

Did You Know...

**We are currently
preparing students for
jobs that don't yet exist...**

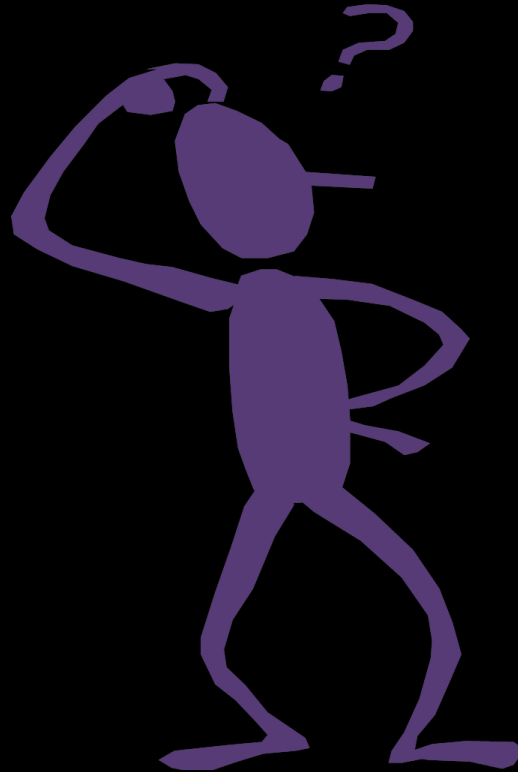


using technologies



that haven't been invented...

**in order to solve problems
we don't even know are
problems yet.**



**Question for
Educators and
Parents:**

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

“The single biggest predictor of college success is the quality and intensity of students’ high school curriculum.”

*Cliff Adelman, Answers in the ToolBox
US Department of Education*



AP: The Facts



A high school curriculum of high academic intensity and quality such as that found in AP courses is the factor that most contributes to a student's likelihood of completing a college degree

Exposure to this curriculum is a much better predictor of a college success than a student's high school GPA or test scores.

Why Take AP Courses?

- Colleges look for AP classes on a transcript
- College admissions personnel view AP as an indicator of future success in college
- AP students are better prepared academically
- The skills learned in AP are with students the rest of their life:
 - How to access information
 - How to think
 - How to organize
- With AP, students develop academic self-confidence

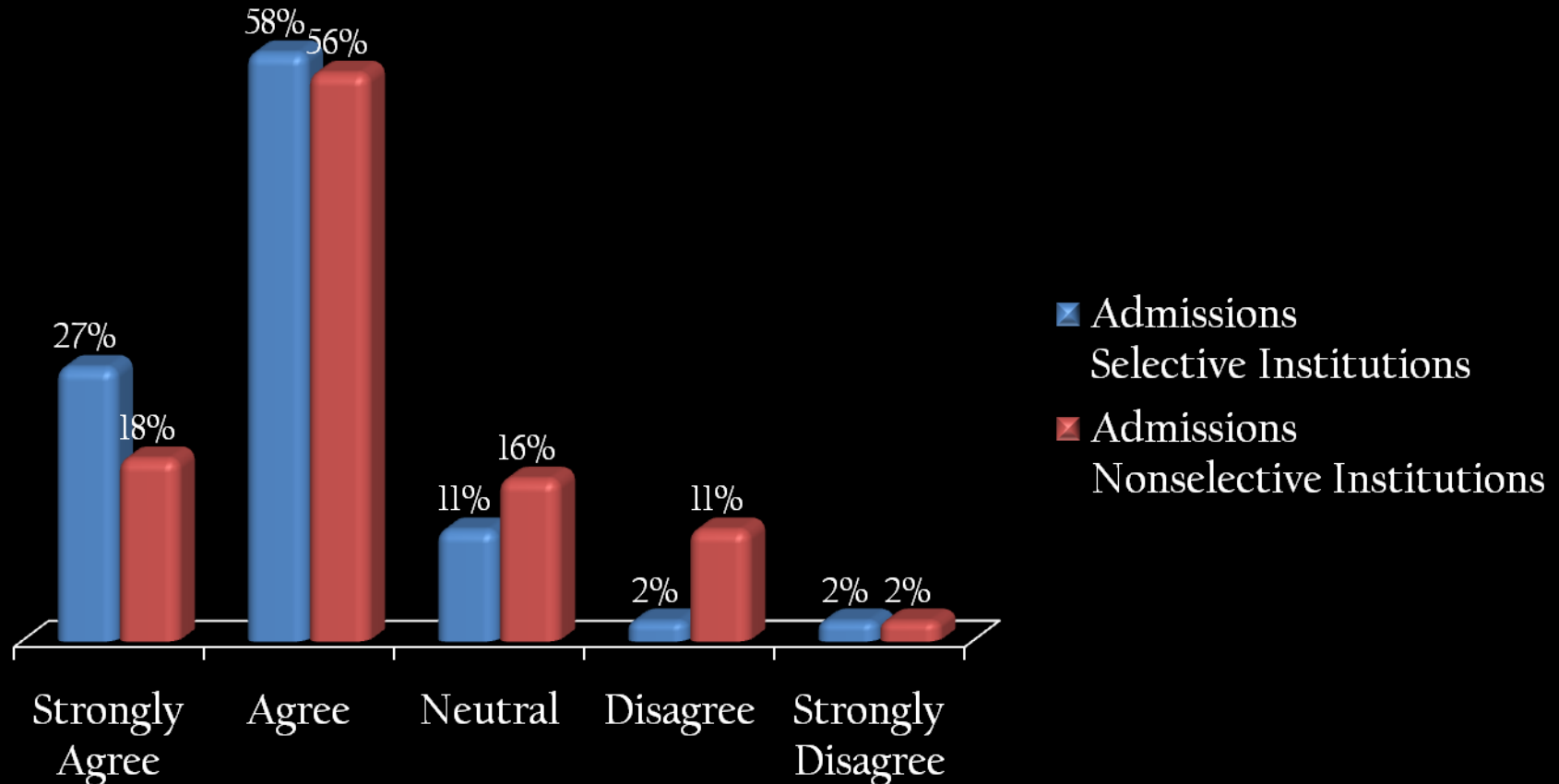
What are College Faculty Saying about the AP Experience?

“We often observe a discernible difference between students without any AP experience, who typically only devote a few hours to homework each week, and AP students who have developed the time management skills and the discipline to do the type of time consuming intellectual work (studying) that is required to be successful in college.”

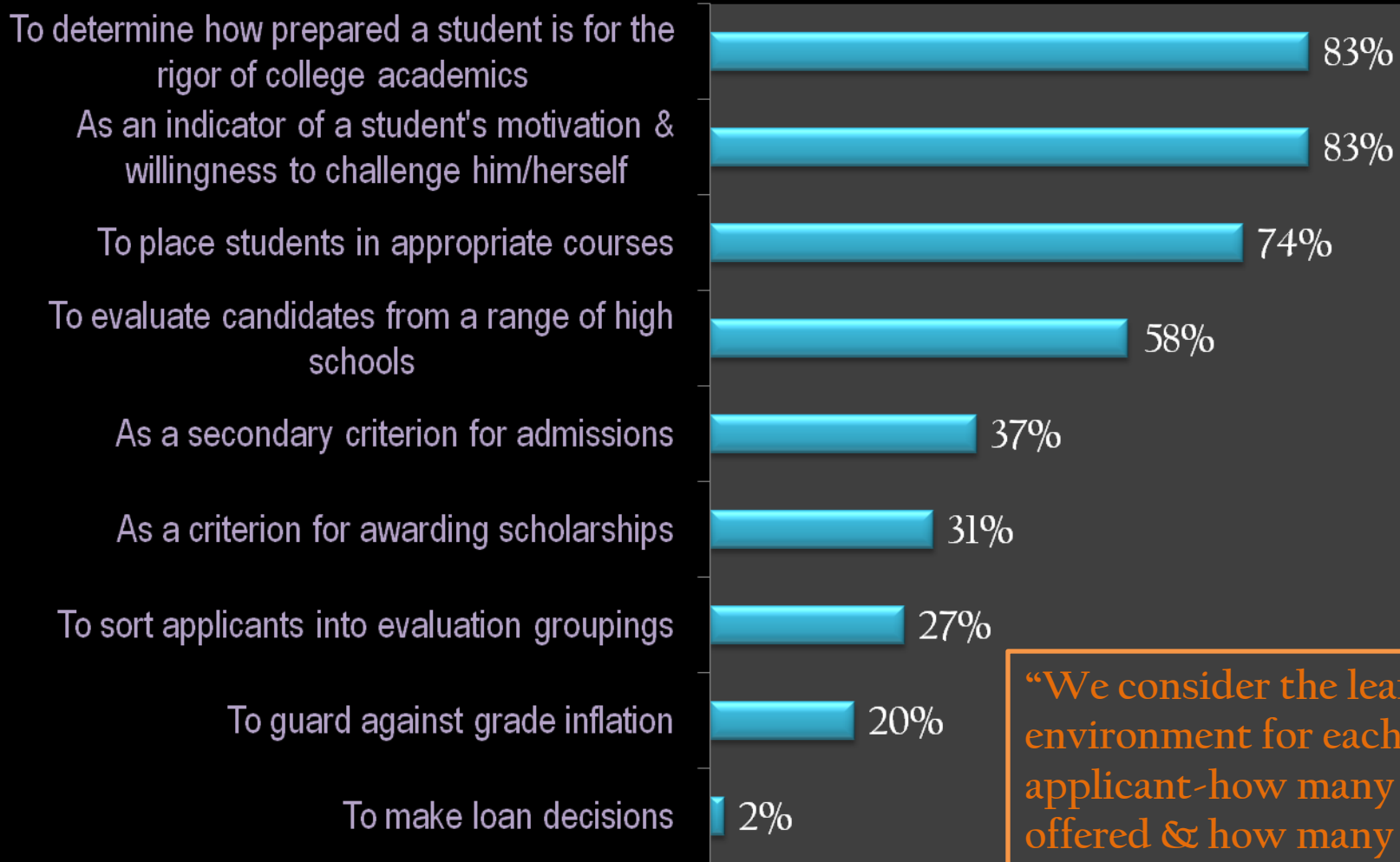
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85% of Admissions Officers Now Report that AP Course Experience Favorably Impacts Admissions Decisions



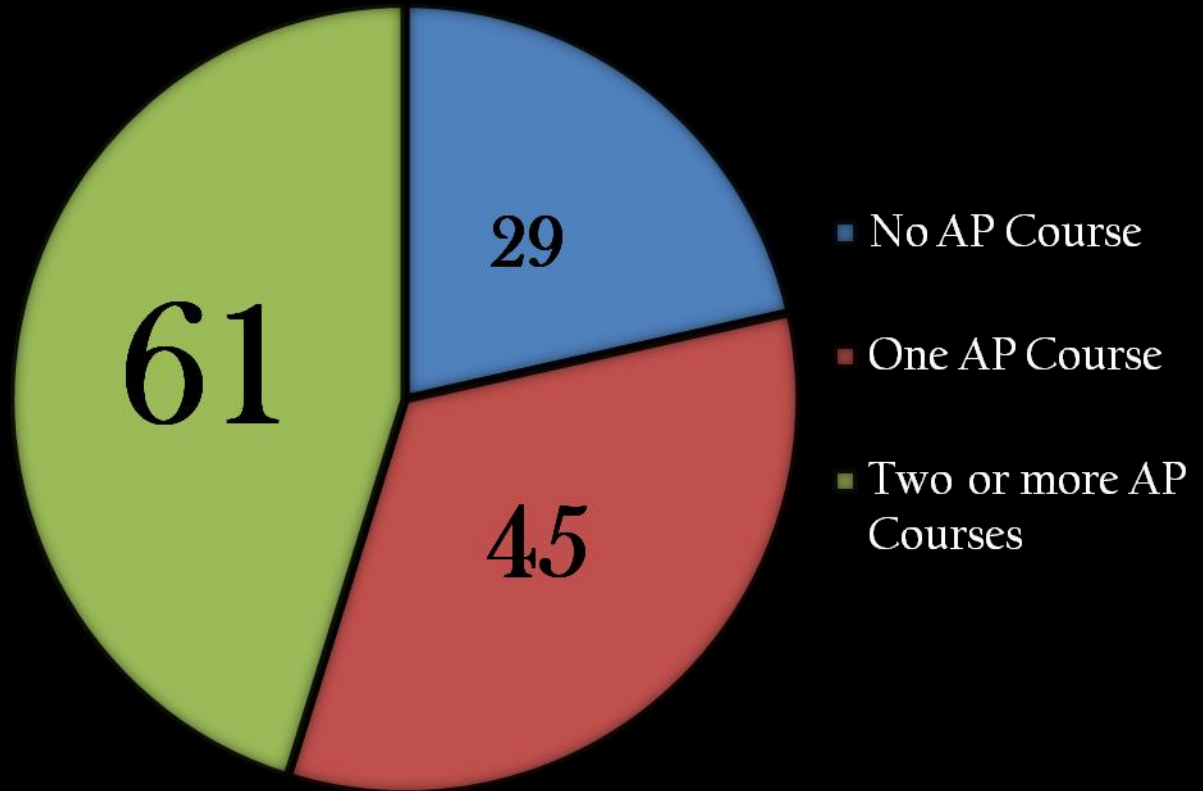
Uses for AP in Admissions



“We consider the learning environment for each applicant-how many AP’s are offered & how many has the student taken advantage of & grades earned.”

AP and College Success

Students who take AP courses & exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.



-Source: Camera, Wayne (2003).
College Persistence, Graduation, and
Remediation. College Board Research Notes (RN-
19). New York, NY: The College Board



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AP students who receive college credit or advanced placement into higher-level college courses perform better than the non-AP students who actually took the introductory college class first.

-Source: Morgan, Rick and Len Ramist. "Advanced Placement Studies in College: An Investigation of Course Grades at 21 Colleges." Educational Testing Service (1998).

Other Advantages of Taking AP Courses

Learn subject in depth

Develop analytical reasoning skills

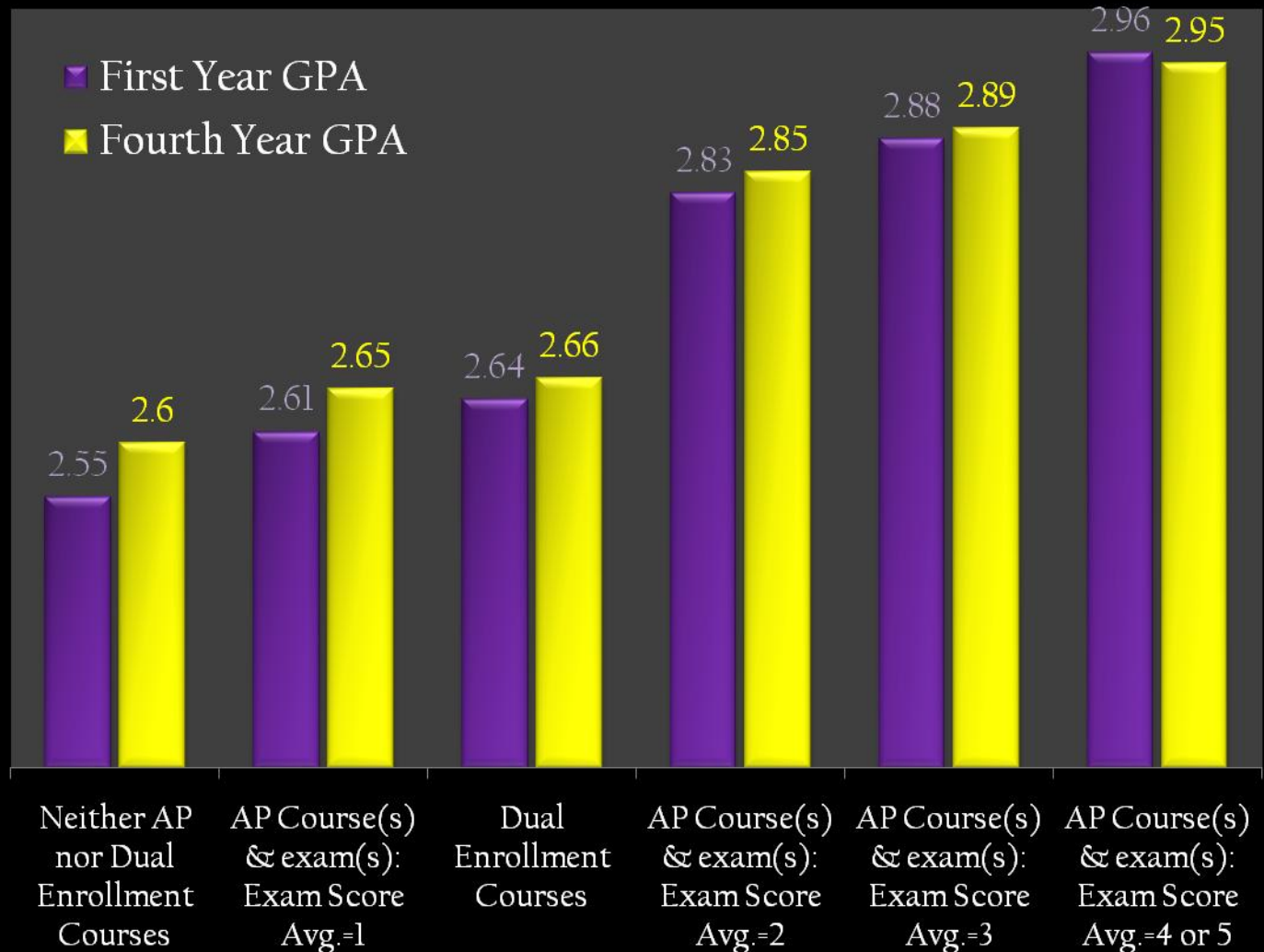
Develop writing skills

Form disciplined study habits



Hargrove, Godin & Dodd: College Grade Point Averages (GPA)

- AP students who scored a “1” on AP Exams outperformed students who had taken neither AP nor dual enrollment
- AP students who scored a “2” or higher on AP exams outperformed all students





What Parents Need to Know

- AP courses are demanding/
use college textbooks
- More homework
- May be stressed more
- Grades may be lower
- Need quiet place to work
- Need to learn to manage
study time

What former AP students say:

“AP strengthened my note-taking & organization skills.”

“Learned to think critically.”

“The most important thing I learned from AP was that I can do anything I want to do.”

“Constant writing in AP helped me the most because when I got to college-writing papers was a breeze.”

“Even though I didn't score high on the AP exam, I had a better

understanding