

2025-2026 Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Information

Students enrolled in AP courses are strongly encouraged, but not required, to participate in AP Exams.

AP Exam Schedule- See the Katy ISD Website at <https://www.katyisd.org/giftedtalented-advanced-academics/advanced-placement-ap-and-katy-advanced-program-kap/ap-exam-information>

AP Exams are scheduled for the weeks of May 4th – 8th and May 11th – 15th.

- The campus will determine the most appropriate schedule to accommodate any exam conflicts.
- Alternate exams are administered May 18th – 22nd for overlapping conflict exams as determined by the campus.

Cost and Payment for AP Exams

- **\$103 per AP Exam** (includes APTS processing fee).
- All fall exams must **be paid for by Sunday, October 26th at 10:59 p.m. CST.**
- Payments are submitted within APTS for ALL AP College Board exams at
- <http://aptsusa.com/katyisd>.
 - NOTE: Clicking ‘yes’ within the College Board account does not mean a test is ordered.
 - The *only* way an AP test is ordered is if payment for the AP test has cleared within APTS.
- ***Free/Reduced fee waivers*** – students who qualify for Free/Reduced lunch may apply for fee waivers during the exam registration process to reduce the cost of their exams. Students in special economic circumstances (Free and Reduced Lunch) **MUST** identify that need during the APTS payment window by completing the following steps:
 - Eligible students will receive a coupon code from the AP Coordinator to use in APTS.
 - **\$40 per exam fee for Free/Reduced lunch registration.**
 - Historically, the state of Texas has provided a subsidy to students eligible for free/reduced lunch. Currently, the status of that subsidy is unknown. However, should the state continue this practice, all free/reduced students who sit for AP exams will receive a refund in the amount of the subsidy.
 - All requests for fee waivers must be made **during the registration period for the exams** to ensure proper arrangements are made for the student.

Registration Timeline

Fall Registration

- Students who are enrolled in an AP class during the fall semester (for yearlong or fall semester only classes) and want to take the AP exam for that specific class MUST register during the fall registration timeline. This includes Exam Only, Miller, KVS, and approved homeschool students.
- Registration & Payment begins on September 1, 2025, at 7:00 AM and ends on October 26, 2025, at 10:59 pm.

Spring Registration

- Students who are enrolled in a spring **semester-only AP class** and want to take the AP exam for that specific class MUST register and submit payment to take AP exams by the deadline. Registration & Payment for spring semester only classes begin on January 14, 2026, at 7:00 AM and ends on February 15, 2026, at 10:59 PM.
- There is no late registration for spring semester-only classes.

Late Registration

- Students who were enrolled in a full-year class or a fall semester-only AP class during the fall registration period but did not make the fall registration deadline may complete the "Late Registration (and payment)" during the spring registration **for an additional \$40 late fee per exam.** This includes Exam Only and approved homeschool students.
- All registrations will end Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 10:59 PM.

Late Exams

Student preference is not an allowable reason for a late exam. Families should consider the AP Exam schedule when planning family vacations.

Allowable reasons for late AP Exams include:

- Academic or athletic contest/event
- Conflict with a state-mandated test (STAAR)
- Delayed shipment
- Digital testing logistics
- Disability accommodation issue
- Campus Emergency
- High School Graduation
- Language Lab scheduling conflict
- Makeup AP Exam due to an incident during the initial exam
- Religious holiday/observance
- School closure
- Serious injury, illness, or family tragedy – documentation required
- Strike/labor conflict
- Student court appearance
- 2 or more AP Exams on the same date at the same time

Other Information

Refunds

- Students will be allowed a full refund for exams cancelled before the fall registration deadline (for fall and full-year courses) and the spring registration deadline (for spring-only classes).
- Students who cancel after the registration deadline, but before April 1, 2026, will receive a partial refund of \$60 for an AP Exam. Refunds are not allowed for free/reduced price exams after the registration deadline. This deduction covers the unused exam fee charged by the College Board and the processing fees charged by APTS.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations after April 1, 2026.
- To cancel an exam, email cancel@aptsusa.com and include: your name, the name of your school, and the title of the exam to cancel. Your refund will be processed back to the original payment method. Cancellation requests submitted after April 1, 2026, and no-shows on exam day are not eligible for any refund. Debit/credit card processing fees are non-refundable.

Accommodations:

- **January 16, 2026** – deadline for students in need of testing accommodations to request.
- Please contact the College Board for application request questions: Phone: 844-255-7728

Home-Schooled Student Information:

A home-schooled student, who is enrolled in 9th-12th grade, may plan to take the assessment at his/her zoned high school. Parents will need to contact the AP Coordinator at the zoned high school campus for registration requirements and possible costs.

The deadline to register with the AP Coordinator at the zoned high school is **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 3:00 PM**. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. See [residency requirements](#) for complete details.

Katy ISD does not administer AP exams to students enrolled in an accredited virtual, charter, or private school.