

Moving Forward with the 2020 AP Exams FAQ

What do college admissions leaders think about you taking the AP Exams at home?

Please watch [College Admissions Leaders Support AP Students](#) for more information.

Other than my AP course instructor, what other instructional resources can I use to prepare for exams?

Beyond the traditional in class learning opportunities, students can watch [Online AP Classes and Review Sessions](#). Please review the [Online AP Class Schedule Site](#) to determine when sessions of interest are scheduled. Check out [The AP Live YouTube Channel!](#)

What is the new AP exam format and how can I learn more?

Most exams will follow an online 45 minute free response format which is open book/open note. For more information about the exam experience, please visit [Taking AP Exams Online](#). Your teachers will review the format and answer questions you have leading up to the exam dates.

What are the new exam dates?

Exam dates were adjusted to accommodate the new style of testing required by the Covid-19 closure. Exams will be given May 11-15 and May 18-22. Make-up tests dates will be available for each subject from June 1-5. Please note your test dates and times on the [AP Exam Schedule 2020](#). If you are taking an AP course that requires a portfolio submission, the deadlines for these submissions have been extended to May 26, 2020, 11:59 P.M.

What if I have been approved for testing accommodations?

Testing accommodations for this year's exams will still be provided for students who have been approved for them by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office. Students may only use accommodations for which they have been approved. For more information, please review [Accommodations for the 2020 AP Exams](#)

How will AP exams be scored and what role will that play in earning college credit and determining course placement in college?

Students' work will be scored by College Board's network of college faculty and AP readers and will be reported on a 1-5 scale. College Board anticipates a July score release. College Board is confident that the vast majority of higher education institutions will award credit and/or placement as they have in the past.

How does exam security work with an at home AP exam?

Students may not consult with any other individuals during the testing period (with the exception of students working on the AP Computer Science Principles Create performance task). College Board will take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of each exam administration, as they do each year. College Board redesigned the exams with security in mind and will use digital security tools to detect plagiarism. Students who violate test security will receive consequences. For additional information about exam security, please review [AP Exam Security](#).

Are my electronic devices compatible and ready?

[Report Concerns Here](#)

Students can take the exams on any device they have access to--computer, tablet, or smartphone for the majority of AP tests. This means CCPS issued Chromebooks will work for all tests EXCEPT the AP World Language exams. The following are compatible for AP World Language exams: iOS, iPadOS, and AndroidOS. For students who do not own or cannot borrow a compatible device for an AP World Language exam, please make your AP World Language teacher aware of this need to explore other options. More info for the [World Language Apps](#) is now available on the website. The app needed for the [AP Music Theory Exam](#) is compatible with chromebooks (as well as Android, iPad, Mac and PC).

Will I need a calculator for my AP Exam?

For 2020 AP Exams that may involve calculations, questions are designed such that required calculations can be done with a pencil and paper, with no calculator required. However, use of a calculator is allowed and may be helpful. Simple four-function calculators are freely available as apps for computers and phones and can be installed beforehand for use on the exam. Please review the [2020 AP Exam Calculator Policy](#) for additional information.

What else can I do to be ready for my AP Exams?

1. Check your email and ensure your correct email address is saved in your College Board account. Follow these [instructions](#). Contact College Board at 1-866-315-6068 or apstudents@info.collegeboard.org for additional assistance to access and update your account.
2. Update your phone number and give College Board permission to text you in your College Board account.
3. Verify your high school's CEEB code is accurate in your account profile:
 - a. L.C. Bird HS 470486
 - b. Carver HS 471842
 - c. Clover Hill HS 471429
 - d. Cosby HS 470503
 - e. James River HS 471428
 - f. Manchester HS 471870
 - g. Matoaca HS 471720
 - h. Meadowbrook HS 471877
 - i. Midlothian HS 471430
 - j. Monacan HS471873
 - k. Thomas Dale HS 470485
4. Mark collegeboard@e.collegeboard.org as part of your approved email sender lists to avoid College Board emails going to your Spam Email box.

Do students outside of the United States have to take their exam at the same time as students in the United States?

Yes. To keep AP Exams secure this year, all students worldwide must test at the same time per course. Please review the [Exam Times for Additional Time Zones](#) for specific information and why it is still a good idea to take your exam even at night.

What if I no longer want to take my exam? Can I get a full refund?

You do not have to do anything to cancel your exam if you choose not to test. The College Board will share information with you about how to access your exam through “My AP” and your personal email address. However, opening the exam or attempting any portion of the exam is the same as taking the exam. Once the regular test window ends, you will receive another invitation to take your test during the make up test window. If you no longer want to take your exam and you wish to receive a full refund, ignore both invitations to take your exam. After the regular and make-up testing windows end, CCPS will receive a list from College Board of names of students who did/did not open the exam. Remember: If you do not wish to test, do not open the exam. *Students who did not open an exam will receive a full refund in the summer.*

Where can parents learn more about the 2020 AP exam process given the impact of the Covid-19 school building closures?

Parents can watch a recording of a webinar, [Helping Your Student Prepare for AP Exams](#) in addition to visiting [For Parents & Guardians - The College Board](#). AP teachers are also available to respond to questions about specific tests. Slides shared in the webinar can be viewed [here](#).

Final Thoughts

Your AP teachers continue to work hard to provide you with the latest information you need in order to be prepared for your AP exams. Please continue to use all the instructional resources available to stay organized and on track. We wish you the best of luck on your AP exam(s). We commend your persistence in completing the final part of the rigorous AP course process during this unexpected and unique time in your educational and personal experience.