opportunity to earn AP Capstone Diploma prior to College Applications