Help More Students Go Further by Offering AP Precalculus

The Power of High School Precalculus

The Problem: A third of college students end up spending time and money on remedial math courses that don’t count toward their degrees because they lack sufficient math skills.

The Solution: Precalculus is one of the most powerful math courses in American high schools—taking it increases a student’s likelihood of completing a bachelor’s degree by 155%.

Why AP Precalculus?

AP® Precalculus is a new course designed to prepare more students for the math they’ll encounter in college, and it can be offered in place of your current precalculus or trigonometry course. Your school can begin offering AP Precalculus for the 2023-24 academic year. The first AP Precalculus Exam will be administered in spring 2024.

The course has a unique mission: to make the benefits of AP coursework broadly accessible, particularly to those students who’ve never been in an AP course. Taking even one AP course changes student outcomes, substantially improving their first-year college GPA and on-time college graduation rates.

It’s designed for students who’ve completed Geometry and Algebra 2, or for students who’ve completed Integrated Math 3. Students who’ve taken these courses at any level have covered all the content necessary for AP Precalculus. This means every student ready for precalculus is ready for AP Precalculus.

AP Precalculus contains content similar to existing high school precalculus courses—which are, by nature, already advanced. Teachers can continue to use their existing textbooks and follow along with the AP Precalculus Course and Exam Description. They’ll also have access to digital instructional supports through AP Classroom and professional learning opportunities.

Learn more at: cb.org/ap-precalculus

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