WCPS | Washington County Public Schools

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES Q & A

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What is the College Board® program?
The College Board AP® (Advanced Placement) program offers college-level courses and exams for high school students.

Who can take AP® exams?
AP® exams are open to high school students who have completed AP® courses or other coursework that prepared them to take the exams.

Do I need to take AP® courses to take the exams?
No, you can take AP® exams without taking the corresponding AP® course, provided you have had other coursework to prepare you for the exam. WCPS will only pay for students enrolled in AP® courses.

If I am enrolled in an AP® course, do I need to take the AP® exam?
No, students are not required to take the AP® assessment. However, there are several benefits to taking the AP® assessments. Students should consult with their AP® teacher or counselor. To find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP® scores, visit: *https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies*

How do I register for AP® exams?
You must sign into My AP to join an AP® Classroom and register for an exam. Registration is finalized through your high school's AP Coordinator.

How many AP® exams are there?
There are 38 different AP® exams covering a wide range of subjects, including math, science, humanities, and languages.

When are AP® exams typically held?
AP® exams are usually administered in May each year. Some subjects have alternate exam dates. Please review the 2027 AP® exam schedule.

Are there accommodations for students with disabilities?
Yes, accommodations can be provided for eligible students with documented disabilities. Please note that receiving accommodations in WCPS does not necessarily mean that the College Board® will approve the same accommodations. The College Board® must receive accommodation requests and required documentation by January 22, 2027.

Do I need to create a separate AP® College Board Account?
To facilitate seamless registration for the PSAT, WCPS automatically generates a College Board® account for every 9th-grade student, using the same username as their Google account. Nevertheless, in the event that a student possesses multiple College Board® accounts, they should contact College Board® to merge them.

How much does each AP® exam cost?

AP® EXAM COSTS	STUDENT COST	WCPS COST
COST REGISTRATION (First-Time Take) *WCPS registration with the High School AP coordinator must occur by 11/13/26*	$0 for WCPS enrolled in AP® course **Student is responsible for $99 assessment fee if they are not enrolled in the appropriate AP Course*	$99 per AP® exam
UNUSED OR CANCELED EXAM FEE (Paid to the school)	$40 per exam for exams canceled in AP® Registration and Ordering *after 11/13/26 and by 3/12/27 at 11:59 P.M. EST*	$0
LATE REGISTRATION FEE (Paid to the school)	$40 per exam applied to each exam ordered *between 11/14/26 and 3/12/27 at 11:59 P.M. EST*	$99 per exam
RETAKING AN AP® ASSESSMENT	If a student decides to retake an AP® assessment, the student is responsible for the $99 registration fee	$0

Can I cancel an AP® exam after registering?

Yes, but the student will be responsible for the $40.00 fee charged by the College Board®.

Can I cancel my AP® exam scores after I take the test?

The College Board® allows you to cancel your AP® Exam scores. When you request cancellation, your exam won't be scored, and if it has already been scored, the score will be permanently deleted from their records. Once a score is canceled, it can't be reinstated. There's no fee for this service, but the registration fee is not refunded. Archived scores cannot be canceled. For scores not to be sent to the college, university, or scholarship program indicated online through My AP, the College Board® must receive your request by June 15 of the year you took the AP® Exam.

Can I retake an AP® exam?

Yes, you can retake an AP® exam in a subsequent year if you're not satisfied with your initial score. However, students are responsible for the assessment fees. Students are encouraged to talk with school staff to ensure they are prepared to retake the assessment.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Please contact the AP Coordinator at your School or visit: apcentral.collegeboard.org