

## **Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep (NP<sup>3</sup>) Charter Schools Adopt**

### **Pre-Advanced Placement Curriculum: SpringBoard®**

Sacramento, CA - The Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep Charter Schools are pleased to announce that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, students and staff at NP3 Middle School and NP3 High School will partner with the College Board to implement the Pre-Advanced Placement program, SpringBoard® .

SpringBoard is the foundation of the College Board's College Readiness System™, used in over 1,000 schools across the nation, by more than one million students. The College Board developed SpringBoard as a college readiness program for all students in grades 6–12 in English Language Arts and Mathematics. SpringBoard is a research-based program well aligned to the Common Core State Standards, and based on the rigorous College Board Standards for College Success™. Phi Delta Kappa International highly recommended SpringBoard as a program of exceptional quality.

NP3 will offer the program beginning in grade 6. SpringBoard gives teachers tools and resources that help them build all students' critical thinking skills in reading, writing and mathematics. SpringBoard combines challenging and engaging activities as well as strategies that support student success. The skills connect to state standards, while offering teachers flexibility in the way they teach students.

SpringBoard was selected after a careful review of the program's unique features and the positive student achievement seen in districts across the nation. The program's rigorous coursework challenges and engages all students so that they are ready for honors or college-level courses, such as those offered by the College Board's AP® Program.

NP3 High School currently offers eight AP classes, including Biology, Calculus, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, U.S. and Comparative Government classes, and U.S. History. In the Fall of 2013 NP3 will offer three additional AP classes: Physics, Studio Art and World History.

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