

# Garfield High School

## Work Load Commitment for Multiple AP Courses

At Garfield, we believe high school is an important milestone along the path from childhood to adulthood. In addition to the excitement of change, exploration and growth though, comes uncertainty, stress and challenge. At Garfield, we are committed to supporting and encouraging each student's academic, emotional and social health. In order to best anticipate and support our students' emotional health, starting with the 2017-18 school year, Garfield is requesting students limit their AP course load to three (3) per year. For students and families who choose to take more than three AP courses, Garfield now requires the below commitment form.

Though Garfield strongly recommends that students limit their schedules to three (3) AP courses per year, I, (student name), have made the decision to take more than three (3) AP courses next year. I know this is an excellent college preparatory schedule, and I am also aware that taking more than 3 AP classes involves high level analytical thought and research, includes a significant weekly workload, and progresses at a fast pace. Prior to making this decision, I have discussed this with my AP teachers, school counselor, and family. I am interested in taking on this challenge. In making this decision, I have considered my overall course load for next year, including my extracurricular activities and other demands on my time.

I understand that the number of sections of both AP, Regular and Honors courses offered each school year is based on what students select during the registration process, and that I need to finalize my commitment to take these AP courses during the spring registration process. I understand that at the beginning of the school year it will not be possible for me to change my mind and switch into Regular or Honors courses. Nor will it be possible for me to transfer out of AP courses and into Regular or Honors courses at the start of second semester next year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student (print name)

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Student Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian (print name)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

**Submit this Work Load Commitment Form with your Course Request Sheet to your counselor by the AP course registration deadline. You will not be placed into more than 3 AP courses without a signed commitment form.**