

All You Need to Know about Advanced Placement

Century High School | 2024-2025

Exam Registration Deadline: October 25th at 11:59pm.

What is AP?

- Advanced Placement (AP) is a program that gives students the chance to take demanding coursework in high school and possibly earn college credit depending on how well they do on the AP exam.
- AP courses will be more demanding than your average high school class. They will take more time and effort, and you will be expected to stretch yourself intellectually.
- Anyone planning to pursue a bachelor's degree can benefit from taking an AP class.

AP Exam Basics

- AP exams are optional for all Century students.
- Exams determine level of understanding and establish a baseline for how much college credit is given and/or whether advanced placement will be offered in college.
- The length of each exam varies by subject.
- All exams will be held on pre-assigned dates in May. If you will be gone, arrangements will need to be made to take the exam on the predetermined makeup date.
- You are only allowed to take an exam for a given subject once in a year.
- Scoring: You will receive a score between 1 and 5. This score correlates to the equivalent college-level course.
 - 5 = extremely well qualified (A+ or A)
 - 4 = well qualified (A-, B+, or B)
 - 3 = qualified (B-, C+, or C)
 - 2 = possibly qualified (no grade)
 - 1 = no recommendation (no grade)
- Learn more about AP Scholar Awards online.
- Not every college offers credit for qualifying exam scores, and some programs will still require you to take all classes that are major-specific, even if you received AP credit.
- Check your college's website for information about their AP credit policy or call the admissions office. Keep a copy of the policy until you're certain you've received credit for your qualifying AP exam score.
- Score reporting services can be found online through your CollegeBoard account.
 - Students can send one free score report to a college. AP score reports are cumulative, so all current and previous exam scores are included on the report. It's best to wait until your senior year to have your scores sent - otherwise you'll have to pay for a second report to be sent.
 - Score withholding and score cancellation are also available through the score reporting services page.
- Exam fees:
 - Base fee = \$102.00 (calculated by taking CollegeBoard's base fee of \$99 and adding on BPS' administrative fee of \$3)
 - \$0 for first exam in Math, Science, Computer Science, and English with a \$53 fee for 2nd-4th exams in those areas
 - For students on free/reduced lunch: Up to four lifetime exams in math, science, and English are free. Remaining exams and those in art and social studies are \$55.00 each.
 - There is a late fee of \$40.00 for registering for an exam or canceling an exam after the registration deadline of October 27th.

AP Exam Day

- Exams are scheduled for May, and dates/times are pre-set. Late exams are reserved for extenuating circumstances that prevent you from testing on the original date.
- Avoid scoring delays by ensuring your personal information is correct in My AP.
- You have an AP ID that will be used throughout high school. It can be found in My AP.
- For morning exams, plan to arrive by 7:35 for check-in. Doors will close and exams will begin at 8:00.
- For afternoon exams, plan to arrive by 11:35 for check-in. Doors will close and exams will begin at 12:00.
- Once doors are closed, late entry is not allowed and make-up testing will require a fee.
- Please give yourself plenty of time to arrive at the designated times. It is your responsibility to be here on time.
- Exam accommodations:
 - If you have a documented disability and you receive accommodations through an IEP, 504, or health plan you may be eligible for accommodations on exam day.
 - All accommodations must be approved through CollegeBoard.
 - If you carry an EpiPen, you will need to keep it in a clear plastic bag under your desk on test day. You do not need to be approved for accommodations.
 - See Mrs. Guidinger as soon as possible to get the request process started.

AP Exam Registration

- Due by October 25th by 11:59pm. Late registration will incur a \$40.00 late fee.
- **Be sure to register with a personal email address to ensure you can receive electronic communications from CollegeBoard**
- Two Part Process
 1. Indicate whether you will be taking the AP exam for each class in My AP (CollegeBoard).
 2. Register and pay exam fees through Total Registration portal **Fee waivers need to be approved by the AP Coordinator prior to payment processing**
(<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/350159>)