

AP/IB Photo Petition

All students interested in taking AP or IB Photo must complete the following in order to be eligible to take the class. Completion of the following requirements does not guarantee entry into the course. The quality of your portfolio submission and/or the score on the placement test will determine if you will be able to take the course.

Steps to take the course:

1. **Every student interested in taking AP or IB photo must first fill out the “Newbury Park High School Petition for Enrollment in an AP/IB Honors Level Course”** available from your counselor, Mr. Menkin, or Mr. Lindroth. It must be signed by Mr. Lindroth and then taken to your counselor. This form alone does not qualify you to actually take the course. It will enroll you, but if you do not follow through on the other below steps your name will be removed from the class roster.
2. **If you have taken a photography course at NPHS**, you must have the teacher you took the course with sign on the attached “Permission to Proceed” paper and return it to Mr. Lindroth. If you have had photo experience elsewhere (at another school, yearbook, newspaper) you need to see Mr. Lindroth. You must do this before you can proceed any further with the petition process. You should do this ASAP so you can move to the next step.
3. **If you have not taken Photography One/Two or Digital Photo at NPHS**, you must turn in a CD with 15 of your best images. The majority of these images should be photography, but other media is ok to submit as well (painting, drawing, computer graphics, etc).
4. **All applicants must take the placement test on camera tools and functions.** Dates to take this test are listed below. Be sure to study well for this test. A study guide for the test is available that will be explained on another page.
5. The only students not required to complete steps 2-4 above are students entering the IB course at Standard Level (Full IB Diploma Candidates) or students taking AP or IB photo for a second time.

The dates for Placement Tests will be available through the counseling department and will be published on the Petition for AP-IB Course Entrance webpage on www.nphsphotography.org

All tests are given in the library. The placement test for photography is all multiple choice (40 questions).

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Step Two

Permission to Proceed

(This form is to be left with Mr. Lindroth)

Student Name: _____

Course you wish to take (please circle):

AP

IB Higher Level

IB Standard Level

NPHS photography course previously taken and received a B or better (please circle):

Photography One/Two

Digital Photography

Teacher signature: _____

Students who have not taken an NPHS photography course must speak with Mr. Lindroth and if he approves your advancement, he will instruct you how to proceed.

Student Email: _____

Please check your email as this is how Mr. Lindroth will communicate with you if it is needed.

Parent/Guardian Approval

As a parent/guardian of a student petitioning into this course you must be aware of the rigor and costs associated with this class. This course is fast-paced and challenging. Your child is expected to be self-sufficient and self-motivated enough to maintain at least a B in this course. There are several costs that your family will have to pay for as well as paying for the cost of the portfolio submission to AP or IB. If your family may have trouble covering these costs, there are limited funds the school can provide to qualified applicants. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Lindroth at **elindroth@conejousd.org**.

I, _____, as the parent/guardian believe my child is capable of handling the rigor of this course and approve of his/her petition.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Once this is done, return this to Mr. Lindroth. Failure to return this form to him will mean your name will be pulled off the roster.

Mr. Lindroth's Signature to proceed: _____

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Step Three

Portfolio Submission (for students who have not taken a photography course at NPHS)

On a CD you need to place **15 of your best images**. All files must be in JPEG format. Be sure they are high resolution images (to avoid pixilation when viewing).

Please read and sign the below agreement. You need to have a parent sign as well.

I, _____ (your name), verify that the images I am submitting are my own works of art. I realize that using other students'/artists' works is a breach of the academic honesty policy at our school and a breach of copyright laws. If it found that any piece of art submitted here not my own, you will be disqualified from entering this class and referred to the administration for academic dishonesty.

Student Signature

As the parent/guardian of this student, I verify that the images submitted, to the best of my knowledge, are the original works of said student.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

- a. Please submit this paper with the CD.
- b. Make sure your CD is in a protective case.
- c. On the CD and the protective case please write:
 - Your first and last name
 - The current grade you are in

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Step Four

Test on Camera Tools and Functions

You will be required to take a multiple choice question exam on the basic tools and functions of the camera. The study guide available on the NPHS Photography Home Page is for you to review for the test. This test is given so that when you walk into the class, we do not have to spend a great deal of time in remediation. It is also given to see who is truly serious about entering this class. This is an advanced photography course and you need to treat it as such. A poor performance on this test will disqualify you from entry. So study well.

Much of the information to study can be found online or you can check out a book from the local library. If you have taken a photography course, the notes you have from that class can be helpful. You can also ask photography students or photographers that you know. Realize that the questions will involve both film and digital photography as the AP/IB class engages in both media.

If you have questions that cannot be answered by your own research, you can come to Mr. Lindroth, but it should only be for a few questions as he is busy with his current students and he expects that you are self-reliant enough to find the answers yourself. Mr. Lindroth will provide two to three question and answer sessions after school related to the study guide. Please check Mr. Lindroth's website on the *Petition for AP-IB Course Entrance* page or the window next to the C-24 door for the updated times and dates. They will be happening in May.

The Study Guide outlines all the concepts you will be tested on. The test may not include everything on the study guide, but rest assured, you will not be tested on anything that does not appear here.

The Study Guide in PDF form for the placement test is available for download on the home page of Mr. Lindroth's website which is www.nphsphotography.org and will be on the *Petition for AP-IB Course Entrance* page.