

How to Prepare Your Students for the 2020 AP Exams

Dear Colleague,

Additional information is now available to help guide you and your students through the exam day experience.

New Resources

- <u>2020 AP Testing Guide</u> (.pdf/10.9 MB): The guide, designed for educators to walk their students through test day, provides information about:
- The AP Exam e-ticket
- Five steps to take before test day
- Understanding the test day experience
- Exam scores, credit, and placement
- <u>2020 AP Exam Day Checklist</u> (.pdf/526 KB): Teachers should have their students complete this checklist **for each exam they take** and keep it next to them while testing.
- <u>Explainer Videos</u>: New videos are available to give students quick, easily accessible information about their test day experience, what they need to do to prepare, exam security, and more. Explore the <u>playlist</u>.

Other Reminders

• AP Exam Demo (available May 4): AP students should use the clickable exam demo to practice the different ways to submit their exam responses. The demo will help students confirm that their testing device will be able to access and run the online exam. If they can't access the demo, the final slide of the Testing Guide can help them troubleshoot. The sample content in the demo will be the same for all users and isn't a practice exam. We'll send educators and students an email to remind them when the demo is available. Please encourage your students to take this important preparation step.

- Educator Webinars: Trevor Packer, the head of the AP Program, will walk participants through the 2020 AP Testing Guide. AP staff will answer questions during the presentation. This series of webinars includes:
- Discipline-specific webinars for AP teachers, April 28–30
- Updates for AP coordinators webinar, May 1
- An exam day webinar for school counselors, May 4
- Online <u>AP Classes and Review Sessions</u> prep week: The week before exams, online AP classes will focus on the exam day experience and sample exam questions.
- **Student Outreach:** If any of your students are having difficulty receiving College Board emails, walk them through the steps on the <u>"Confirm your email address"</u> page.
- Information for AP Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish Language and Culture Exams:
- The above exams will be administered using a new dedicated app, the AP World Languages Exam App. Students taking these exams must use this app on smartphones or tablets. This free app will be available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store the week of May 11. We'll email students and their teachers to let them know when the app is available to download. Visit our site for more details.
- A video walk-through of the test-taking experience will be available the week of May 4.
- Details on accommodations for the above exams are also now available.
- If your students are unsure about accessing the app, or if they don't have a device, they can fill out <u>this survey</u> (or you can complete it on their behalf) as soon as possible so we can help support them (applicable to U.S. and U.S. territories).
- Information for AP Music Theory Exams:
- Before exam day, students will need to print or hand copy the 2020 Music Theory Answer Sheet and gain access to an audio recording app or software before exam day. Please see more information on the <u>website</u>.

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