2026 AP Exams: Important Reminders for Students

1) **Report to PHS 30 minutes before the scheduled exam start time (7:30am for 8am Exam/ 11:30am for 12pm Exam)**

2) **Plan on testing anywhere from 2 - 3.5 hours for each exam (varies by subject)**

3) **Plan on getting rides to and from PHS**

4) **If you have an 8am exam, you may leave school after the exam concludes. If you have a 12pm exam, you may come into school at 11:30am to take the exam**

5) **Bring your own calculator if you do not want to use the built in online graphing calculator. Exception **AP Stats** - you must bring your own calculator**

6) **No cell phones/apple watches allowed in testing rooms**

7) **No mechanical pencils allowed**

8) **For Digital Exams - Make sure you can sign into your college board account. Remember your user name and password!**

9) **For Digital Exams - Make sure your device is fully charged before exam day.**

10) **Submit AP Exam fees to guidance asap if you have not yet paid. You will be on the owed materials list and not able to purchase prom tix or pick up your cap and gown!**

11) **The AP Exam is mandatory regardless of your grade in the course. If you do not take the exam, you lose the AP designation on your transcript and you must pay a $40 cancellation fee.**

Reminders for Students Taking Digital Exams: Sign In to Bluebook

Before Test Day

1. Open Bluebook on your device and click **Test Your Device** at the top right of the sign-in page to make sure your device meets requirements.
2. Sign in to the app with your College Board account.
3. On the Bluebook homepage, locate your upcoming exam under **Your Tests** and make sure all your **digital** exams are listed.
4. In April, go to the **Practice and Prepare** section and try a test preview.
5. Make sure your device is fully charged on exam days.

Taking the Digital Exam

- Once you're in your classroom on test day, you'll connect to Wi-Fi, sign in to Bluebook, and complete a short check-in process in the app.

- Before the test, your proctor will read some short instructions, collect any prohibited items, and give you a start code. You'll enter the code into Bluebook and the test will begin.
- Most AP Exams have 2 sections. On some exams, one or both sections are divided into 2 parts (Part A and Part B, for example).
- The app will let you know how much time remains in each section or part. You can move back and forth between questions in a section or part until time expires.
- Between sections, you'll get a break. Follow all instructions on the Bluebook break page. Note: If you're taking AP Seminar, there's no scheduled break.
- If you're taking a hybrid AP Exam, you'll use an exam booklet to enter your free-response answers in Section II.
- At the end of the test, Bluebook will submit your answers automatically. **Do not close your device until the proctor dismisses you.**
- If your submission fails, you'll see instructions in the app to complete your submission. If your submission continues to fail, raise your hand to inform your proctor. Don't worry! All your answers will be saved to your device during testing.