

SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent and Guardian,

Greetings! This letter contains information about the upcoming 2020 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. This year AP Exams will be held May 4th through May 15th. Students who are enrolled in AP classes have already been registered to take the AP Exams for those classes. If they wish to not take the exam, they will need to notify their AP teachers as well as Mr. Peck no later than November 4th 2019. Students are able to purchase AP exams from Shawna Hoch in the Student Store, payments can be made by check or cash no later than November 8, 2019. All students in an AP class are automatically signed up for the exam when they register online in their AP classrooms.

Why Take an AP Exam?

- **Earn College Credits:** As college costs grow each year, the prospect of continuing education becomes overwhelming for many high school students. By making it through an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses. Currently more than 90 percent of colleges and universities across the country offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. These credits can potentially save students and their families thousands of dollars in college tuition, fees and textbook costs, which can transform what once seemed unaffordable into something within reach. You can see specific colleges' guidelines on accepting AP scores for credit and placement by searching the [AP Credit Policy database](http://www.collegeboard.com/apcredit) at www.collegeboard.com. Here you can see how many credits your AP scores will earn you and which courses you may be able to place out of at your future college.
- **Skip Introductory Classes:** If you know what you want to major in at college, taking an AP course related to that major and earning a qualifying score on the AP exam can help you gain advanced placement out of introductory courses. This means that you can possibly place out of crowded required courses, and move directly into upper-level classes where you can focus on work that interests you most. Even if you take an AP exam unrelated to your major, or if you're not sure what you want to major in, AP courses can often help you place out of your colleges' general education requirements. With this additional time on your class schedule, you can pursue a second major or minor, take exciting electives, or follow additional interests in new ways.

Again, students will be receiving more information about the exams from their AP teachers prior to the exam dates in May.

- **Schedule:** Please review the May 2020 AP Exam Schedule posted on the SRHS website and notify Mr. Peck, Assistant Principal, via e-mail at aneck@sracs.org if you know that your child has a conflict OR if

your child has two exams scheduled at the same time.

- Testing Accommodations: Students who have been approved by the College Board for testing accommodations should provide their identification number and information on the form. Please contact Mr. Peck, Assistant Principal, via e-mail at apecck@srcs.org if you have questions.
- Payment: The fee for each AP Exam is \$105.00. Please total the number of exams your child is taking and make a check payable to "San Rafael High School" for the total amount, or issue a cash or check. In the memo area of the check, please write your child's name and the full name of each exam. It is very important the name of the exam is correct to ensure we order the proper exam.
- Reduced Fees: Beginning with the 2018 AP Exam administration, states are no longer able to secure funding for low-income students' AP Exams as they have in the past, through a dedicated federal program. These significant changes in reducing federal funding for low-income students has drastically affected our ability to significantly discount our exams. However, all San Rafael students that have been approved for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program at SRHS will receive a discounted price for each AP exam. The new reduced fee cost is \$53 per exam. Only students who are approved for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program will receive this discount. Students paying a reduced fee per exam must pay at the Student Store to be eligible for the discount, as the online system cannot be set to receive different payment amounts and will thus charge the full amount per exam. For reasons of confidentiality, students may also elect to see Principal Glenn Dennis or Assistant Principal Mr. Peck to turn in their exam payment form.
- Refund Requests: If your child chooses not to take an exam, even with prior notification, you will be refunded \$40 administration fee per exam. This is because College Board still charges the school for the ordered exam. All refund requests must be received 24 hours prior to the exam, and submitted in writing to Shawna Hoch, via e-mail at shoch@srcs.org.
- Other commitments on the day of the exam: Please do not make any other appointments on the day of your AP Exam(s). Delays occasionally cause exams to go over the scheduled time.

Please make sure during exam week that your child is getting plenty of rest and all of the support needed! If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr. Peck, Assistant Principal, via e-mail at apecck@srcs.org or at (415) 485-2332



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Estimados padres y tutores:

¡Saludos! Esta carta contiene información sobre los próximos exámenes de ubicación avanzada (AP) de 2020. Este año escolar, los exámenes AP se llevarán a cabo del 4 al 15 de mayo. Los estudiantes inscritos en las clases AP ya se han inscrito para tomar los exámenes AP de esas clases. Si no desean tomar el examen, deberán notificar a sus maestros AP y al Sr. Peck a más tardar el 4 de noviembre de 2019. Los estudiantes pueden comprar los exámenes AP con Shawna Hoch en la Tienda de los Estudiantes, los pagos pueden hacerse con cheque o efectivo a más tardar el 8 de noviembre de 2019. Todos los estudiantes que están en una clase AP se inscriben automáticamente para el examen cuando se registran en línea en sus aulas AP.

¿Por qué tomar un examen AP?

- Adquiera créditos universitarios: a medida que los costos de la universidad crecen cada año, la idea de continuar con educación superior se vuelve abrumadora para muchos estudiantes de secundaria. Al completar un curso AP y obtener una calificación exitosa en el examen AP relacionado, puede ahorrar en gastos universitarios, más del 90 por ciento de los colegios y universidades de todo el país ofrecen crédito universitario, ubicación avanzada, o ambos, según los puntajes de calificación de los exámenes AP. Estos créditos pueden potencialmente ahorrarles a los estudiantes y a sus familias miles de dólares en matrícula universitaria, tarifas y costos de libros de texto, lo que puede transformar lo que una vez parecía inasequible en algo que es posible alcanzar. Puede ver las pautas específicas de las universidades sobre la aceptación de puntajes AP para crédito y ubicación buscando en la base de datos de la Política de Crédito AP en la página de internet www.collegeboard.com. Allí puede ver cuántos créditos obtendrá según sus puntajes AP y qué cursos no tendrá que tomar en su futura universidad.
- Omita las clases introductorias: si sabe en qué quiere especializarse en la universidad, tomar un curso AP relacionado con esa especialidad y obtener un buen puntaje de calificación en el examen AP puede ayudarlo a obtener una ubicación avanzada en los cursos introductorios. Esto significa que puede posiblemente pasar de largo por los cursos obligatorios, llenos de gente y pasar directamente a las clases de nivel superior donde puede concentrarse en el trabajo que más le interese, incluso si toma un examen AP no relacionado con su especialidad, o si no está seguro de lo que quiere estudiar en el futuro. Los cursos AP a menudo pueden ayudarlo a ubicarse fuera de los requisitos de educación general de sus universidades. Con este tiempo adicional en su horario de clases, puede buscar una segunda especialidad o especialización, tomar optativas emocionantes o seguir intereses adicionales en otros temas.

Una vez más, los estudiantes recibirán más información sobre los exámenes de sus maestros AP antes de las fechas de los exámenes en mayo.

• Calendario: revise el calendario de exámenes AP de mayo de 2020 publicado en el sitio web de SRHS y notifique al Sr. Peck, subdirector, por correo electrónico a apecck@srcs.org si piensa que su hijo tiene un conflicto O si su hijo tiene dos Exámenes programados al mismo tiempo.

• Acomodaciones para exámenes: Los estudiantes que han sido aprobados por el College Board para tener acomodaciones en los exámenes deben proporcionar su número de identificación e información en el formulario. Comuníquese con el Sr. Peck, Subdirector, por correo electrónico a apecck@srcs.org si tiene preguntas.

• Pago: la tarifa por cada examen AP es de \$ 105.00. Sume el número total de exámenes que su hijo está tomando y haga un cheque a nombre de "San Rafael High School" por el monto total, o también puede pagar con efectivo, si paga con cheque, escriba el nombre de su estudiante y el nombre completo de cada examen. Es muy importante que el nombre del examen sea correcto para garantizar que solicitemos el examen adecuado.

• Tarifas reducidas: empezando con la administración de los exámenes AP de 2018, los estados ya no podrán obtener fondos para los exámenes AP de estudiantes de bajos ingresos como lo han hecho en el pasado, a través de un programa federal para este fin. Estos cambios significativos en la reducción de fondos federales para estudiantes de bajos ingresos han afectado drásticamente nuestra capacidad de descontar significativamente nuestros exámenes. Sin embargo, todos los estudiantes de San Rafael que hayan sido aprobados para el Programa de Almuerzo Gratis / Reducido en SRHS recibirán un precio con descuento por cada examen AP. El nuevo costo reducido es de \$ 53 por estudiante. Solo los estudiantes aprobados para el Programa de almuerzo gratis / reducido recibirán este descuento. Los estudiantes que paguen una tarifa reducida por examen deben pagar en la Tienda de estudiantes para ser elegibles del descuento, ya que el sistema en línea no se puede configurar para recibir diferentes montos de pago y, por lo tanto, cobrarán el monto total por examen. Por razones de confidencialidad, los estudiantes también pueden elegir ver al Director Glenn Dennis o al Subdirector Sr. Peck para entregar el formulario de pago del examen.

• Solicitudes de reembolso: si su estudiante decide no tomar el examen, incluso con notificación previa, se le reembolsará una tarifa administrativa de \$ 40 por examen. Esto se debe a que College Board cobrara a la escuela por el examen ordenado. Todas las solicitudes de reembolso deben recibirse 24 horas antes del examen, y deben ser enviadas por escrito a Shawna Hoch, por correo electrónico a shoch@srcs.org.

• Otros compromisos el día del examen: No haga ninguna otra cita el día de su (s) examen (es) AP. Los retrasos ocasionalmente causan que los exámenes AP tomen más tiempo del agendado.

Por favor asegúrese de que su estudiante descanse lo suficiente y que reciba todo el apoyo necesario durante la semana de los exámenes. Si tiene preguntas sobre este programa, por favor contacte al Sr. Alex Peck, subdirector, por medio del correo electrónico apecck@srcs.org o al (415) 485-2332

2020 SRHS ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST REGISTRATION

****THIS IS NOT FOR PLACEMENT IN AN AP CLASS NEXT YEAR****

Deadline for ordering deadline is November 8th – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

NAME (Please print) _____ Grade: _____ Phone #: _____

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS? (You must have approval by College Board) Check here: _____

NAME OF EXAMINATION	EXAM DATE & TIME	EXAM(S) ORDERED Check all that apply	\$105 PER EXAM	AP TEACHER'S NAME
AP ART HISTORY	May 8th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP BIOLOGY	May 11 th , 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP CALCULUS AB	May 5th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP CALCULUS BC	May 5th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP CHEMISTRY	May 7th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	May 11 th , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	May 14th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A	May 8th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPALS	May 15th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION	May 13 ^h , 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION	May 6th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	May 11 th , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP EUROPEAN HISTORY	May 6th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	May 15th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	May 5th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	May 5th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	May 14th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	May 7 th , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP LATIN	May 12 th , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP MACROECONOMICS	May 14th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP MICROECONOMICS	May 13 ^h , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP MUSIC THEORY	May 13 ^h , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP PHYSICS 1: ALGEBRA BASED	May 7th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP PHYSICS 2: ALGEBRA BASED	May 6th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP PHYSICS C: ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM	May 4 th , 2020 @ 2:00pm			
AP PHYSICS C: MECHANICS	May 4 th , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP PSYCHOLOGY	May 12 th , 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP SEMINAR	May 12 th , 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	May 12 th , 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP SPANISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE	May 7th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP STATISTICS	May 15th, 2020 @ 12:00pm			
AP STUDIO ART 2-D DESIGN PORTFOLIO	Due to Teacher by May 8 th			
AP STUDIO ART DRAWING PORTFOLIO	Due to Teacher by May 8 th			
AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	May 4th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP UNITED STATES HISTORY	May 8th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN	May 14th, 2020 @ 8:00am			
		TOTAL # OF EXAMS		TOTAL COST OF ALL EXAMS

(Remember to submit completed registration form to Student Store with payment) - Make checks payable to San Rafael High School.

Office use only: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Total \$ _____

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2020 ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Students enrolled in AP courses are *highly encouraged* to take the AP exam. With qualifying AP Exam scores, students can earn credit, advanced placement, or both at the majority of colleges and universities. Please note the policy regarding issuance of college credit is determined **ONLY** by the college or university a student applies to, and will vary among institutions. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board or the AP Program, grant course credit and placement.

AP Exam testing dates at San Rafael High School are May 4-8 and May 11-15, 2020.

- ❖ **AP registration is in the Student Store from October 1st – November 8th, 2020 before school, at break, at lunch, or after school before 4:00 pm.**
- ❖ **The cost of each AP exam is \$105. Payments must be made by cash or check (made payable to San Rafael High School).**
- ❖ **The College Board offers reduced fees in very specific financial situations. Students who qualify will pay \$53 per Exam. Ms. Hoch in the Student Store will complete a Request for Financial Aid form for all students who would like to receive financial assistance.**

For any questions regarding registration for AP exams, please visit the College Board website, <http://www.collegeboard.com/ap/students/index.html> or call Mr. Peck at 415-485-2332.

Special Circumstance Procedures

Early testing is not permitted under any circumstance.

Late/alternate testing is not permitted for senior class trips, assemblies, family vacations or family graduations.

Alternative Testing details:

- If a student is ill, an alternate test will be arranged **(free of charge)** if the illness occurs prior to administration of the exam and the student has a doctor's note. If the student is in school the day of the exam, he/she will be expected to take the exam.
- **A \$45 - \$55 fee WILL be charged for each alternate exam that is not due to:** serious illness; an athletic or academic event; religious holiday; student court appearance; two AP exams on the same date and time; or a family tragedy.
- See Mr. Peck in the Main Office to order an alternate test.
- **A \$15 fee WILL be charged for any unused exam.** Therefore, if you order an exam, take it. If not, the fee will be applied to your school account.
- Occasionally extreme circumstances may make it necessary for a particular exam to be administered late to an individual student or a group of students. Only students affected by these circumstances may test late; everyone else must take the exam at the set time on a regularly scheduled date. The College Board develops alternate forms of each exam that are used only for late testing. All students who participate in late testing at a given school must take these alternate exams on the scheduled alternate testing dates at the scheduled times.