

# St. Anne's-Belfield School

## 2020 AP EXAM FAQs

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### AP Exams Timing (Dates, Duration, Exam Time)

#### When will AP exams be offered in 2020?

The College Board has released an updated [AP schedule](#) for May 2020. Regularly scheduled exams will be held between May 11 - 22. Below are the dates and times of the exams St. Anne's-Belfield School students are scheduled to take.

#### Week 1

Monday, May 11	12:00 p.m.	AP Physics C
Tuesday, May 12	12:00 p.m.	AP Latin
	2:00 p.m.	AP Calculus AB/BC
Wednesday, May 13	2:00 p.m.	AP English Literature
Thursday, May 14	2:00 p.m.	AP Chemistry
Friday, May 15	2:00 p.m.	AP US History
	4:00 p.m.	AP Computer Science A

#### Week 2

Monday, May 18	2:00 p.m.	AP Biology
Tuesday, May 19	12:00 p.m.	AP Music Theory
Wednesday, May 20	2:00 p.m.	AP English Language
	4:00 p.m.	AP Microeconomics
Thursday, May 21	12:00 p.m.	AP French Language
	2:00 p.m.	AP Macroeconomics
Friday, May 22	2:00 p.m.	AP Statistics
	4:00 p.m.	AP Spanish Language

#### At what time do the AP exams begin?

Exams will last 45 minutes and will take place at 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., or 4:00 p.m. EST. The College Board has selected these dates and times; neither St. Anne's-Belfield School nor students can make changes to these exam dates or exam times.

#### Can international students who have returned home take AP exams?

Yes, international students who have returned to their home country can take the 45-minute online AP exams this year.

#### Is the timing of the AP exam different for international students?

Unfortunately, the College Board has announced that 2020 AP exams will be offered around the world at exactly the same time. That means that while students in Virginia will take their exams at 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., or 4:00 p.m.

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EST, students in China will take the same exams at 12:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., and 4:00 a.m. Students in Vietnam and Korea will take the exam at 11:00 p.m., 1:00 a.m., and 3:00 a.m. Counselors around the country and world have reached out to the College Board to ask them to reconsider this unreasonable schedule. Regrettably, the College Board has not been responsive to these requests.

## **If I am unable to take the regularly scheduled exam, can I pick another date?**

The College Board has designated June 1 - 5 as alternative dates for AP exams. Any student who has a conflict and cannot take the exam during the May period **MUST** receive permission from their school in order to test on the alternative dates. The College Board is strongly encouraging students to take their exam(s) in May.

## **How can I confirm the date and time of my AP exam(s)?**

All students are strongly encouraged to log into their College Board accounts to check the date and time of each exam. Students are also strongly encouraged to check their email addresses and ensure those are correctly entered. Well advance of your exam date, you should make sure you are receiving all College Board related emails.

## **AP Exam Structure, Content, & Exam Changes**

### **What changes have been made to the structure of the exam?**

First, all exams are now 45 minutes long and will be taken online. Below are additional differences:

**For English and History exams:** Students will be given 45 minutes to read and respond to question one and then five minutes to upload their response.

**For World Language exams:** After students complete one question they can move on to the second question. However, once the response to question one has been submitted, students cannot go back and make any edits. Question one will be consistent with current time for FRQ 3, and question two will be consistent with current time for FRQ 4.

**For all other exams:** Students will have 25 minutes to read and respond to question one. They will then have five minutes to upload their response. After uploading the response to question one, students will have 15 minutes to respond to question two. Students will receive five additional minutes to upload their response to question two. Once their response to question two has been submitted, they cannot go back and make any edits.

### **Will students who registered for the AP Computer Science be required to sit for the exam?**

No. Students who registered for AP Computer Science Principles are no longer required to sit for the AP exam. However, AP CSP students are still required to submit their digital portfolio *by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26.*

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## **Can students who registered for AP Calculus BC switch to AP Calc AB?**

Yes. Any student who is scheduled to take the BC exam can switch to the AB exam (but students cannot switch from the AB to BC exam). The AP Coordinator (Mrs. Sohne-Johnston) needs to make this switch by Monday, April 20 and will work with Mr. Remchuk to gather this information.

## **Will BC students receive an AB subscore?**

The BC exam will be entirely different from the AB exam and so students who are taking the AP Calculus BC exam will not receive an AB subscore.

## **AP Exam Cancellations, Refunds, & Additional Exams**

### **What do I need to do if I decide not to take my AP exam?**

If you decide NOT to take an AP exam, do not log into the College Board's AP website on exam day.

### **If I decide not to take an AP exam, will I receive a refund?**

Yes. The School will offer a partial refund. Students can change their minds about whether or not to take an exam on the day of the exam. As a result of these changes and the flexibility it affords every student, we would like to fully honor this process. For this reason, we will share information about our process after the AP exam testing period (May 11 - 22 and June 1 - 5) has concluded.

### **Can I sign up for additional AP exams?**

No. The College Board will not allow students to sign-up for additional exams.

## **Support for AP Exams Prior to and During the Exam**

### **Can students gain access to live classes and supplemental instruction?**

All students have access to AP live classes at [www.youtube.com/advancedplacement](http://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement). These classes will be taught by AP teachers from school communities in the U.S.

### **How will I receive access to AP exams on exam day?**

Every student who registered for an AP Exam will automatically receive a "credential" allowing them to access the test platform and take their AP exam. This "credential" will be delivered by email to the address you loaded in your College Board account. ***Please make sure that you can easily access the email account you used to set up your College Board account.*** All communication from the College Board will be sent to this email address.

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## **Will students be able to practice using this new format prior to the exam?**

Yes. You will be able to practice for and familiarize yourself with the new AP exam digital format. The College Board will provide students with video simulations and print instructions. Instructors in the live classroom will also offer support. The College Board will share additional information and resources in late April.

## **Will the College Board offer technical support on exam day?**

The College Board will release information about testing and testing support in late April.

## **Can students use multiple devices to take the exam?**

The student must submit the exam responses on the same device they retrieve their answer. They can use two devices (one to view the question, one to respond) but this is not recommended. Students will be able to type their responses and submit OR hand write, photograph, upload, and submit, all during the time frame.

## **While I am taking my AP exam, how can I keep track of time?**

A timer will appear on the screen and students may opt to turn it off. However, you must keep track of your own time! For example, you can set an alarm that goes off half-way through the exam and another that goes off 10 minutes before the end of the exam.

## **What happens if I lose track of time and forget to submit my work?**

Unfortunately, items not submitted by the end of the 45-minute time period won't be scored.

## **College Board Accommodations & Extended Time**

### **I have been approved by the College Board to receive accommodations. How will testing accommodations be addressed?**

Students who have been approved by the College Board to receive extended time will be able to use this during the testing experience. The allotted time for each exam will automatically be extended to reflect individual students' accommodations. Additional information about how extra and extended breaks will be administered is forthcoming.

## **Colleges & AP Credit**

### **Will colleges award credit for these 45-minute exams?**

While most colleges have not yet shared an updated policy, the [University of California](#), University of Richmond, DePaul University, and University of Alabama are among the first institutions who have already pledged to award credit for these AP exams. We will share information with you as colleges update their policies for the Class of 2021 and beyond.

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## **Given all of this uncertainty, should I take the AP exam?**

It remains unclear which colleges will give students credit for exams taken in 2020. Since it is possible that many colleges will award credit, we encourage students to sit for these exams. Before you make a final decision about whether or not to take an exam, we encourage you to speak with your teacher(s) about the format and content of the new AP exam.

## **College Board Updates**

The College Board is still working on ironing out details about the 2020 AP Exams process and will share important updates over the next few weeks. We **strongly** encourage students to check their email and their College Board account regularly. Parents and guardians, we would appreciate it if you would check-in with your student to make sure they have been receiving College Board emails. If needed, ask your student to update their email address in their College Board account. Parents and guardians, we would appreciate it if you would check-in with your student. Since this process continues to evolve, Mrs. Sohne-Johnston will check the College Board's website and share updates as they become available. Please be on the lookout for information from her in the coming weeks. If you have questions or concerns, you can always **reach out to her**. For up-to-date information, please continue to check the **College Board's website**. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new process.