

January 6, 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on participating in Advanced Placement classes; courses which provide college-level academic experiences that challenge and inspire. Students who take AP courses and exams demonstrate to college admission officers that they have pursued an educational experience that will prepare them for success in college and beyond. Performing well on an AP exam means more than just the successful completion of a course. Most colleges and universities accept successful exam scores for credit, advanced placement, or both. Research consistently indicates that students who are successful in AP typically experience greater academic success in college than those who do not participate in AP programs. The 2026 AP Exams will be administered May 4 – 15. As we approach the testing dates, more details will be provided to all AP students who are planning to take exams.

Costs and Fees:

- Each AP exam costs \$105.00.
- If a student is eligible for free or reduced lunch, the first AP exam (any exam) is free; additional AP exams for students eligible for free or reduced lunch are \$53.00 each.
- If a student is taking science or math (STEM) AP exams, the first STEM exam is free (for any student!).
- **All students enrolled in AP courses in the Spring must pay the full balance by March 6, 2026.**
- If your AP exam is free (first STEM exam or one free exam for students eligible for free or reduced lunch), you will need to pay a deposit of \$40.00 because the College Board charges \$40.00 for each unused exam. The order for your exam will be placed on March 12, 2026.
- If you pay for the exam by March 6, 2026, your exam will be ordered on March 12, 2026. If you change your mind and decide not to take the exam (even if your exam would have been free), the College Board will still charge a fee of \$40.00 for each unused exam, which will be taken out of the balance you paid.
- If your AP exam is free, after you take the exam, the deposit will be reimbursed to you.

Action Steps:

Any student who is taking an AP course in the Spring and is planning to take the corresponding AP exam in the Spring must complete the following FOUR ITEMS by March 6, 2026:

- Register for the corresponding AP class/section with the College Board (myap.collegeboard.org). You will need a join code from your AP teacher.
- Fill out the reduced exam fee form (if you qualify).
- Register with Total Registration (www.totalregistration.net/AP/111115), which is used for fee processing purposes.
- Make sure all payments are made by March 6, 2026.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Please note that the majority of AP Exams will be administered digitally this year. You will need to bring your laptop to the testing site, charged and with required updates already applied.

2026 AP[®] Exam Schedule

This exam schedule has space to write the number of exams you give in each subject. You can download this schedule and distribute it to your proctors and teachers.

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time	
Monday, May 4, 2026	Biology	European History	
	Latin	Microeconomics	
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Chemistry	United States Government and Politics	
	Human Geography		
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics	
		Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	African American Studies	
	World History: Modern	Statistics	
Friday, May 8, 2026	Italian Language and Culture	Chinese Language and Culture	
	United States History	Macroeconomics	
ART AND DESIGN —Friday, May 8, 2026 (8 p.m. ET), is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.			

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time	
Monday, May 11, 2026	Calculus AB	Music Theory	
	Calculus BC	Seminar	
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	French Language and Culture	Japanese Language and Culture	
	Precalculus	Psychology	
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics	
	German Language and Culture	Spanish Literature and Culture	
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Art History	Computer Science Principles	
	Spanish Language and Culture	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	
Friday, May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	Computer Science A	