

September 1, 2025

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on participating in Advanced Placement classes; courses which provide college-level academic experiences that challenge and inspire. Students who take AP courses and exams demonstrate to college admission officers that they have pursued an educational experience that will prepare them for success in college and beyond. Performing well on an AP exam means more than just the successful completion of a course. Most colleges and universities accept successful exam scores for credit, advanced placement, or both. Research consistently indicates that students who are successful in AP typically experience greater academic success in college than those who do not participate in AP programs. The 2026 AP Exams will be administered May 4 – 15. As we approach the testing dates, more details will be provided to all AP students who are planning to take exams.

Costs and Fees:

- Each AP exam costs \$105.00.
- If a student is eligible for free or reduced lunch, the first AP exam (any exam) is free; additional AP exams for students eligible for free or reduced lunch are \$53.00 each.
- If a student is taking science or math (STEM) AP exams, the first STEM exam is free (for any student!).
- All students enrolled in AP courses in the Fall must pay the \$40.00 deposit fee by November 7, 2025.
- This deposit will be applied to the overall exam fee in the Spring. The balance will be due by March 6, 2026.
- If you pay the deposit of \$40.00 after the November 7 deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$40.00 (College Board Established Fee).
- If your AP exam is free (first STEM exam or one free exam for students eligible for free or reduced lunch), you will still need to pay the deposit of \$40.00 because the College Board charges \$40.00 for each unused exam. The order for your exam will be placed on November 14, 2025.
- If you pay the deposit, your exam will be ordered on November 14, 2025. If you change your mind and decide not to take the exam in the spring (even if your exam would have been free), the College Board will still charge a fee of \$40.00 for each unused exam, which is what your deposit will cover.
- If your AP exam is free, after you take the exam, the deposit will be reimbursed to you.

Action Steps:

Any student who is taking an AP course in the Fall and is planning to take the corresponding AP exam in the Spring must complete the following THREE ITEMS by November 7, 2025.

- Register for the corresponding AP class/section with the College Board (myap.collegeboard.org). You will need a join code from your AP teacher.
- Fill out the reduced exam fee form (if you qualify).
- Register with Total Registration (www.totalregistration.net/AP/111115), which is used for fee processing purposes.
- Pay the \$40.00 deposit fee online through Total Registration. If you prefer to pay the entire balance by November 7, 2025, then you will not be charged a convenience fee by Total Registration (the balance will be due by March 6, 2026).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Please note that the majority of AP Exams will be administered digitally this year. You will need to bring your laptop to the testing site, charged and with required updates already applied.

2026 AP® Exam Schedule

This exam schedule has space to write the number of exams you give in each subject.
You can download this schedule and distribute it to your proctors and teachers.

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 4, 2026	Biology	European History
	Latin	Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Chemistry	United States Government and Politics
	Human Geography	
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics
		Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	African American Studies
	World History: Modern	Statistics
Friday, May 8, 2026	Italian Language and Culture	Chinese Language and Culture
	United States History	Macroeconomics
ART AND DESIGN—Friday, May 8, 2026 (8 p.m. ET), is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.		

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 11, 2026	Calculus AB	Music Theory
	Calculus BC	Seminar
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	French Language and Culture	Japanese Language and Culture
	Precalculus	Psychology
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
	German Language and Culture	Spanish Literature and Culture
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Art History	Computer Science Principles
	Spanish Language and Culture	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Friday, May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	Computer Science A