To: All Students Enrolled in an Advanced Placement© (AP) Course

Re: AP fee and policies

Date: August 2026

We commend you for taking the initiative to enroll in an Advanced Placement course or multiple AP courses. By signing up for an AP course, you are committing yourself to a highly rigorous educational experience and to the heavy demands of both in-class and out-of-class work and studying. Our side-by-side block schedule allows for enhanced learning opportunities during class time but also requires that our AP students in particular are independent, proactive, and disciplined learners. As always, we will dedicate ourselves to making sure you have the access to the resources and experiences you need to succeed. The rest is up to you.

Our AP program and the dedication of our teachers and students to it remain very strong. Last year, the number of AP students with at least one "qualifying" score (3 or higher out of 5) and the number of exams graded as a 3 or higher were both well above the La Salle averages over the past five years. That bodes well for this year and the future. Your goal, certainly, is to earn at least a 3 out of 5 or higher. We are confident that you can do it!

Please take note that the policy of La Salle College High School has been and continues to be that ***all students enrolled in an AP course must take the AP exam in May.*** This policy is meant to secure your full commitment from the very beginning to this course and its demands. An individual's AP scores are reviewed by the Administration each summer and are used, along with departmental input, to determine eligibility for AP courses in subsequent years. Therefore, make sure you maintain your best efforts right through to the end of your AP courses and testing.

The fee for each AP exam is determined by the College Board. For May 2027, it is $99 per exam. An invoice for AP students will be sent home early in the school year and payment will be needed by October 16th. Your attention to the deadline for payment is greatly appreciated. Like previous years, registration for all exams will happen in class in August. Your teacher will provide a code, and you will add each AP course to your portal at that time.

Students not enrolled in AP courses who wish to take the AP exam may still do so, but they will have to obtain approval from their teacher by November 2nd. Their fee(s) will be due before November 15th.

You will surely benefit in many ways from taking a college-level AP course. You will be stretched and challenged academically by the content, assignments, discussions, and assessments of the course. You will grow personally as a student by further developing your academic skills, improving your time management skills, and pushing yourself to achieve in the course and on a challenging, comprehensive, one-day exam, a unique opportunity to be sure to show your skills and knowledge.

Advanced coursework may not be on your mind yet, but it will be very soon. We are eager to see you back on campus and ready to kick off what surely will be a memorable year. In the meantime, rest up, restore your energy, and don't forget about your summer assignments.

Sincerely,

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