



## SCHOOL MEDIA RELEASE

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### **TH&VS BECOMES AP SCHOOL**

It's a fantastic educational opportunity for students in Timmins! Timmins High and Vocational School has become the first school north of Sudbury to be officially accredited with the "AP Designation". The "Advanced Placement Program" offers students an opportunity to take one or more university-level courses while still in high school.

To date, Timmins High has offered five courses at the AP level including: Biology, Chemistry, U.S. History, Physics and Psychology. In the 2007/08 academic year, 33 exams were written by 31 students. The success rates exceeded expectations, as many students transferred eligible credits to university. Vice-Principal Paul Langis says next year the program will be expanded to include Economics, English and possibly Calculus.

"The first thing is increased acceptance to university," according to Langis. "Say two students are applying to the University of Toronto, for instance. They both have 90-percent averages, but one studied at the AP level. They'll take the AP student every time. Educators know the AP standard is the standard worldwide." AP Coordinator Susan Klooster agrees that the program "...prepares students for university. It makes them competitive amongst all the other kids throughout the country who are applying for the same positions at university."

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