



# MARS AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Parent / Guardian of an AP Student,

Because your student is enrolled in an AP class for the 2017-2018 school year, I am sending you the AP test schedule and information pertaining to paying for the AP tests. Please note that the schedule as well as the fee for the test is set by The College Board.

The following important information pertains to paying for the AP tests.

- The amount due is **\$94.00 per test**. If your student is taking more than one test, you may write one check for all of the tests you are taking. (Please note: if you are enrolled in a Math, Science or English AP level course through Mars, the cost of the test will be cut in half **\$47.00**- please refer to the attached information regarding our partnership with the National Math and Science Initiative for more information about the College Readiness Program that we are partnered with through the 2019-2020 school year)
- Checks are to be made out to **Mars Area High School**
- Write on the check your student's name and which AP Test(s) you are paying for
- Money should be turned in to Ms. Gordon in the Front Office
- The deadline for paying for AP Tests is **Friday, February 23rd at 8:30 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached at 724-625-1581 between 7:15 am and 3:15 pm.

Sincerely,

Connie Gordon  
Secretary to the Principal / AP Coordinator

**Mars Area High School  
2017-2018 AP Exams Schedule**

Week 1

	<b><u>Morning Session</u></b> <b>8 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Afternoon Session</u></b> <b>12 noon</b>
<b>Monday, May 7</b>	Chemistry	
<b>Tuesday, May 8</b>	Spanish Lang. & Culture	Physics 1 AB
<b>Wednesday, May 9</b>	English Literature and Composition	Physics 2 AB

Week 2

	<b><u>Morning Session</u></b> <b>8 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Afternoon Session</u></b> <b>12 noon</b>
<b>Monday, May 14</b>	Biology	
<b>Tuesday, May 15</b>	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
<b>Wednesday, May 16</b>	English Language and Composition	
<b>Friday, May 18</b>		European History

Week 3

	<b><u>Morning Session</u></b> <b>8 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Afternoon Session</u></b> <b>12 noon</b>
<b>Thursday, May 24</b>	Computer Science Principles  United States History	



# NMSI'S COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM

Mars Area High School

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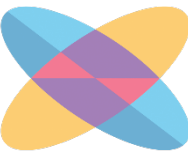
# Introduction

- **Who is the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI)?**
- **What is NMSI's College Readiness Program?**
- **How will NMSI's College Readiness Program benefit your district?**



# AP MSE Courses at Mars Area High School

- **English:**
  - AP Literature: Karen Yost
  - AP Language: Rebecca Hoffman, Jared Stutzman
- **Math and Computer Science:**
  - AP Calculus: Jim Sloane
  - AP Computer Science Principles: Jamie Weiland
- **Science:**
  - AP Physics 1- Nicole Avon
  - AP Physics 2- John Emhardt
  - AP Biology- Bill Wesley
  - AP Chemistry- Rebecca Winek



# National Math + Science Initiative

Who We Are, What We Do, and How We Do It

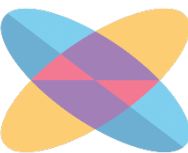
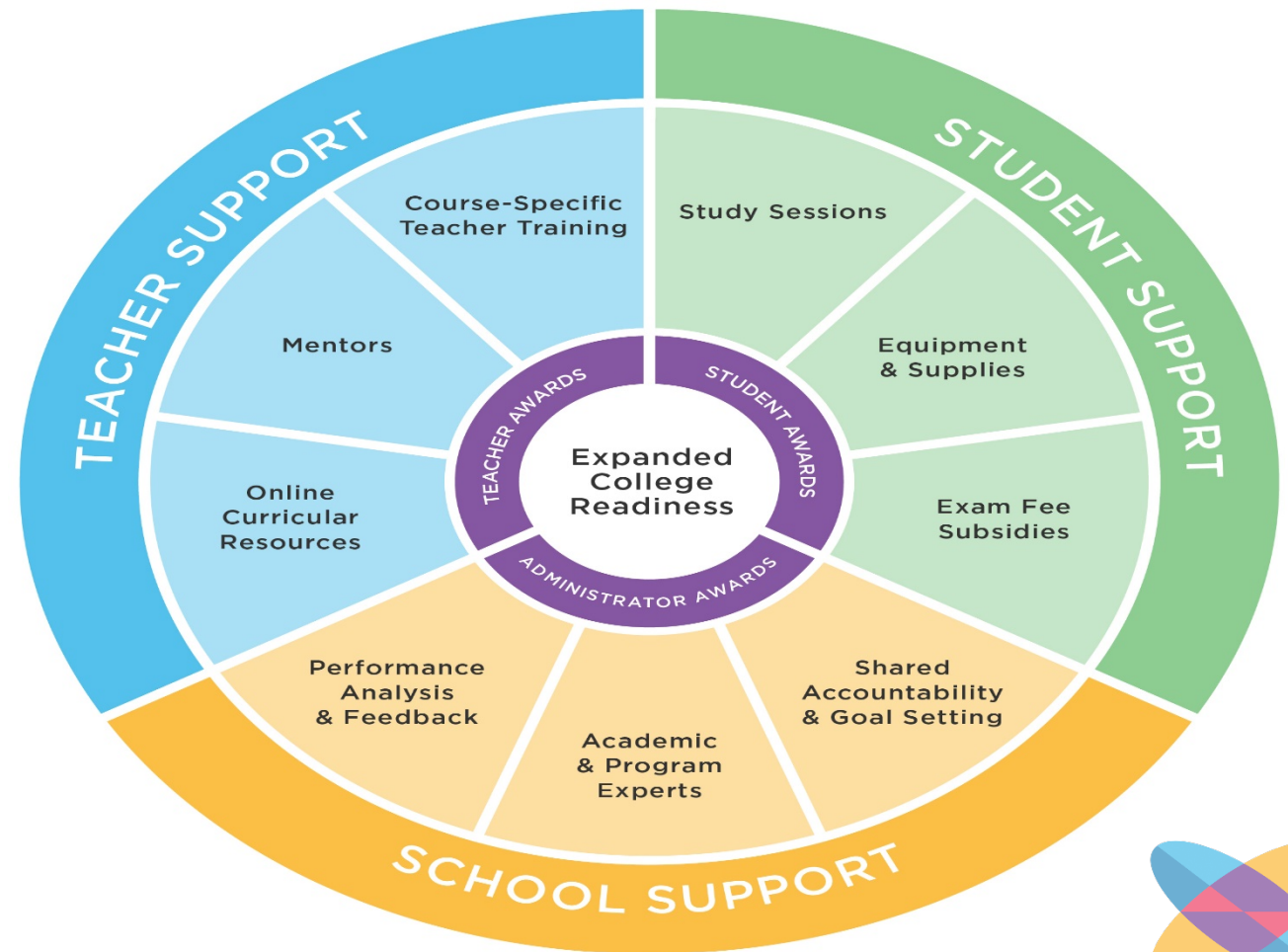
- **NMSI** is a nonprofit organization, launched in 2007 by top leaders in business, education and science to transform education in the United States.
- **Our Mission:** To significantly improve student opportunities and achievement by advancing STEM teaching and learning.
- **Our Vision:** Every student graduates from high school prepared to succeed in college and career.
- **Our Approach:** Identify effective, efficient programs; create replication protocols to ensure fidelity; then take them to scale
  - **College Readiness Program**



# College Readiness Program: Elements of Success

NMSI's College Readiness Program:

- Dramatically increases the number of students taking and earning qualifying scores on AP math, science, and English exams
- Expands access to traditionally underrepresented students



# Elements of Success: Student Support

## **Student Study Sessions:**

The College Readiness Program includes at least three AP extracurricular study sessions per subject, which are typically held on Saturdays and are led by state and national AP experts while the students' classroom teachers observe.

## **Equipment and Supplies:**

Each school receives \$35,000 for equipment and supplies over a three-year period.

## **Examination Fee Subsidy:**

Students typically receive half the cost of the exam fee from NMSI or the school district (the College Board fee for one exam in 2017 is \$94.00).





# Elements of Success: Financial Support

## **Student Exam Fees**

Half paid for all Mars students in a Math, English or Science Course

## **Student Awards**

\$100 for each AP exam score of 3, 4, or 5 in AP math, science and/or English

## **School Support**

\$35,000 for equipment and supplies over a three year period

*All incentives are for math, science and English only.*

