

Dear legislators,

I am both a parent whose child has taken a number of AP classes and exams, and a community college faculty librarian. I believe it is not in the best interests of students for the state legislature to require colleges to grant credit for a score of 3 on an AP exam; in fact, I think it's a bad idea for colleges to be required to grant credit for any AP exam score.

AP classes don't always cover the same content as related college classes. Many AP classes are taught in ways that maximize exam grades, which may or may not coincide with a thorough and comprehensive introduction to a discipline. Granting credit and sending students on to the next level of coursework in a discipline does them no favors if they're not prepared at the same level as students around them; it simply makes them more likely to fail or to withdraw.

Colleges are capable of determining what AP credit policies best serve their students. I appreciate the Senate's desire to help students earn degrees in a cost-effective and efficient manner, but SB 207 is the wrong way to go about it.

Thank you for your consideration,

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