

To: All Students Enrolled in an Advanced Placement Course

Re: AP fee and policies

Date: August 2020



We hope you are well. We commend you for taking the initiative to enroll in an Advanced Placement course or multiple A.P. courses, especially in a year when it feels like there is so much unpredictability. By signing up for an A.P. course, you are committing yourself to a highly rigorous educational experience and to heavy demands of both in-class and out-of-class work and studying. As always, we will dedicate ourselves to making sure you have the access to the resources and experiences you need to succeed.

Each year, La Salle takes great pride in the individual and collective results on the A.P. tests. Last year, our curiosity was piqued even more given the abrupt changes to our teaching schedules in the spring and the major adjustments made by the College Board to the administration and design of the A.P. tests. We are proud to say that our students handled those challenges extremely well. The overall percentage of qualifying scores of three or higher on all A.P. tests (927) was the highest it has been in five years. And, the participation of 435 students in our A.P. program last year was a record. Our students' combined total of qualify scores from the 23 subject areas they studied was an impressive 15 percentage points higher than the global average on those subject areas and 9 percentage points higher than the PA averages. Our A.P. program and the dedication of our teachers and students to it remains very strong.

Your enrollment in this college-level course(s) and your preparation for the corresponding test(s) in May will benefit you in many ways academically and personally too. We trust that you will put every effort you can into making this a successful academic year not only in your A.P. course work but on the test too.

Please take note that the policy of La Salle College High School has been and continues to be that ***all students enrolled in an A.P. course must take the A.P. test in May.*** This policy is meant to secure your full commitment from the very beginning to this course and its demands. Additionally, please note that A.P. scores are reviewed by the Administration each summer and are used, along with departmental input, to determine eligibility for A.P. courses in subsequent years. Therefore, make sure you maintain your best efforts right through to the end of your A.P. courses and testing.

The fees for the A.P. exams are determined by the College Board. The fee for each A.P. exam in May 2021 is **\$95**. An invoice for A.P. students will be sent home early in the school year and payment will be needed by **October 1**. Your attention to the deadline for payment is greatly appreciated. Like last year, registration for all exams will take place online during class time in September.

Students not enrolled in A.P. courses who wish to take the A.P. test may still do so, but they will have to obtain approval from their teacher by November 1. Their fee(s) will be due before November 15.

Rest up, restore your energy, and build up as much resilience as you can. This year is shaping up to be another unique one. However, a constant will be our teachers' passion, preparedness, and competence and our students' enthusiasm, openness to learning, and dedication to challenging themselves. We believe these constants prognosticate another successful year, and we are thrilled you will be a part of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mr. Coggins".

Mr. Nicholas Coggins

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment