



Advanced Placement Testing

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Preparing for Off-Site Advanced Placement Testing

We are excited to announce some big changes coming to Advanced Placement testing this year. District centralization of AP testing means that we need to look outside of our bustling school buildings to accommodate the hundreds of high school students who will take these exams in pursuit of college credit during the first two full weeks of May. Finding a space with the capacity to meet the rigorous exam day requirements for two full testing weeks has been no easy feat. Fortunately, the Ramada by Wyndham Fargo is up to the task.

Ensuring smooth testing at an off-site location takes a village. With this year's move to digital testing, our IT department is working to make sure the Ramada's internet access is robust and that students have access to the Bluebook app required for AP testing. AP teachers are working hard to prepare students for the new digital exams.

For their part, students are asked to keep an eye out for and read the newsletters and emails we coordinators send them, to ensure that they are exam day ready. Newsletters are posted on the communications tab of our [FPS AP testing website](#). We ask that students pay particular attention to the [February newsletter](#), as there is much to know about testing day. More information regarding testing day will come as we inch closer to May.

One big logistical challenge with off-site testing is transportation. While students are invited to arrange their own transportation, we will offer busing between schools and the Ramada. Students who plan to ride on a bus need to indicate this in a survey that will be emailed to them later this spring. We are grateful to Valley Bus for their collaboration on this matter.

May will be here before we know it. The preparations we make now will go a long way toward a successful testing season for AP students. Thank you to all the AP teachers, students, and parents who take the steps necessary to ensure exam day readiness.

