

Students;

Sorry for the long email, please take the time to read the updated information from AP Teachers. I am sure they have already updated you during class about the changes to the AP Exams, but I think it is helpful to have it in writing to refer back to. Please reach out to your teachers if you have any additional questions.

A few key factors you will want to be aware of:

1. If you have not already registered for an AP Exam, the College Board is not allowing any late registration.
2. If you would like to cancel an exam you already registered for, please let Mrs. Hixon know and she will help you cancel the exam and receive a refund.
3. All exams will be 45 minutes online.
4. It is important you understand the particulars of each exam you will be taking and how you submit your answers.
5. Updated testing schedule: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

Specifics from Teachers:

Juniors: AP Language and Composition

NEW NEWS: The AP Language test will consist of one Rhetorical Analysis essay only. You may write or type this essay. You will have 45 minutes. Juniors are very familiar with this type of essay. Mrs. Hixon reports that many colleges have decided they will accept credit. I now recommend registered AP testers take the test. I will receive a copy of all test essays at the end of May so that I may confirm they are not likely plagiarized. I will also grade these essays as a final AP assessment. Test is Wednesday, May 20.

Seniors: AP Literature

NEW NEWS: The AP Literature test will include one Prose analysis essay only. You may write or type the essay. You will have 45 minutes. Seniors are very familiar with this type of essay. Mrs. Hixon reports that many colleges have decided to accept credit. I now recommend registered AP testers take the test. I will receive a copy of all test essays at the end of May so that I may confirm they are not likely plagiarized. I will also grade these essays as a final AP assessment. Test is Wednesday, May 13.

AP Biology

Though AP Bio covered all required testing material prior to Spring Break, seeing the new testing parameters, I am now concerned. My biggest concern is that the entire year of study is

now condensed into TWO, four-part, free-response questions- most likely on very complicated processes. With that said, if the students feel confident about 1) the ability to “interpret and evaluate experimental results” and “conceptual analysis,” and have particular confidence in 2) the topics on cells (struc/func, comm, mito/meio), cellular energetics, and gene expression/regulation, then take the 45-min test. I will explain more in class.

AP Calculus AB

Overview:

The AP Calculus AB Exam will now be taking place on Tuesday, May 12th at 12pm (MST). The exam will now consist of two multi-focus free-response questions, and will follow an open-book and note format. Each of the two free response questions will cover two or more eligible units and topics (from Units 1-7, NOT Unit 8).

From College Board:

- Students will have 25 minutes to read and respond to Question 1 (60% of overall score), and then 5 minutes to upload their response. After uploading the response to Question 1, students will have 15 minutes to respond to Question 2 (40% of overall score), with 5 additional minutes to upload their response to Question 2. Once their response to Question 1 has been submitted, they cannot go back to it.
- For students who prefer to type their responses on a computer rather than handwriting and photographing, we will provide a “keyboarding tip sheet” in advance of the exam, with suggestions on how to enter various mathematical expressions on a regular keyboard.
- Questions on the 2020 AP Calculus AB Exam are designed such that a graphing calculator or other calculator is not required. However, the use of a calculator is allowed. Simple (“four-function”) calculators are freely available as apps for computers and phones (i.e. most or all internet-connected devices), and can be installed beforehand for use on the exam.
- No arithmetic or calculations will be required beyond what can readily be done with pencil and paper. As always, AP Calculus AB students are advised to submit “unsimplified” numeric answers, in order to avoid risking arithmetical errors not related to calculus.

Update from Jager:

We are presently finishing the last of new material from Unit 7, and will proceed to focused AP review as soon as possible. We will do so by mainly using old free response questions, as well as AP resources geared toward this year’s modified exam as they continue to become available. Students will be informed of and encouraged to use these resources regularly to guide their review over the final month of class, both inside and outside of class.

AP Calculus BC

AP Calculus BC students registered for the AP Calculus BC exam will continue to work towards the AP Test as planned. Test date and time set now: Tuesday, May 12, at 12:00noon (Colorado time). AP Board offering 15 review videos on YouTube aiming directly at this year's test....highly recommend that all students watch these on-demand videos.....[www.youtube/advanced placement](http://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement).

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science Principles will move forward with Explore Task + Create Task. AP will not be giving a multiple-choice exam

AP Chemistry

AP Chemistry will continue to work towards the AP Test delivered in May. We will begin with revision immediately and continue as planned until the test date. All students are encouraged to plan on taking the AP Test as planned. The changes to the AP Test due to the coronavirus will advantage our students and they should feel confident as we move forward with our studies. The new test date is Thursday, May 14 at 2:00pm. The test will be open note and consist of two FRQ test questions with 45 minutes of test time and 10 minutes of uploading time. The test will cover Units 1-7 only.

AP Environmental Science

Though APES has now covered almost all required testing material, seeing the new testing parameters, I am concerned. My biggest concern is that the entire year of study is now condensed into TWO, four-part, free-response questions. With that said, if the students feel confident about 1) the ability to "design an investigation," 2) the ability to "analyze an environmental problem and propose a solution," and have particular confidence in 2) the topics on populations, Earth systems, land/water/energy use, and air pollution, then take the 45-min test. I will explain more in class.

AP Spanish

Since all test takers this year are native speakers, I recommend that they take the Exam. The Test is now based on 2 Aural Responses worth 50% each:

#1 is Conversational

- Question 1 will consist of similar components to the traditional AP Spanish Language and Culture interpersonal speaking task, Conversation. The task will be modified to allow for aural delivery of the conversation, including repeated delivery of the directions and the conversation topic, in order to allow for note taking. The task will focus on having students respond to a recorded interlocutor's questions.

#2 is Presentational Cultural Conversation

- Question 2 will consist of similar components to the traditional AP Spanish Language and Culture presentational speaking task, Cultural Comparison. The task will be modified to allow for aural delivery of the task, including repeated delivery of both the directions as well as the prompt in order to allow for detailed note taking.

AP Macro

The AP Macro test will consist of 3 FRQ like normal. Collegeboard has eliminated the MCQ portion of the test and has also removed 1 unit of testable material. We will finish covering material and review with the remainder of April and May. I believe those that registered for the test will be prepared for the new format.

AP Macroeconomics will continue to work towards the AP Test delivered in May. Mr. Mysnyk will be sharing specific changes to the test and continue the plan of study this next week via Zoom.

AP Statistics

The AP Statistics test will consist of 2 free response questions. The College board has removed 2 units from the testable material. We have covered all material that will be tested and will spend April Reviewing.

AP STUDIO ART

Students are now only required to submit 3 Selected Works, reduced from 5. These 3 works will only be submitted digitally. Students are no longer required to send in physical works for this section. Also, students are required to digitally submit 10 images for Sustained Investigation, reduced from 15. We will work to organize our uploaded images and text, so it is ready to submit for the new deadline of May 26th.

AP US History

Instruction and preparation for the AP US History tests will proceed as planned. With one Unit left and numerous online resources, we feel confident in our preparation. Mr. Lukanich will reach out to discuss whether participation in testing is appropriate for students individually.

Update: AP test will consist of one 45 minute DBQ. We have covered all units and will begin review. The exam will be open note and book.

AP World History

Instruction and preparation for the AP World History tests will proceed as planned. With one Unit left and numerous online resources, we feel confident in our preparation. Mr. Lukanich will reach out to discuss whether participation in testing is appropriate for students individually.

Update: AP test will consist of one 45 minute DBQ. Open notes and book. We have covered all units and will begin review.

Please remember all teachers are available to review your AP Exam options with you. Also, Mrs. Hixon can talk with you about specific college credit for DE and/or AP exams.

Hang in there guys! This is new for everyone so do not feel like you are doing it alone, we are all in this together!

Be well,

Mrs. Hixon