

AP Exam Updates During the Building Closure

More information will be released on April 3

What we do know...(as of 3/27/20)

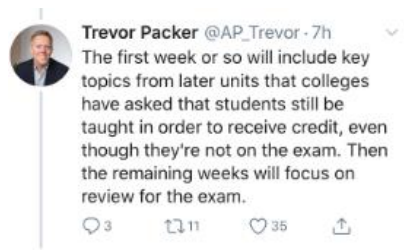
- There will be no paper exams whatsoever. Even if we are back in school before the testing dates, it is my understanding that exams will still be online.
- When CB states, "the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March" they are referring to yearlong courses.
- There will be no multiple-choice questions on any exams. They will all be free-response questions and approximately 45 minutes long.
- Students can cancel an exam at any point without penalty. In other words, there won't be an unused exam fee.
- We will not start issuing refunds for exams until after the testing windows are closed. This will allow all refunds to be processed at the same time rather than trying to issue refunds right now and then again after testing.
- CollegeBoard will provide us with a final list of who tested and who did not.

What I've Read from Other Coordinators (this is neither confirmed nor denied by CollegeBoard yet)

- Only students that were previously registered will be able to test. Moving forward, no students will be able to add a test for a late fee.
- There will be 2 different testing dates for each exam and students will be allowed to choose which date they want to test. This would allow students on block schedule to "catch up" on the material that would have been presented by March in a yearlong course.

Resources:

- Talk to your teachers!!! They are automatically receiving emails from the CollegeBoard as information comes available.
- Online
 - CollegeBoard Updates: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>
 - AP Central
 - CollegeBoard YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/advancedplacement>
 - Social Media: Twitter – follow Trevor Packer @AP_Trevor



Q & A:

Q: When will AP Exams be offered this year?

We're providing two online testing dates for each AP subject—one sooner, one later—so that students can choose what works best for them. Because each AP Exam will only include questions about the units of the course typically taught prior to March each year, many students will prefer to test sooner, while the material is still fresh. By April 3, we'll publish the full exam schedule including the specific free-response question types that will comprise each AP exam.

Q. What should I tell my students and families?

We are committed to providing students with opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they've developed in AP classes this year. During this extraordinary time, we're launching daily video lessons, taught online by AP teachers, as well as AP Exams that can be taken at home.

More information is available at collegeboard.org/ap-covid19-updates and we will email schools and students with important updates.

Online AP Classes

Q. When do online AP classes begin?

Wednesday, March 25, 2020. A schedule of classes, including descriptions of each lesson is available at collegeboard.org/ap-covid19-updates. All classes are available for free and are completely optional.

Q: Where can students access the classes?

Students can find the classes at youtube.com/advancedplacement.

Q. What if a student can't attend a particular class?

The classes will also be available on-demand at youtube.com/advancedplacement so teachers and students can access them any time. But remember these classes are optional, not required. They will begin finishing up the AP course so students have the knowledge for the subsequent coursework in college and loop back to review the entire course.

Q. Will all AP subjects have online classes?

All subjects will have live online classes except for 2-D Art & Design, 3-D Art & Design, Drawing, Seminar, and Research. These courses will instead receive on-demand lessons that will cover the tasks required for the course. These will be available by early April. Computer Science Principles students will receive support from endorsed providers.

Q. Can students attend these classes, even if they're not taking the AP Exam?

Yes.

Q. Can homeschooled, virtual school, independent-study, and self-study students attend these classes?

Yes.

At Home Testing

Q. What kind of exam will students receive?

Students will receive a 45-minute online free-response exam (exact timing to be announced). There will be no multiple-choice questions. Students will complete the exam at home, online, on a specified day and time. To minimize conflicts, students will be able to choose from two different test dates, one earlier or one later.

Like a college exam, these exams will be open book/"open note." They won't test simple factual recall; instead they'll be focused on skills and thematic understandings. Students will not be tested on content typically taught in the last 25% of an AP course, as laid out in the unit structure shown in the AP Course and Exam Description. Visit collegeboard.org/ap-covid19-updates for a list of which units will be included in each AP Exam this year.

Each student response will be monitored by plagiarism detection software, and students whose responses mirror content from the web or other students' submissions will be disqualified.

Student responses will be submitted digitally and scored by remote readers. This is a similar process to the one we have used for years in scoring AP at-home work for college credit in courses like AP Seminar, AP Research, and AP Computer Science Principles.

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Q. All of my students do not have access to a computer and/or the internet at home. How can they test?

Students can test on a laptop, desktop, tablet, or smartphone. Some schools have indicated that they are willing to loan laptops for students who do not have home computers.

We recognize that the digital divide could prevent some low-income and/or rural students from participating. Working with partners, we'll invest so these students will have the tools and connectivity they need to review AP content online and take the exam.

Q. How will you prevent students from cheating?

The exams will be designed to measure skills developed over the course of the academic year that cannot be learned on the fly from Google or chatrooms. Like college history and literary essays, these AP Exams are open book/open note. Students will see the topic at the start of the exam and they'll need to write and submit their responses within the testing time.

Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide. Students may consult textbooks and notes. Each student response will be monitored by plagiarism detection software, and students whose responses mirror content from the web or other students' submissions will be disqualified. We will also disqualify any student sharing exam content via social media, websites, and other means.

Q. Will students with approved testing accommodations such as extended time be able to use them on the exams?

Yes. Details will be shared closer to the exams.

Q. Will exams be available in all subjects?

Yes. By April 3, we'll publish the full exam schedule including the specific free-response question types that will comprise each AP exam.

Q. Will the exam cost the same as before?

Yes. Last year, the College Board's expenses (e.g., printing, shipping, scoring of AP Exams) and services (e.g., fee waivers, scholarships, professional development of teachers) took up ~98% of annual revenues. This year, the unanticipated cost of building and deploying new capabilities like online testing, plagiarism checks, and online scoring of student essays – all on top of our regular expenses and services, will more than fully consume the test fees we receive, even with a shorter exam.