

# AP Course Information

## Advanced Placement Program

<p><b>What are AP classes?</b></p> <p>Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses taken in high school. A national exam is given in May of each year and scored on a 1 to 5 scale. A score of a 3, 4 or 5 is considered passing and leads to college credit in most all 4-year colleges and universities. There are 33 different AP courses available to high school students.</p>	<p><b>What are AP exams?</b></p> <p>AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May. Exams usually last around three hours. Each AP Exam usually consists of multiple-choice questions and free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response).</p>
<p><b>Why should I consider taking an AP class and an AP exam?</b></p>	
<p><b>Reason #1: College Credit</b></p> <p>Almost all two- and four-year colleges and universities in the United States offer credit <u>and/or</u> advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.</p> <p><u>Credit</u>: Students earn credit toward their college degrees.</p> <p><u>Advanced placement</u>: Students can skip introductory courses and move directly into higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.</p>	<p>Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at: <a href="https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies">https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies</a></p> <p><b>AP Credit Policy Search</b></p> <p>Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.</p> <div data-bbox="906 928 1422 1045"> <p>Find a college's credit policy</p> <p>Please enter at least two characters to view a preliminary list of matches. Click Search to see a complete list of results. The number in parentheses is the school's College Board code.</p> <div> <input type="text" value="Enter college name or 4-digit code"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/> </div> </div>
<p><b>Reason #2: Increased College Success</b></p> <p>A recent study* showed that students who earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam had higher first-year college grade point averages and were more likely to return for the second year of college than non-AP students of similar ability.</p>	<p><b>Reason #3: Save Money</b></p> <p>Students who take five years or more to graduate can spend \$8,000 to \$27,000 for each additional year in college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The typical college cost per year for a four-year public institution is \$8,142 for in-state students and \$19,670 for out-of-state students.*</li> <li>• Students attending private institutions might expect to incur \$27,389 for each additional year it takes to earn a bachelor's degree.*</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I register for an AP exam?</b></p> <p>AP Exam fee is \$94 per exam. <b>Pick up a registration form at your school, fill it out, and return it to your school bookkeeper.</b></p> <p><i>Do you qualify for free or reduced priced lunch?</i></p> <p>If you qualify for free or reduced priced lunch, you can take the AP exam for free due to a fee reduction from the College Board and a grant from the United Way of Central Iowa. <b>You must register BEFORE November 11. This is the final deadline for signing up!</b></p>	<p><b>How do I find out my AP exam scores?</b></p> <p>AP exams are taken in May and graded in June. Scores are reported online in July.</p> <p>AP exam scores are uploaded into Infinite Campus so you always have access to your assessment information.</p> <p>AP Exam scores are <b>NOT</b> a part of your school transcript.</p> <p>Unlike the ACT and SAT exam scores which are automatically reported to colleges and universities, <u>you decide</u> if and when you choose to report your AP exam score(s) to colleges and universities.</p>

## AP Exam Registration Information

***AP Exam registration begins Monday, September 30 for Spring 2020 Exams!***

**Students pick up an exam order form from the bookkeeper in the main office. AP Exam registration forms must be submitted by November 11, 2019.**

A few reminders about AP Exam Registration:

- Each AP Exam cost \$94.00: a \$40 non-refundable deposit is required for each exam.
- Full payment is required before an exam will be ordered. No refunds will be offered once the exam has been ordered by the school on **November 15, 2019**.
- Students register for ALL exams (including exams being taken at Central) at their home high school.
- Payment in full for each exam is required no later than **March 13, 2020**.
- Students who receive fee waivers/textbook exemptions have financial support available from the College Board and the United Way. The cost to take the AP exam is \$0.00 for qualifying students, however, the unused/canceled exam fee will apply, if the exam is not taken.

Exam Fees, Rebate, and Fee Reduction	
<b>Exam fee for on-time exam orders</b>  <i>*November 11, 2019, for full-year and first-semester courses; March 13, 2020, for courses that start in the second semester.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$94 per exam</b></li><li>• <b>\$142 per exam</b> for AP Capstone Exams (AP Seminar and Research)</li></ul>
<b>Unused/canceled exam fee</b>	<b>\$40 per exam for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exams canceled in AP Registration and Ordering after November 15 and by March 13 (11:59 p.m. ET).</li><li>• Exams that aren't taken and are indicated as unused in AP Registration and Ordering before your school's invoice is generated.</li></ul>
<b>DMPS Financial Support for AP Exam Fees</b>	-Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch can have exam fees covered by a College Board waiver and United Way Funding. However, the unused/canceled exam fee will apply, if the student cancels or does not show up to take the exam.

-Students taking AP Environmental Science qualify for assistance through a business-school partnership with EcoEngineers ([www.ecoengineers.us](http://www.ecoengineers.us)). Application forms for this funding are available with your APES teacher beginning in early September.

Additional financial aid requests for students who do not qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch may be available. Please see your school's AP Site Coordinator for more information before November 1, 2019.

Students will return completed AP exam order forms with payments to the school bookkeeper, in the main office (office hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.).

## AP Exam Registration Timeline: At-a-Glance

DMPS AP Exam Registration Opens for Students	Final Date for Students to Register - DMPS AP Exam Registration	Final Date for Schools to Place the College Board AP Exam Order	Last Date - College Board AP Exam Order Changes <i>*Second semester AP courses order deadline</i>
Monday, September 30	Monday, November 11	Friday, November 15	Friday, March 13

## AP Exam Schedule – 2020

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## 2020 AP Exam schedule

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 noon Local Time	Afternoon 2 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 4, 2020	United States Government and Politics	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 5, 2020	Calculus AB Calculus BC	German Language and Culture Human Geography	
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	English Literature and Composition	European History Physics 2: Algebra-Based	
Thursday, May 7, 2020	Chemistry Spanish Literature and Culture	Japanese Language and Culture Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Friday, May 8, 2020	United States History	Art History Computer Science A	
	AP 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, and Drawing – last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. ET) and to gather 2-D Art and Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly. Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to coordinators before this date.		

## 2020 AP Exam schedule

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 noon Local Time
Monday, May 11, 2020	Biology	Chinese Language and Culture Environmental Science
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	Seminar Spanish Language and Culture	Latin Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	English Language and Composition	Microeconomics Music Theory
Thursday, May 14, 2020	Comparative Government and Politics World History: Modern	Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics
Friday, May 15, 2020	Computer Science Principles French Language and Culture	Statistics

### Student Testing Day Exam Policies

## What Students Can Bring

- **Several sharpened No. 2 pencils** (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets.
- **Pens with black or dark blue ink only**, for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams.
- **Their 6-digit school code**. Homeschooled students will be provided with their state or country homeschool code at the time of the exam.
- **A watch** that doesn't have internet access, doesn't beep, and doesn't have an alarm.
- **Up to two calculators** with the necessary capabilities if they are taking an AP<sup>®</sup> Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, or Statistics Exam. Instruct students to look at the [Calculator Policy](#) page and click on the link for their course for the specific calculator policy.
- **A ruler or straightedge** if they are taking the AP Physics exam. Protractors are not allowed.
- **The AP Student Pack**. Students who do not attend the school where they are taking the exam should also bring a current government-issued or school-issued photo ID. (Additional ID may be requested by authorized test centers outside the U.S.)
- **Social Security number** (for U.S. citizens) for identification purposes (optional). If students provide their number, it may appear on their AP score report. (Some colleges and universities use Social Security numbers as student identifiers when assigning AP credit or advanced placement for qualifying AP scores. While the College Board doesn't require students to provide their Social Security number, students may want to check with the college or university where they are sending scores to see if a Social Security number is preferred.)
- If applicable, the **SSD Student Accommodation Letter**, which verifies that the student has been approved for a testing accommodation such as braille or large-type exams.

## What Students Cannot Bring

- Electronic equipment (cell phone, smartphone, smartwatch or other wearable technology, laptop, tablet computer, etc.), portable listening recording devices (MP3 player, iPod<sup>®</sup>, etc.), cameras or other photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet, or any other electronic or communication devices. School-owned handheld recording devices are allowed only for the AP world language and culture exams and the AP Music Theory Exam.
- Books, compasses, protractors, mechanical pencils, No. 3 pencils, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, notes, or colored pencils (unless highlighters or colored pencils have been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office before the exam date).
- Scratch paper; notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets or for Chinese Language and Culture and Japanese Language and Culture on scratch paper provided by the proctor.
- Watches that beep or have an alarm.
- Computers (unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the exam).
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions.
- Clothing with subject-related information.
- Food or drink (unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the exam).
- Ear plugs.
- Clipboards.