

# When You Are Done With Current Assignments

Computer Programming and AP Computer Science A

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In both of my programming classes there are times when you are caught up with all current assignments. That's awesome!

When you are done with everything that I have directly assigned, the following are appropriate activities that you can do in class:

- Log in to Aeries, make sure you are fully caught up with everything for this class.
- Create your own program, trying something out you have wondered if you can do.
- Expand a program we have written to make it do something new.
- Explore how the programming language works by looking things up and trying them
- In regular Computer Programming: explore things other people have created in a language or programming environment you have already learned: look for an interesting project or challenge, do a Save as... on an old program and make it better, etc.
- AP: ask to look at an old exam or quiz, review it, and do extra practice on areas where you struggled.
- AP: Log on to the AP Classroom, codingbat.com, or another online review/practice/instruction site and practice existing skills or learn something new.
- Do homework for another class.
- Eat your lunch (over at a table in the Maker Lab area, not in the computer area).
- Sleep; I'm literally OK with you taking a nap if you're all caught up.

Here are some things that are not acceptable:

- Watching videos unrelated to programming.
- Playing video games.
- Playing cards or other games.
- Being loud or distracting to others in class.

In the end it's pretty simple: we are at school, this is a computer programming class, and I expect you to either be programming or doing one of the other appropriate activities above the whole period. Our AP class takes it to a whole new level: just because you are done with all assignments doesn't mean you couldn't do some work on your own to be better prepared for our upcoming AP exam in May.

Veering off into unacceptable activities will result in your grade being lowered each time it happens. Let me know if you have any questions.