



Dear AP<sup>®</sup> Student and Parent/Guardian:

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the AP<sup>®</sup> Program is introducing new resources and processes designed to help students earn college credit and placement.

Here's what you and your student need to know:

**Registration:**

- Students will be asked to register for year-long AP<sup>®</sup> course exams in the fall. AP<sup>®</sup> Exams will continue to be given in May.
- AP<sup>®</sup> exam registration for year-long courses will take place in September and October. The **preferred deadline is October 4, 2019**. The **final deadline is November 15, 2019**.
- Students enrolled in a spring semester course will sign up for the concurrent AP<sup>®</sup> exam **by March 13, 2020**.
- As a student enrolled in Alief ISD, the district will continue to cover the cost of the exam (\$94). However, **parents and students should be aware that if a student chooses to register late, cancel an exam after November 15/March 13, or does not take an exam that was ordered for them (absent on testing day), the student/parent will be charged \$40 for the late registration/canceled/no show exam.** Students and parents will be asked to sign an agreement stating that they understand the registration process prior to registering for an AP<sup>®</sup> exam.

**Resources:**

- Each AP<sup>®</sup> course comes with a description and instructional unit guide that will be used in the classroom to help prepare students for the AP exam.
- During the first week of school, students will be given a “join code” to enroll in their AP<sup>®</sup> classes in myAP<sup>®</sup>.
- Students will have access to online formative assessments that will help measure progress toward success on the AP<sup>®</sup> exam. Students will get personalized feedback through the new digital tools that will provide daily support for every AP<sup>®</sup> classroom. Their teachers will be able to track their performance throughout the year using monthly personal progress checks.
- Students will have access to more instructional resources through their myAP<sup>®</sup> accounts.

To get ready for the coming school year, please encourage your child to sign up for a College Board account. All College Board programs are connected through one account, so if your child created one for the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>, SAT<sup>®</sup>, or College Board Opportunity Scholarships, they're all set. They'll just need to have their username and password available.

To learn more, please visit [parents.collegeboard.org](http://parents.collegeboard.org) and [apstudent.collegeboard.org](http://apstudent.collegeboard.org).

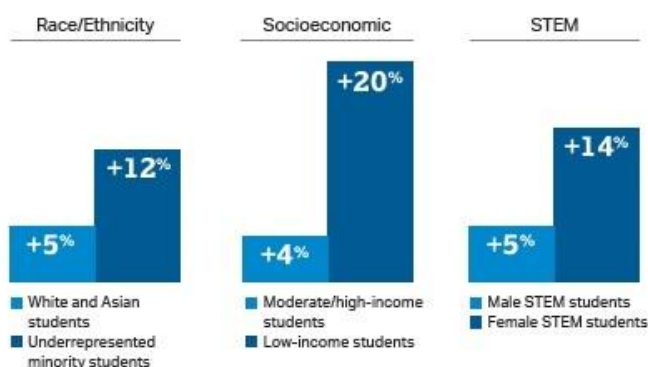
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# Charting a Path to College Credit

## More Students Succeed When They Register in the Fall

More than half of schools that offer AP ask students to commit to taking the exam in the fall, boosting their chance of earning a score that translates to college credit. We've seen the benefits firsthand. Our 2017-18 fall exam registration pilot included 100 schools and 40,000 students. At these schools, scores of 3 and above increased across student groups:



### EXAM COSTS

The exam fee and the fee reduction haven't changed for the 2019-20 school year, but we're introducing two new fees—one for late registration and another for canceling the exam. These fees encourage students to commit to the exams early and stay engaged throughout the year, increasing their chances of earning college credit. We were pleased that very few students in our pilot paid these fees. The best outcome we can imagine is to finish each school year without collecting a single late or cancellation fee.

Type	Description	Cost per Exam
On-time order	Exam ordered by November 15	\$94
Late order	Exam ordered between November 16 and March 13	\$94 + \$40 fee
Unused/canceled exam	Exam canceled or not taken by the student	\$40

## What These Changes Mean for Students

The AP experience will largely remain the same—students will still sign up for classes at the same time, and exams will still be administered in May—but there are a few changes they'll notice throughout the 2019-20 school year.

### FALL COMMITMENT

Students will sign up for AP Exams in the fall. Your school will provide directions on how to register and will place the exam order for students. If a class doesn't start until after the fall deadline, AP coordinators can still order exams by the spring deadline.

### NEW RESOURCES

Students will get personalized feedback through new digital tools that provide daily support for every AP classroom. Their teachers will be able to track their performance throughout the year using an online bank of real AP practice questions and monthly personal progress checks.

## Your Student's To-Do List

Here is what students need to do to prepare for the 2019-20 AP school year.

### THIS SPRING

- Students sign up for AP classes at school.

### BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Students visit [apstudent.collegeboard.org](http://apstudent.collegeboard.org) to learn more about AP courses and exams.
- Students without a College Board account should create one and set their password. They'll need their username and password when their AP classes start in the fall.
- Students who already have an account should make sure they know their username and password.

### FALL 2019

- First week of class:** Teachers will give students a join code for each of their AP classes. Students use their College Board username and password and join code to enroll in their class section.
- October/November:** Schools submit exam orders.

### SPRING 2020

- March:** Schools submit any changes to their exam order and order exams for students in spring courses.
- May:** Students take AP Exams.

### SUMMER 2020

- July:** AP Exam scores are released.