

# AP 2020 Update

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Dear Amador and Argonaut AP Students and Families,

**We are thrilled to confirm that AP Exams for 2019/2020 are a go!!!** As we try to navigate this new journey of Distance Learning, we would like to notify you of some important upcoming temporary adjustments to the Advanced Placement (AP) Program. AP Exams for the 2019/ 2020 school year will be available for Amador and Argonaut students to take, but in a different way. Previously, AP exams were in paper form and administered during a designated day, time and place and in front of a proctor. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College Board will be offering TAKE-AT-HOME AP exams for schools that have moved to distance learning for the remainder of the school year, a new option that has entailed some changes to AP exam content and administration. The good news is that our public and private college systems throughout the nation will consider test scores earned through this year's alternate testing format valid. In the past, the alternate testing format has been used regionally, when areas have been unable to administer the tests in the usual format after a local disaster. This means our students who have worked so hard throughout this school year will continue to have the opportunity to earn college credit by passing their AP exams! Since all of our AP students signed up for their AP exams through their College Board account, their exams have been ordered and the administration of their "take at home" AP exam will be online!

Here is what you need to know regarding:

## TECHNOLOGY

1. Students must have access to one of the four forms of technology: smartphone, Ipad, laptop or personal computer. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option.
2. Students must have Internet access.

3. If your student does NOT have access to technology or the Internet, s/he must reach out to the College Board directly by April 24th via the following link:  
[AP Exam Internet or Device Need](#)

## CONTENT

**Each exam taken at home will be a secure 45 minute online exam for each course.** The exam content will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March. Most exams will have one or two free-response questions, and each question will be timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question. They will be given 5 minutes to upload their response after each section. **Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up.**

To help navigate the new distance learning instruction model, the College Board encourages AP students and teachers to attend optional free, live AP review courses, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. AP Online Classes and Review Sessions are now available on demand through [AP You Tube Channel](#). Should you have specific questions about the new AP Exam content and format, please contact your AP teacher directly. We want to reassure you that the consensus among AP teachers is that the College Board has been appropriately flexible when facing extraordinary situations in the past. AP teachers are confident that our students will be able to truly demonstrate their mastery of the material covered in their AP courses prior to mid-March. Please, feel free to learn more about the College Board's efforts to ensure our students have a fair opportunity to excel on their AP Exams this school year by accessing [AP Updates for Schools Affected by the Coronavirus](#)

**Should an AP student need help with their AP Classroom login and/or password, please have the student contact AP Services for Students at 888-225-5427.**

Neither AP teachers nor AP Coordinators can recover login information for AP students or parents. Only the very kind and helpful agents available through the College Board's AP Services for Students can assist.

# NEW TESTING SCHEDULE

## Exams by Local Start Times

Below are the primary exam dates.

<b>Pacific Coast Exam Start Times:</b>	<b>Pacific Time: 9:00am</b>	<b>Pacific Time: 11:00am</b>	<b>Pacific Time: 1:00pm</b>
<b>11-May</b>	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	<b>United States Government and Politics</b>
<b>12-May</b>	Latin	<b>Calculus AB</b>  Calculus BC	<b>Human Geography</b>
<b>13-May</b>	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	<b>English Literature and Composition</b>	<b>European History</b>
<b>14-May</b>	<b>Spanish Literature and Culture</b>	Chemistry	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
<b>15-May</b>	Art History	<b>United States History</b>	Computer Science A

<b>18-May</b>	Chinese Language and Culture	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Environmental Science</b>
<b>19-May</b>	Music Theory	<b>Psychology</b>	Japanese Language and Culture  Italian Language and Culture
<b>20-May</b>	German Language and Culture	<b>English Language and Composition</b>	Microeconomics
<b>21-May</b>	French Language and Culture	<b>World History: Modern</b>	Macroeconomics
<b>22-May</b>	Comparative Government and Politics	<b>Statistics</b>	Spanish Language and Culture

## **NEW AP EXAM PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

Amador and Argonaut AP students will be able to make their final exam payments online by using the MySchoolBucks account. Simply log into MySchoolBucks.com and create an account if you do not have one already. Click on “School Store” at the top of the page and then select “Browse all items.” You will then see all of the Amador and Argonaut AP exam options. Select the AP exam(s) for which you have a remaining balance (\$54), select your student’s name and then click “add to basket.” When you have all AP Exam payments selected for your student(s), you may then click on “Buy Now” and make the final payment using your credit or debit card!

**Fee Reduction Waivers** Unfortunately, the College Board will not allow us to have students complete a fee reduction waiver following the initial AP exam order deadline in the Fall. Rest assured that those students who already have a fee waiver on file with their school have a zero AP payment balance as of this time.

**\*\*\* New AP Final Payment Deadline is June 1st!!!**

Please, know that we are extremely sensitive to how the COVID 19 pandemic has economically impacted our families. In effect, we want to share with you the payment extension that the College Board has graciously shared with us! If the remaining cost of the AP exam proves too great a hardship for families, the College Board is offering to refund the \$40 exam deposit that was made in the Fall. **We just kindly ask that the AP student or parent email the AP coordinator at his/her school site with the AP exam drop and refund request.**

Although students may decide to drop their AP exam(s) at any time, it is our hope that they wait until the last possible minute before determining to do so! Given the College Board's outstanding AP support systems and our AP instructors strong commitment to ensuring student success, we are confident that our students have an excellent opportunity to excel on their AP exams this Spring in spite of the unanticipated challenges that have appeared.

Please, do not hesitate to reach out to your student's AP teachers should you have specific questions about AP exam content or to reach out to your high school's AP coordinator should you have questions about AP administration or payment. ***Thank you so much for your support of our AP program and especially our AP students!!!***

Respectfully Yours,

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