

# AP Testing logistics 2021

**Here we go Tigers!!**

**Agenda:**

- Administration dates
- Digital vs. Paper Pencil
- Next steps
- Resources
- AP Payment

# Dates:

This year College board is offering three different testing windows.

We will start AP testing in the first administration window which is: Administration 1. This window will test the Spanish Language (May 11<sup>th</sup>) and Spanish Literature (May 7<sup>th</sup>) AP classes. These tests will be pencil paper tests.

All other subjects will be done during administration 2 (May 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>) in order to have facilities available, proctors, covid protocols in place, and exam scores in July for our Seniors.

Let's look at dates:

- Administration dates:
- <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-calendar>

## Next steps:

- If your test is digital, you will need to take it at home. The only students who will be able to take a digital test here on campus will be those who have a need. A need is: **not having internet or reliable internet, and/or your school laptop does not work and you need to use a school computer.**
- The survey looks like this: <https://forms.office.com/r/LybSLANGhq>

# What we know about digital testing:

- • **Registration:** I have assigned all of you to your designated test date. The only ones who have an alternate test date are those who are challenging Computer Science Principles.
- • **Testing locations:** Digital exams are encouraged to be taken at home. Unless there is a need.
- • **Length:** Digital AP Exams are full-length exams that test the same knowledge and skills as paper and pencil exams; most have multiple-choice and free-response sections.
- • **Exam dates:** You will have to take your test on the assigned date. If you are late to your test you will not be allowed to retake the test during a makeup date. Makeup testing dates will be during administration 3 which fall in June. Seniors, if you have to do a makeup test in June you will receive your scores in August. This could create a problem for you because many of you will already be starting or registered for your fall courses. If you are not able to take your test on the assigned date due to illness or any unforeseen excusable circumstance, you will need to first let your teacher know and then let me know ASAP. Failure to let me know, will not be my responsibility.
- • **Start times:** Exams have synchronous start times, For exams with 2 sections, the second section starts automatically, after the scheduled break.
- • **Devices:** Exams are taken on desktop and laptop computers (Mac, Windows, school-managed Chromebooks) and may not be taken on smartphones; the computer must have a power cord.
- • **Internet:** An internet connection is required, but students will be able to continue testing even if their connection drops momentarily.
- • **Readiness steps:** Students need to complete a few steps before exam day to confirm that their testing computer is ready for the exam; beginning in April, educators will have access to a dashboard that helps them track students' progress preparing for and completing digital AP Exams.
- • **Practice:** Beginning April 8, students and educators will be able to access the digital testing application and practice with each type of multiple-choice and free-response question students will see on exam day. Digital exam practice will also confirm students' technology and let students practice using the tools and features in the digital testing application.
- • **Accommodations:** Digital AP Exams will be accessible to students with disabilities who have received approval for testing accommodations by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office. Students will not need to reapply for accommodations to take digital AP Exams. Contact me if you have questions.

# Exam Security:

- Exam Security 2021 digital AP Exams have been designed with security in mind, so students can take exams at home if they are unable to test at their school.

- Digital exams administered at home or in school will:

Not allow students to return to answered questions or move back-and-forth between unanswered questions

- Begin at the same time worldwide with synchronous section start times
- Include security features to prevent students from collaborating, accessing unauthorized aids, or attempting to have someone else test for them

- Textbooks and notes are not permitted for digital exams administered in school. We understand students taking digital exams at home may have access to these materials. To prevent students from gaining an unfair advantage, digital exams will:

- Not include questions that can be answered with internet searches, textbooks, notes, study guides, or similar material

- Be reviewed with plagiarism detection software

- Be reviewed with post-exam analyses to identify collaboration or use of unauthorized aids Exam violations on any AP Exam—paper or digital—will result in a score cancellation and additional consequences as warranted. Comparing Digital and Paper and Pencil Exams

# Comparison of both:

- Compared to a paper and pencil version, there's nothing about an AP Exam being digital, or about any particular version of the digital exam, that inherently affects a student's ability to get a particular score. All versions of an AP Exam, whether paper or digital, cover the same content, use the same question types, and in most cases have the exact same number of multiple-choice and free-response questions.

## HOW 2021 DIGITAL AP EXAMS ARE DIFFERENT THAN 2020 EMERGENCY AP EXAMS

	2021 Digital AP Exams	2020 Emergency AP Exams
Length	Full length about 3 hours	Shortened around 45 minutes
Question Types	Most 2021 digital AP Exams include multiple-choice and free-response questions	Only included free response questions.
Hand -written Responses	All answers to free-response questions must be typed into the digital testing application	Students had the option to submit photos of handwritten responses
Devices	Computers only (PC, Mac, school-managed Chromebook)	Computers, smart phones, and tablets were permitted
Internet	Requires internet, but designed to enable students to continue testing, even if there's a momentary disruption in local connectivity	Required internet
World Language and Music Theory Exams	Not offered in digital format because of student access to online translation apps and instruments, which don't allow for secure and fair assessment of reading and writing skills and sight-singing	Only speaking skill was assessed on the world language exams.



# Classroom must “do’s.”

- Your AP teachers should or already are asking you if you know your College Board username and password . **If you don't know your credentials, you need to try to retrieve them using forgot password/forgot username. If that does not work, you need to contact College Board.**
- **Remind that it's important that your personal information is accurate in your College Board account. You must use your legal name, correct date of birth, etc. Inaccurate information could jeopardize their ability to test or access their scores.**
- If any students need to correct information in their account, they should contact AP Services for Students (888-225-5427, [apstudents@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:apstudents@info.collegeboard.org)) as soon as possible.

# Email addresses need to be personal:

- You should be checking your email frequently, particularly in the weeks before their digital exam.
- If you are not receiving email updates from College Board, then you need to look at your college board settings and check what email you listed.
- Instructions:
- [https://www.sisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001452/Centricity/Domain/10576/01839%20MyAP%20Student%20Account%20and%20Email%20Update Final 042720.pdf](https://www.sisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001452/Centricity/Domain/10576/01839%20MyAP%20Student%20Account%20and%20Email%20Update%20Final%20042720.pdf)
- Show digital video:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUtHuYfPsFY>

April 8 :

More information will be arriving.

- Students and educators will be able to access the digital testing application and practice with each type of multiple choice and free response questions that students will see on the exam.

# In closing:

- Last day for students with pending payment will be Wed. March 31<sup>st</sup>. April 1<sup>st</sup> those who have not made payment will have a cancelled exam. This could affect your final classroom grade.
- Remember that AP testing is part of your classroom curriculum. Macroeconomics is the only negotiable test.
- If you have a missing AP payment, you will need to fix this ASAP. Please call me. I can better explain than your teachers. Emails and outcalls will be sent to students again.
- Survey is due by Monday, April 5th. After that it will be closed. It will be posted on Tiger Den at the end of the day today.

# AP Coordinator:

- Contact Mrs. Simpson at 915-236-2522. Remember no school on Friday.