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MEMORANDUM

To: All AP Teachers and Students
From: Mr. Eric Gerber, AP Coordinator
Through: Dr. Shawaan Robinson, Principal
RE: AP Exams

Taking the Advanced Placement exam is an important part of all AP courses. Paint Branch High School encourages all students who are enrolled in an AP course to participate in the corresponding AP examination. Many colleges and universities indicate that they often do not attach value to a course labeled AP unless an official AP Exam grade is also presented for that course. Scoring well on an AP exam can often earn students college credit for their high school class, saving a significant amount on tuition.

AP Test Registration:

For the 2026 AP exams, all students at Paint Branch High School will need to **register online** for their exam through the **CollegeBoard website**. This registration will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access. You should have only one (1) CollegeBoard account for all of your CollegeBoard administered exams (ie.: PSAT, AP, SAT exams). If you have multiple CollegeBoard accounts or are having issues with your account, please call CollegeBoard directly for assistance. Online Exam registration will begin on **Mon., August 25, 2025 at 7:30 AM and end on Fri., November 7, 2025 at 11:59 PM.** In order to register, students should click on the link provided on the school website or visit <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/> to join the AP Classroom and to register for their exam(s). You should have received your AP Classroom Join Code from your teacher for each of your courses. To complete exam registration, students must add their course to their myAPclassroom with the "Join Code" that their instructor has provided. **Once you are in your course classroom, you will need to indicate (no later than Fri., November 7, 2025 @ 11:59 PM) whether to order you an exam.** The system is defaulted to "YES", **you will need to move that to "NO" if you choose not to take an exam ordered for you** in May 2026. We know that parents may desire to register their students for exams, however only the student can order the exam through the my APclassroom portal. We strongly recommend that parents and students are both present while registering to ensure that the correct exams are ordered.

AP Test Payment:

The AP Exam fee for 2026 is **covered by MCPS for all exams that you are taking during the school day.** However, **if your order is not finalized prior to November 7, 2025, you will be obligated to pay a \$40 late fee for each exam ordered after November 7.** There will be a charge of \$40.00 per exam for all exams canceled after **Mon., November 7, 2025.** If you wish to order an exam for a course that you are not enrolled in ("Self Study"), you will be obligated to pay \$94 for the exam.

The following AP exams will be offered May 2026:

Digital Exam	Paper/Pencil	Hybrid Exam
African American Studies	2-D Art & Design/ Drawing	Biology
AP Seminar	French Lang. & Culture	Calculus AB
Computer Sci. A	Spanish Lang. & Culture	Calculus BC
Computer Sci. Principles		Chemistry
English Lang. & Comp.		Physics 1
English Lit. & Comp.		Physics C: Elect. & Mag.
Environmental Sci.		Physics C: Mechanics
Human Geography		Statistics
Psychology		
US Gov't. & Politics		
US History		
World History: Modern		

Please Note:

- Students wishing to take exams that are scheduled for the same time slot should see the AP Coordinator, Mr. Gerber, to discuss late testing options.
- Under no circumstances may an examination be given before the scheduled starting time.
- **February 2, 2026** is the deadline for submitting requests **for testing accommodations** for students with disabilities. Please visit the AP College Board website (<https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/ssd-online>).

Please contact Mr. Eric Gerber at 301-388-9901 or via email at: Eric.Gerber@mcpsmd.net, if you have any questions.



