



June 5, 2019

Dear Advanced Placement (AP) Student,

Thank you for your dedication to your academic studies. As you select your courses in your high school years to come, especially as you consider college-level courses, it is important that we inform you of the new Advanced Placement (AP) program changes made by The College Board for the 2019-20 school year. These changes include:

- 1) New AP digital resources for students, teachers, and coordinators
- 2) Earlier AP test registration (moved from spring to fall semester)

The new AP resources were designed and tested by AP teachers across the nation to provide focused content, greater efficiency, and increased flexibility. They will help you, our student, master the content and skills needed for success in your AP courses and on the exams. Teachers will also be able to measure student learning year-round to support individualized student conferences and personalized approaches to the learning.

Access to the new AP resources and AP test registration requires an initial digital activation by every AP student at the beginning of the new school year. In fact, **students enrolled in one or more AP courses next school year will need to have their College Board credentials (email, username, and password) before the first day of school in order to complete this digital activation process. The credentials are chosen/generated when you create your College Board account.** Please note:

- If you do not have a College Board account, you will need to create one before the first day of school. Visit this link to create your College Board account: <https://pages.collegeboard.org/account-help/how-create-account>
- If you already have a College Board account, you will still need your College Board credentials to access your account. In some cases, students may have more than one College Board account and those will need to be merged. For account help students and/or parents can visit <https://pages.collegeboard.org/account-help> or call The College Board at 888-225-5427 or 866-315-6068.

Exam registration, ordering, and payment will be moving from the spring to the fall semester for all AP students across the nation. Schools will have to submit their orders to The College Board by November 15, 2019. To ensure accurate and timely processing of all AP test registrations, **the deadline to register and pay a deposit for students taking AP exams in all Anne Arundel County Public Schools is November 1, 2019.**

Please read the handout attached for more information on the upcoming changes. Each high school will also be hosting an AP parent and student information night in September and/or October 2019.

We look forward to seeing the growth these changes will bring to our students. For additional information, please contact Don Counts, Pre-K to 12 Advanced Learning Coordinator ([dcounts@aacps.org](mailto:dcounts@aacps.org)) or Virginia Fernandez Milosvich, AP Specialist ([vfernandezmilosvich@aacps.org](mailto:vfernandezmilosvich@aacps.org)) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Tillar".

Mary Tillar  
Assistant Superintendent for  
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Attachment  
Charting a Path to College Credit