

The following updates are provided in response to questions from schools and families about Advanced Placement® testing for students. The responses provided reflect the latest directives from the College Board. As more information becomes available this document will be updated.

Has College Board cancelled the May 2020 Advanced Placement® (AP®) exams?

No. College Board has moved the exams to an online platform.

Has the AP® Exam schedule changed?

Yes. The updated schedule includes a 45-minute online exam for each subject with each subject scheduled for its own time to be taken by all students from around the globe. To view the updated schedule, please visit <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>.

Has the AP® Exam format changed?

Yes. Like many college-level exams, the May 2020 AP® Exams are online and open book/open notebook. [Get tips for taking open book/open note exams](#). Students will be able to take exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. They will be able to either type and upload their responses or write responses by hand and submit a photo via their cell phone.

For information related to a specific exam, please visit the following link. Scroll past the exam schedule to find links for each subject area to locate the specific course you would like to know more about. The type of information available includes timing, number and types of questions, scoring, content included, etc.

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>.

Will there be an opportunity to practice with the test platform before test day?

Yes. In late April, College Board will provide AP® students and educators with information on how to access the testing system on test day, and video demonstrations so that students can familiarize themselves with the system.

What steps should students take now to make sure they receive all College Board communication related to their AP® Exam(s)?

You should verify that you are able to login to your College Board account to view AP® Classroom and update your account information to include a working email address that you can access. Students who use their PCSB email address should update to another email address for their College Board account prior to graduation. If you need assistance with your College Board account, please contact the College Board Account Helpline at 866-315-6068.

Are there resources a student can use to prepare for the AP® exam?

Yes. In addition to AP® Classroom and Albert.io, which many PCS teachers have used throughout the school year, students can now attend optional free, live AP® review courses, delivered by AP® teachers from across the country. Several PCS teachers are using these lessons to supplement instruction while students are working remotely. These mobile-friendly classes:

- *Are available on demand after the original presentation so teachers and students can access them any time. For the daily schedule of live classes, visit <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/course-schedule>.*
- *Assist AP® students to complete the few remaining topics of each AP® class and then, throughout April, focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course.*



Advanced Placement® Exams 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

Information current as of 4/8/2020

What if a student has a technology issue on the day of the exam?

College Board has a make-up date scheduled for each exam that can be utilized if necessary. College Board will provide precise directions for making the determination for a make-up date. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

I am a student with an IEP. How will I receive my College Board approved SSD accommodations for testing?

Students with College Board approved SSD accommodations that can be provided in an online test setting will have those accommodations built into their exam. For example, students with extended time will be working on a timed test that incorporates their additional minutes.

Is a student required to take an AP® exam for a class they are taking at their high school?

Yes. Pinellas County School Board policy requires that an Advanced Placement® exam will be taken in lieu of a teacher developed final (semester 2) exam in those designated courses. In the event that the student does not sit for the AP® exams accompanying the coursework during the school year, a final exam grade of zero (0) will be entered. For AP, IB, or AICE exams administered after the last day of the school year, final grade for the course will be determined within one day of the exam date.

If the District decides to cancel final exams for non-AP classes, will a student still be required to take an AP® exam for a class they are taking at their high school?

Yes. Students have worked incredibly hard all year long to have the opportunity to earn college credit and this exam provides a greater opportunity for success in a format that is more student friendly than originally anticipated.

Do students pay any fee related to an AP® exam?

Pinellas County believes in removing all barriers to the opportunity for a student to earn college credit during their high school experience. As such, the district pays the AP® exam fee for students enrolled in an AP® course at their high school. AP® exam orders are submitted by November 8 annually, just before the College Board deadline. Students are required to pay any fees incurred for an exam that was ordered but not used. This includes a \$40 cancellation fee if the student drops the course. Under normal circumstances it would also include a \$40 unused test fee for a student who finished the course but did not sit for the exam. However, College Board has waived the unused test fee for the May 2020 exam series due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

How will attendance work for other classes when a student is scheduled for an AP® exam?

Students will be coded with a school function absence on the day of their exam and there will be no requirement for the students to do anything for other classes on the day of their AP® exam. That way, students can give the exam their full attention. After the exam, teachers will be notified of students who did not sit for the exam so they can input the F for the final exam grade. Subsequently, the school function will be updated to an absence.

How will we determine if students taking a course with performance tasks has met their requirement to take the exam? This includes AP® Art & Design classes, AP® Drawing, AP® Computer Science Principles, AP® Seminar, and AP® Research.

Students must submit all required performance tasks in order to be given credit for taking their exam. If they neglect to submit a required task, the teacher should input the final exam grade as F.

What will happen if the AP® Exam conflicts with graduation?

As we have done in the past, students whose exam conflicts with graduation will have the option to take the late exam.