

September 1, 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on participating in Advanced Placement classes, courses that 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 2027 AP Exams will be administered May 3 – 14. 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 Fall must pay the \$40.00 deposit fee by November 6, 2026.
- This deposit will be applied to the overall exam fee in the Spring. The balance will be due by March 5, 2027.
- If you pay the deposit of \$40.00 after the November 6 deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$40.00 (College Board Established Fee).
- If your AP exam is free (first STEM exam or one free exam for students eligible for free or reduced lunch), you will still need to pay the deposit of \$40.00 because the College Board charges \$40.00 for each unused exam. The order for your exam will be placed on November 13, 2026.
- If you pay the deposit, your exam will be ordered on November 13, 2026. If you change your mind and decide not to take the exam in the spring (even if your exam would have been free), the College Board will still charge a fee of \$40.00 for each unused exam, which is what your deposit will cover.
- 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 Fall and is planning to take the corresponding AP exam in the Spring must complete the following THREE ITEMS by November 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.
- Pay the \$40.00 deposit fee online through Total Registration. If you prefer to pay the entire balance by November 6, 2026, then you will not be charged a convenience fee by Total Registration (the balance will be due by March 5, 2027).

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.

Note: It is the student/parents' responsibility to have the student arrive at SPHS on time to take the exam. Once the exam begins, no one will be allowed in the testing room. Having to ride a bus will not be accepted as an excuse for an exam re-take.

Week 1 Schedule			
Date	8 AM Exam		12 PM Exam
Monday, May 3, 2027	X	X	AP Biology
Tuesday, May 4, 2027	AP US Government and Politics	X	X
Wednesday, May 5, 2027	AP English Literature and Composition	X	AP Physics I
Thursday, May 6, 2027	AP World History: Modern	X	AP Chemistry
Friday, May 7, 2027	AP United States History	X	AP Macroeconomics
Week 2 Schedule			
Date	8 AM Exam		12 PM Exam
Monday, May 10, 2027	AP Calculus AB	X	AP Music Theory
Tuesday, May 11, 2027	AP Pre-Calculus	X	AP Statistics
Wednesday, May 12, 2027	AP English Language Composition	X	X
Thursday, May 13, 2027	AP Spanish	X	X
Friday, May 14, 2027	X	X	AP Psychology
AP Art and Design: Deadline is May 7, 2027 at 11:59 PM			
AP Spanish and Culture PPR: Deadline is April 30, 2027 at 11:59 PM			