

August 2006

Dear ACP Instructors:

Welcome back to a new school year with the Advance College Project!

The biggest news of the summer is that we are now offering an **ACP Fee Remission to students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch** in the month of August for fall courses (or December for spring courses) AND are eligible to take ACP courses (i.e., meet all admission standards and have signatures of support from their ACP instructor, guidance counselor, and parent/guardian).

Even if students have already registered for fall courses, if they meet all the criteria and return the ACP Fee Remission Application to us by August 30, 2006. Those students will pay no fee for their ACP course(s) starting with fall 2006 courses. Please see the enclosed announcement about this program.

Please make sure that you announce and distribute the ACP Fee Remission information and application to students in your ACP courses. You may have students who did not sign up for credit because they could not afford the class; perhaps they will sign up now.

Last spring you should have received ACP brochures containing a Student Application and a Tuition Schedule. To facilitate communication with families about the new fee remission, we will have a link to PDF files from the IU South Bend Bursar's web page, and from the ACP web page [those links are not yet in place, but will be soon.] Students and parents will be able to print the ACP Fee Remission Application from the PDF files. I will let you know when the links are in place. **In the meantime, students will have to fill out the ACP Fee Remission Application you give them, and return it to me by August 30, 2006.**

Last spring, the state legislature passed **House Enrolled Act 1347, effective July 1, 2006.** In addition to requiring fee waivers for students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch, it requires that dual credit programs in the state be accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) by July 2008. As we announced last year, the Advance College Project received this accreditation in the spring of 2005.

The legislation also requires that dual credit courses that appear on the Core Transfer Library (which will be published by July 2007) transfer from one state institution to another in the manner established by the Core Transfer Library. We expect that this will make the transfer of ACP courses to Purdue much easier in a year or so. For now, we continue to operate under the old guidelines.

Best wishes for a great year! Please contact us if you have any questions at 574-520-4409/574-520-4334, or email us at mdimitra@iusb.edu or at tandrade@iusb.edu

Sincerely,
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