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Issue This senior project asks that school policy makers to modify the policy to require students to fulfill certain requirements before they enroll in an AP course. Bell Gardens High School currently has an Open Access Policy to AP classes. Some students feel that having an open access policy with no pre-requisites hinders the learning of those students who are capable of passing the AP exam.

Project Description There several actions we took to get to our final proposal. First we researched to understand how the system/structure works within Bell Gardens High School structure. We then contacted the counselors from other schools in our district. This helped us understand how other schools dealt with the same issue. We found out that although Schurr is open access, they have certain requisites that their students must meet in order to register for the AP course. This is meant to improve the quality of education for all students enrolled in the class. For our second and third civic action we drafted a policy that included suggested requirements that students should have according to each AP course to be able to be successful in that class. We presented this policy to the AP teachers in the several departments in order to gain endorsements to strengthen our argument before presenting it to the school administration. In our fourth, fifth, and sixth civic actions, we met with the school administration and the AVID coordinator. They provided further insight and stated that BGHS receives grant monies that rely on this type of open access.

Project Outcome We agreed that because of grant money that the school was receiving, and because AVID requires students to take AP course we should change the term "Pre-Advance Placement Requirements" to "Advanced Placement Class Recommendations."

Request None.

Project Link <http://www.crfcap.org/mod/resource/view.php?id=198>