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| **Low AP Enrollment in WHS** |
| **So what? What are the implications?*** Makes it harder for WHS students to obtain admission to competitive colleges
* Students lack reading, writing and researching skills to find success in college class.
* Students who are never taught these skills never develop them in their career and thus limit career opportunities.
 | **What lenses might help explain causes or offer solutions to this problem?*** Educational
* Psychological
* Social
 | **What’s causing this problem?*** Lack of access to grade-level reading and writing assignments
* Post-literate society
* Rising teen anxiety coupled with loss of resilience and coping skills
* Smartphone distractions increasing perceived workload.
* Busy extracurricular environment.
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| **Should an AP Capstone program be implemented at Weymouth High School to increase access to college-level courses for all students?** |
| **Stakeholders - Who is being impacted by this problem?*** Students who wish to attend competitive colleges
* Under-privileged students who can’t get access to grade-level standards
* Parents who struggle to deal with teens’ perceived stress
* AP teachers who become the villains in some students’ narratives
* College Board who profits off student exams
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| **What are possible solutions to this problem?*** Yes - AP Seminar - Position AP Seminar as a 10th grade on-ramp to AP to build the reading, writing and thinking skills students will need to find success at the college-level.
* No - Summer Workshops - Create summer workshops for all AP classes (taught by the AP teacher) to get students ready for the AP course they are planning to take.
* No - Forced enrollment – Turn all 11th grade honors classes into AP Lang
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