

The following initiatives are in place in order to begin the implementation of the AP Capstone project:

MMSI Saturday Study Sessions (Mass Math & Science Initiative)

- The purpose of the SPP (Sustaining partnership program) with MMSI is to maintain and continue to expand student achievement and teacher capacity in Advanced Placement math, science, and English courses. The SSP provides schools the opportunity to continue to access selected services and components of the AP Program to achieve this purpose. Mass Insight is determined that by providing this program will increase the number of enrollments and qualifying scores on AP Exams for Worcester Public Schools. Students will participate in two Saturday Study Sessions per year as well as participate in the Mock exam for each AP course they are enrolled in.

After School Tutoring

- Advanced Placement teachers are given the opportunity to tutor their students after school and be compensated for their time to increase district wide qualifying scores.

AP Nights at Individual Schools

- Each High school will host an AP night which will inform students and their parents of the opportunities they can take advantage of in regards to enrolling in AP courses. Principals, Focused Instructional Coaches and Head Guidance Counselors receive an AP Potential list of students who can enroll in specific courses for the following school year.

Advance Placement Summer Institutes

- All WPS staff who will be teaching an AP course will attend a week long summer institute. These institutes are offered for new teachers as well as experienced teachers. These courses provide participants with some of the best tools and techniques for helping students acquire the skills needed to excel in the AP classroom. Teachers also have the opportunity to attend mid-year two-day refresher courses.

AP Capstone

- Five Worcester Public Schools will be participating in AP Capstone; South High school, Claremont Academy, University Park Campus, Doherty High School and Burncoat High School.
- Class will be taught one period per day by a current teacher in the building. Appropriate schedule changes and additional staffing to be determined during allocation meetings.
- Teachers of AP Capstone courses- AP Seminar and AP Research- are required to take part in a week long professional development summer institute.
- The cost per teacher to attend the summer institute is \$1,050. Five teachers will attend for a total of \$5,250.
- Each school will have approximately 20 students enrolled in Capstone. Books are estimated to cost \$150 each.

(5 schools X 20 students= 100 students X \$150 per book= \$15, 000)
(Estimated cost)