African American Studies AP/Honors

Brookline High School
Social Studies Department

Brookline High & National Context

★ History of the African American Studies Course at BHS

★ National Controversy



Research Conducted

- ★ Met with several educators who taught the course, have expertise in this field, or are stakeholders in some capacity
- ★ 2 focus groups with students
- ★ Surveyed entire BHS SO Department



Course Concept

- ★ AP/Honors Model
- ★ Use AP Framework
- ★ Student self-select their interest in getting AP/Honors credit





Why Offer AP/Honors?



Increased Enrollment

AP Designation has historically appealed to BHS Seniors.



Inclusive and Challenging

Offering 2 levels will allow any senior to see themselves as a scholar of African American Studies



Robust Support Materials

A national curriculum provides teachers a significant bank of resources, while still having a level of autonomy