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AP EXAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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By now, you should have received an email from the College Board with information about the upcoming AP exams. Please find an updated FAQ with links to important resources below that will hopefully make the extensive information a little easier to process. This resource should be helpful to students enrolled in AP classes as well as “exam only” students. I encourage you to take the time to read through this information.

Action Items Before Exam Day

What do I need to complete before exam day?

- All students should watch this [AP 2020 Exam: Exam Walkthrough](#) YouTube video where the College Board outlines which devices you can use, the format/timing/pacing of the exam, as well as information about how to submit responses.
- Students will be required to complete an [Exam Day Checklist](#) for each exam. You can print this form (if you have access to a printer) or download and save it on your computer (if you don't).
- Two days before your exam, you will receive an email with an AP Exam Ticket. You can also find your ticket in your College Board account. This contains information that is personalized to you. **Please do not share it with anyone else.** The ticket will include your AP number. You should have your AP number on-hand on exam day.
- Review the [AP Exam Schedule](#) and make sure you know the date(s) and time(s) of your AP exam(s).
- Log into your College Board account and review your information, especially your email, for accuracy. Ensure you have checked the box allowing the College Board to send you emails.
- **Check your technology.** The AP Exam will only open in the latest versions of Chrome (preferred), Firefox, Safari, or Edge. Be sure to disable browser plug-ins or extensions like Grammarly.
- Complete your AP Demo well in advance of exam day. If you cannot access the Exam Demo, you won't be able to take your test on exam day!
- Be attentive in class since AP teachers will review much of this information with you.
- Choose and prepare a space where you will take your AP exam(s).

Can I practice for my AP exam?

Yes. Beginning on May 4 (and May 11 for World Language), students will be able to access a demo. Be on the lookout for information from the College Board. In the meantime, you can test [this demo](#). If you do not know your AP number, use the word **PRACTICE** as your AP ID to gain access to the demo. In addition to ensuring your technology works, you will be able to familiarize yourself with the platform and practice uploading your response.

Can I share my Checklist or Exam Ticket with anyone else? Can I reuse them?

No! You cannot re-use or share your Checklist or Exam Ticket. As mentioned earlier, this has information that is specific to you and is not to be shared.

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What should I do if I don't have access to a printer?

The College Board requires or recommends that you have specific documents available to you on exam day. Students who do not have access to a printer should download the required or recommended documents. We suggest you name each document that you download (ex. AP Chemistry Periodic Table) for easy access.

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

Students who have been approved to receive accommodations should have received an email from the College Board on April 21. They can also expect to receive communication from Mrs. Wicks, our SSD Coordinator. You can find information about specific accommodations [here](#).

Are there applications/documents I need for specific exams?

Yes, please review the requirements with your AP teacher. Either print the sheets you need or download and review them PRIOR to exam day. I strongly recommend that you review the required and recommended list of documents listed on pages 27-30 of the [2020 AP Testing Guide](#).

- **AP Music Theory:** Before exam day - "make sure you have an audio recording app or audio recording software, such as Recorder, Voice Memos, GarageBand (or Audacity, if you're using a computer) to record your sight-singing performance."
[AP Music Theory Exam Sample Questions](#)
[AP Music Theory Sample Q1 Answer Sheet](#)
- **AP Statistics and Calculus:**
[AP Statistics Formula Sheet and Tables](#)
[Keyboarding Tip Sheet for AP Statistics](#)
[Keyboarding Tip Sheet for AP Calculus](#)
- **AP Sciences:**
[AP Biology Equations and Formulas Sheet](#)
[AP Chemistry and Physical Constants Sheet](#)
[Periodic Table of the Elements](#)
[Keyboarding Tip Sheet for 2020 AP Chemistry Exams](#)
[AP Physics C: Mechanics Table of Information and Formulas](#)
- **AP World Language:** Required device - iOS or Android tablet or smartphone. **These exams CANNOT be taken on laptop or desktop computers.** Before the exam, you must download the free AP World Language Exam App--available in both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

If I am taking an AP exam but am not enrolled in a class, what resources are available to me?

The College Board has partnered with AP teachers around the country to create [live classes](#). These videos are available to all students.

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I no longer wish to take my AP exam. What should I do?

If you do not wish to take your exam, do not log into your account on exam day. The School is unable to cancel any exams at this point.

What happens if I am unable to take my regularly scheduled AP exam?

If you are ill on exam day or choose not to take your AP exam between May 11 and 22, do not log into your account on exam day. The College Board will automatically send your new credentials a day or two prior to the makeup date.

When will makeup exams be offered?

Makeup exams will be offered between June 1 - 5. Refer to [this make-up schedule](#) for the days and times of specific exams. Please note that the College Board is not offering additional makeup tests.

What security measures has the College Board put in place for AP exams?

The College Board has developed “digital security tools and techniques”, to help them determine if a student has plagiarized or cheated on the exams. As a reminder, while these exams are open book/open note, students may not submit work that is not their own or collaborate with anyone during the testing period.

What to Expect on Exam Day

Is there anything I can do to make sure the day runs smoothly?

- Be sure your device(s) is fully charged and plugged in on exam day.
- Save your work frequently if you are typing your response.
- If you download tables and forms, please name them (ex. AP Chemistry Periodic Table).
- Have your AP Exam Checklist and other documents close by.
- Log into your College Board account 30 minutes before the start of your exam.
- Let others in your household know that you will be taking an exam.
- You will receive credit for partial responses - be sure to submit your response even if your answer is incomplete.
- Pay attention to the timer - this will help you keep track of time and pace yourself.
- Submit your response BEFORE the timer runs out.
- From the College Board: “If you never see that ‘Your AP Exam is Complete’ message, you should go to cb.org/requestmakeup to explain the situation and request an e-ticket for the June make-up date.”

When should I log into my College Board account?

The College Board recommends that you sign into your account approximately 30 minutes before your exam to complete a security check process.

How will I access my AP exam?

On the day of your AP exam, you will need to use the information on your AP Exam Ticket to access exams. They also recommend that you should NOT refresh your browser.

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What happens if I encounter technical difficulties on exam day?

According to the College Board: "If you have any issue on exam day that prevents you from testing successfully, you'll be directed to an online AP Makeup Testing Request Form where you can describe what happened and request an e-ticket for a June makeup exam. You can also access the form at [cb.org/requestmakeup](https://collegeboard.org/requestmakeup). You must have your original e-ticket when filling out the form. Submit the form within 48 hours of your original exam date. Note: simply running out of time to submit a response on exam day is not a valid reason to request makeup testing."

Can I call the College Board on exam day if I have technical or other difficulties?

Unfortunately, no. The College Board has closed all of their call centers and will have no phone support on exam days. If you accidentally close a window or need to reboot, you can re-access the test with your eTicket. If you are unable to submit your exam, you must complete [this make-up request form](#) within 48 hours of your test. You will need your original Exam Day Ticket to complete the form.

If I finish Q1 before my allotted time runs out, can I submit my work and continue to Q2?

While you can submit your work at any time, standard time and extended time students cannot move to the second question until the time for the first question has run out.

After Exam Day

Since these AP exams are different from traditional AP exams, will they be graded on a curve?

According to the College Board 2020 AP exams will not be graded on a curve.

Can I send a free score report to colleges?

Yes. Sign into your account by June 20 to indicate which college or university should get your scores. After June 20, there's a \$15 fee for each score report sent (\$25 per report for rush processing).

When can I expect to receive my score?

The College Board expects to release scores "beginning about" July 15. Check your email and College Board account for your score(s).

What should I do to ensure I can take my exam on a makeup date?

According to the College Board: "If you have any issue on exam day that prevents you from testing successfully, you'll be directed to an online AP Makeup Testing Request Form where you can describe what happened and request an e-ticket for a June makeup exam. You can also access the form at [cb.org/requestmakeup](https://collegeboard.org/requestmakeup). You must have your original e-ticket when filling out the form. Submit the form within 48 hours of your original exam date. Note: simply running out of time to submit a response on exam day is not a valid reason to request makeup testing."