



2020 AP Testing Coronavirus Updates Frequently Asked Questions

(For the most up to date information- visit <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/>)

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1. **When will the 2019-2020 AP exams be administered?**

AP exams are scheduled for May 11-22, with make-up testing on June 1-5. Seminole County Public Schools highly recommends that students participate during the May window. Visit <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/ap-exam-schedule> for course specific information.

2. **What device should students test on?**

Students can take the exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option. College Board will have tips for testing on different devices closer to exam day.

3. **What happens if my student does not have access to a device or internet?**

The College Board recognizes that some students may not have access to the tools and connectivity they need to review AP content online and take the exam. If you are a student or you know a student who needs mobile tools or connectivity, you can reach out to the College Board directly to let them know assistance is needed. Please visit <http://cb.org/tech>. In addition, Seminole County Public Schools has been working closely with families who are in need of devices, please contact your school for additional information.

4. **Will students be able to test with approved accommodations?**

Students will be able to take online AP Exams with College Board–approved accommodations such as extended time. Details will be available soon.

5. **What can students expect in regards to exam length, structure, and format?**

- The exams will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.
- Most exams will have one or two free-response questions, and each question is timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question.
- For most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, and include an additional 5 minutes for uploading. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up.
- Students taking AP world language and culture exams will complete two spoken tasks consistent with free-response questions three and four on the current AP Exam; written responses will not be required. We'll provide more details in the coming weeks to help students prepare.
- For course specific exam information visit:
<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/ap-exam-schedule>
(located below the exam schedule)

6. How can students prepare for the AP exam?

Students should consult directly with their AP instructor. In addition, College Board has provided free online AP classes and review at <https://youtube.com/advancedplacement>.

7. How will College Board ensure/enforce exam security?

The College Board will take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of each exam administration. They are confident the vast majority of AP students will follow the rules for taking the exams. For the small number of students who may try to gain an unfair advantage, they have a comprehensive and strict set of protocols in place to prevent and detect cheating. They are keeping some of these protocols confidential to maximize their effectiveness. Others measures are listed below.

- The exam format and questions are being designed specifically for an at-home administration, so points will not be earned from content that can be found in textbooks or online.
- Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide.
- On test day, students will be required to verify their identity and confirm the work they submitted is their own.
- College Board will be using a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software and post-administration analytics, to protect the integrity of the exams.
- Each student's AP teacher will receive copies of the work the student submits to us, enabling teachers to spot inconsistencies with students' known work.

8. What happens if a student violates exam security protocols?

Students who violate exam security will receive consequences.

- Students whose responses mirror online content or other students' submissions will have their scores canceled.
- Students sharing or receiving exam content or exam responses, or engaging in any plans or efforts to provide or gain an unfair advantage, will be blocked from testing or their AP scores will be canceled. This includes communications or assistance in person, via the Internet, via social media, or by any other means.
- If College Board determines that a student gained or provided an unfair advantage on an AP Exam, they will notify their high school so the school can choose to take necessary disciplinary action, as appropriate. College Board will also provide information about the incident to colleges or other organizations to which the student has already sent any College Board scores (including SAT scores)—or to which the student would send scores in the future.
- Students who attempt to gain an unfair advantage also may be prohibited from taking a future Advanced Placement Exam as well as the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, or CLEP assessments.
- Under certain circumstances, College Board may inform law enforcement of any incident to determine if prosecution of the test taker, or anyone assisting the test taker in misconduct, is warranted.

9. Do students need a calculator to test?

On 2020 AP Exams that may involve calculations (including some STEM and economics courses), questions are designed such that required calculations can be done with a pencil and paper, with no calculator (including one with graphical or statistical capabilities) 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 (i.e., most or all internet-connected devices), and can be installed beforehand for use on the exam. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the calculator policy for your course(s).

10. If a student doesn't want to test this year, can they cancel?

Yes. College Board will not charge anything for an exam that isn't taken. However, it is the expectation of Seminole County Public Schools that students currently enrolled in AP courses participate in the exam. Please contact your school's AP Coordinator for additional information.

11. What does it mean that this year's AP Exams are open book/open note?

Like many college take-home exams, 2020 AP exams will be open book/open note. Students may access class notes and class resources to reference concepts covered during their course. College Board strongly advises students to organize their materials prior to the AP Exam so they do not waste exam time searching for information or incorporating misinformation.

Students are not permitted to incorporate work which is not their own and students are not permitted to provide or receive aid in any kind from anyone, in-person, online or mobile. During the exam, students may not:

- Communicate with any other person during the exam through any means, including online, in-person, by mobile or other device
- Crowdfund support from group messages, online forums or social media
- Incorporate the work of another person or technological service into their own exam response, including language translation

Additional tips for success on Open Book/Open Note exams can be found at:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/open-book-tips>

12. What open book/open note resources are allowed for AP subject exams?

The following notes, resources, and tools are permitted for the 2020 AP Exams:

- Class notes created by the student
- Classroom resources provided by the teacher
- Previous assignments or assessments returned by the teacher
- Calculators for certain exams (see specific exam information for details)

College Board understand these resources and tools may be digital, and students are welcome to store and access these notes in the following places:

- Personal or school email
- Digital classroom site
- Online storage accessible only by the student

13. When will students obtain information about how AP exams will work this year?

College Board will share details about how students will access exams, complete tasks, and submit responses by late April. Please ensure students have an active College Board account with an updated email on file.

14. Will colleges accept this year's AP Exam scores for credit and placement?

College Board is confident that the vast majority of Higher Ed institutions will award credit as they have in the past. They have spoken with hundreds of institutions across the country who support their solution for this year's AP Exams.