



# THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a TJ AP Student:

Congratulations! Your Thomas Jefferson student has enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course. AP courses are designed to mimic a college class of the same topic in a high school setting. Students who successfully complete an AP course and earn a passing grade on the AP test in May of 2018 can earn college credit. We are very excited that your student has chosen to participate in a rigorous course that will do an excellent job of not only preparing them for college, but also reduce the cost of college for you!

Thomas Jefferson is committed to making AP course work available to all of our students. In doing so, we have purchased all the necessary textbooks for the 14 AP courses we currently offer. This way, students and parents do not have to cover this cost. Also, we have worked to secure grants to help offset the cost of AP testing. Currently, AP tests cost students \$98 per exam. We have qualified for the SEI grant which will cover \$20 for every student who earns an A in the course for the first semester, and \$10 for every student who earns a B in their first semester AP course.

The only other way in which a student can get help with the cost of testing is if a student qualifies and is approved for free or reduced lunch (FRL). The total cost of each AP test they take will be \$20 and we will need proof of status from the district to offer this to you. You can apply online for FRL at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> and turn in a copy of your approval letter to Mrs. Thibodeau or myself.

If students need to move their testing date, there will be a \$45 fee to do so. If a student has two tests that fall during the same window, we can move tests with no fees.

Payments can be made at [payonline.dpsk12.org](http://payonline.dpsk12.org), a site that provides detailed instructions on how to sign in to MySchoolBucks through your Parent Portal account or access [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com) directly. On [payonline.dpsk12.org](http://payonline.dpsk12.org), you'll also find a MySchoolBucks user guide that can be translated into multiple languages and contact information if you need support. (Please note that we have included the 4% convenience fee into the total for the exam cost.)

We very much look forward to supporting your student(s) as they pursue the highest level of academic rigor at Thomas Jefferson. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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