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Dear AACPS Families:

We hope everyone is safe and healthy. As you know, this is a challenging time for all of us, so we thank you for working together as we continue to move ahead and thrive. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with updated information regarding AP exams. You have probably received by now updates from College Board, showing how they are taking unprecedented steps to administer AP exams for this coming May 2020, while still working to maintain the integrity of the exams. College Board is assuring students that they can still have the opportunity to earn college credit by earning an acceptable (determined by each specific college) exam score. The latter information has been shared on your AP account and with AP teachers. Highlights of the updated AP information (below), as well as the updated [AP Exam schedule](#), can also be found on the College Board [website](#). Please be sure to follow the steps below to help you feel very comfortable in preparing for and taking the AP exams.

- Students will receive instruction from their AP teachers via Google Classroom. Students will get to practice the testing experience through simulations in the AP Classroom. [AP Live](#) on YouTube will also have lessons available for every subject, to help students prepare for the AP exam, and to provide guidance with this new process.
- Students can use any type of device to test: i.e. PC, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Students will use one device to take the AP exam. Visit www.Cb.org/tech if your student has connectivity or device issues that may limit your AP exam access.
- NO new AP exam registrations will be allowed.
- Students will receive guidelines for taking the AP exam at home; that information will be given to students in late April, along with instructions to log in to the secure site via your AP Classroom Account in a home testing guide published by College Board.
- The AP exam will NOT be multiple choice, rather most AP exam formats will be 45-minutes of written response.
- World Language AP exams will NOT have writing or reading tasks. Students will be asked to call in and record two speaking responses.
- Students can type or write out their work, then upload to College Board.
- AP exams are Open Book/Open Note. Security protocols are in place to ensure that students don't/can't cheat. Remember, Academic Integrity is still expected...("integrity is what you do when no one is looking"). Additionally, collaboration with others will NOT be tolerated. Any student found to be in violation of Academic Integrity during this AP exam testing will be reported to ALL the colleges/universities that you have on your college board record. Please be assured that College Board is using state of the art programs that have been built to detect plagiarism. The 45 minute time limit and the question design is in place so that Google searches will not be beneficial.
- Students MUST keep your own time (a timer will be on the screen), but if you miss the submission time, your work will NOT be scored.



- Testing accommodations – if a student has extended time, they will automatically receive time extension. Other accommodations will be outlined in the home testing guide.
- AP teachers will receive student response (work) copies by 5/26/20 to ensure authentic student work as well.
- Colleges/universities in the U.S. have indicated they will support AP exam scores for these abbreviated tests for placement.
- Students who choose not to test will be given a full refund. Students do not need to cancel their exams—they simply do not click the test link that will be sent to their AP account at the time of the test. Once College Board has sent a full and complete list of students who tested, we will begin the refund process. This will likely not begin until mid to late June.
- The following link will take you to a link that shares information for parents on how to support your student and help them prepare for the exam. You are asked to register, and once you enter your information the video will begin playing.
https://globalmeet.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1302024&tp_key=73070ccd21

If you have additional questions, not addressed by the College Board, please contact Virginia Fernandez Milosvich, AP/College Preparation Specialist at vfernandezmilosvich@aacps.org.

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