

## AP Capstone Diploma Program Course Progression

*\* Starting point depends on entry skills*



### Research 1 Honors (grades 9-10)\*

- Course provides an introduction to research, argument, and oral defense
- The course has been designed for students to gain exposure and practice with the skills necessary to ensure success in the AP Capstone Program
- Skills are incrementally built that develop collaboration, critical thinking in argumentation, the evaluation of arguments, written argument, and evidence credibility



# WEST BOCA RATON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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### Research 2 Honors (grade 10)\*

- Course provides continued development of research, argument, and writing of researched argument, along with the practice of presentation, and oral defense for those students who are not ready to enter into AP Seminar at this point



### AP Seminar\*

- Students develop argument and research skills
- Collaboration is a key component in this class
- Global topics are discussed and researched
- Critical thinking and being able to defend argument/research process is honed



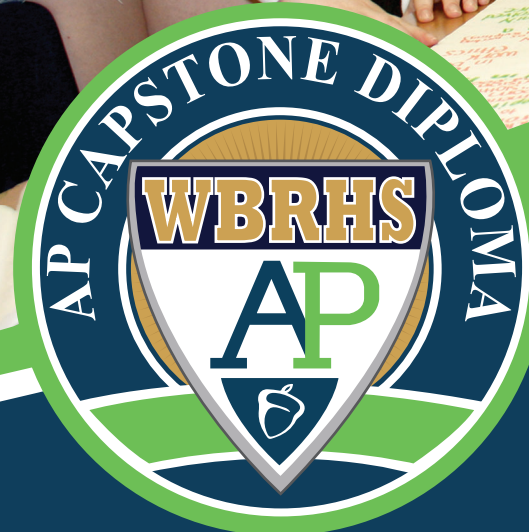
### AP Research

- Students develop the skills and discipline necessary to conduct independent research to produce and defend a scholarly academic thesis
- Students explore deeply an academic topic, problem, or issue of individual interest



**Research, Academic Rigor & Distinction**

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AP Capstone Diploma Program  
Research Honors 1  
Research Honors II  
AP Seminar  
AP Research

## AP Capstone Diploma

### 4 AP COURSES & EXAMS

(Taken at any point throughout high school)

#### AP SEMINAR [ Year 1 ]

- Team Project & Presentation
- Research-Based Essay & Presentation
- End-of-Course Exam

#### AP RESEARCH [ Year 2 ]

- Research Process Documentation
- Academic Thesis Paper
- Presentation & Oral Defense

## AP Seminar and Research Certificate



## Fun Facts About AP Capstone

- WBH's program was one of the original 8 AP Capstone programs started in August 2014 (now 4 remain)  
100% of our students go on to College
- Our instructors have been AP Capstone readers since the program began
- Our instructors have been presenters at conferences specifically about AP Seminar instruction strategies
- Past students and current seniors have been accepted into schools such as University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Tulane, Clemson, Fordham,

### Research is Creating New Knowledge~

Neil Armstrong

## What is Different about Capstone students?

- Capstone students love to argue and ask why; simple answers will not be enough
- These students enjoy research and discovery
- Capstone students look for credibility in everything and will RAVEN information given
- These students enjoy the freedom to research what they are passionate about in the world
- Capstone student become engaged in their community, both school and beyond, through year long projects
- Capstone students stand out amongst their peers in College Interviews and tours due to their elevated skill set that is not taught in any other AP class or program

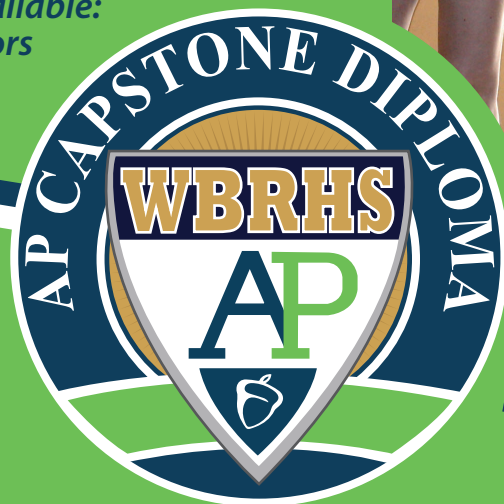
## What are the benefits of AP Capstone?

- Top performing Program in Palm Beach County
- Dynamic and Rigorous Program develops skills for success in College
- 2016 -2017 AP Capstone students have earned over 300,00 dollars in scholarship money
- Capstone students are often involved in Academies, Sports, Arts, and Dual Enrollment, as well as, after school clubs and programs
- Engaging student in argument, credible research, and skills for the future.
- Capstone students tend to have private tours when previewing colleges

## What are the requirements to be in this Program?

- High motivation
- Ability to work effectively in a group
- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- Minimum PSAT of 1170 overall and Reading/Writing of 580 (for 10th) and 600 (for 9th)
- Minimal Absences
- Interview for Seminar
- Strong Writing Skills

\*Alternative path available:  
Research 1 & 2 Honors



**Building Pathways to Success !**

