

# Amador High School

## Advanced Placement Program 2020-2021



September 30, 2020

Dear AP Students & Families:

By now AP students should have registered with the College Board by joining each of their AP classes at [myap.collegeboard.org](http://myap.collegeboard.org). By default, the College Board has indicated that each registered student is planning to take their AP exam this Spring! However, AP exam orders will only be formally processed ~ by yours truly ~ once the attached AP exam order form is completed and the AP exam(s) are paid for in full. This is what students and families need to know to successfully complete AP exam ordering this school year:

**The cost of each exam this year is \$95.00.**

**To place an order:**

**1) Complete the online order form through this Google Form link:**

**Updated Link: [AP Exam Ordering Form 2020-2021](#)**

**2) Make a \$95.00 online payment through [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com)**

**The deadline for AP exam orders and payment is Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

In the past we required a \$40 deposit only in the Fall and full payment in early May prior to AP testing. Students who did not make their full payment had their AP exam(s) withheld and returned to the College Board with no added cost to the student or School District. However, when AP exams were taken online last Spring, some students did not complete their full payment and our District had to front the remaining cost. We will now be unable to collect the remaining balance until the students with outstanding balances request to collect their diploma. With the potential for online AP testing once again this Spring, we may yet again be without a means of ensuring full payment of AP exams. **In effect, we are now requiring full payment upon ordering.** Simply log into [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com) and create an account if you do not have one already. Click on “School Store” at the top 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) you plan to take, select the student’s name and then click “add to basket.” When you have all AP Exam payments selected for student(s), you may then click on “Buy Now” and make the final payment using a credit or debit card. If you run into any issues, you may contact Tammy Kaup at [tkaup@acusd.org](mailto:tkaup@acusd.org) or 257-7341. *One helpful tip: some families experienced difficulty last year purchasing over their cell phone, so we recommend using a computer when placing your order to ensure success!* 😊

## **Test Fee Reduction**

Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches, students who are currently in foster care, or students who are homeless, **are not required to pay full AP exam fees!** **Income eligible students pay \$40.00 per exam.** However, these students must complete an AP Exam Fee Waiver Form **each year** to qualify for the reduced exam fee. There is no limit to the number of exams income eligible students can complete. **Please, email Megan Nelson ([megan.nelson@acusd.org](mailto:megan.nelson@acusd.org)) or your counselor to request an AP Exam Fee Waiver form to qualify for the test fee reduction.** We ask that the completed AP Exam Fee Waivers and the \$40.00 payment/exam be made by check (payable to Amador High School) or cash and returned to the Amador High Office to Megan Nelson.

## **Late Testing**

AP Exams give all students the same opportunity to demonstrate their achievement only when no one knows the questions in advance. Occasionally **extreme** circumstances make it necessary for students to test late. To preserve the security of AP Exams, the College Board develops alternate forms of exams for late testing. All students who participate in late testing must take these alternate exams on the scheduled late-testing dates (given during the May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> time period.) In most cases an **additional fee of \$40.00** is charged for late testing.

**If you believe you may need to schedule a late test, you must talk to Mrs. Eichman prior to Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Be sure to check your sport's schedule when it becomes available!)**

In the case of an extreme emergency (illness, family tragedy, etc.) preventing you from taking your regularly scheduled AP exam, you would need to talk to Mrs. Eichman as soon **as you know** but no later than the day of the scheduled exam.

Stay tuned for AP exam proctor and test site schedule to be announced in April. *Until then – continue working hard in your current AP courses and know that we are so proud of your hard work, perseverance and resilience!!! 😊*

Respectfully Yours,

*Lara Eichman*

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