

Advanced Placement Frequently Asked Questions

Spring 2020

Q: Will there be an option to test in person, such as in the past?

A: The College Board will not be offering any face-to-face exam options this year.

Q: When will my AP Exam be given?

A: The College Board will announce the exam schedule on April 3, 2020. Each subject will have two different test dates – you pick which you would like to test on. The announcement will be made on this site: [College Board Corona Virus update](#).

Q: I'm in AP Art and Design (2D, 3D or Drawing), Computer Science Principles, Seminar, or Research. What are the deadlines for my course projects?

A: Specific deadlines and work volume can be found in the table on this site: [College Board Corona Virus update](#).

Q: What will be on the AP Exams?

A: The exams will only have one portion – the free-response portion. The questions are being developed by AP teachers.

Q: Will there be subscores given for Calculus BC or Music Theory?

A: This year, there will be no subscores given.

Q: Is it too late to sign up for an exam?

A: Yes, it is too late. You may only take the exam(s) that you signed up for and paid for.

Q: Will the exam cover the entire year of content?

A: No – the test will be on approximately 75% of the year's material. This is what has been covered by most AP teachers nation-wide. Specific chapters that will be on the exam for each subject are listed in the table found on the [College Board Corona Virus update](#) site.

Q: Will colleges and universities accept exam scores as in the past?

A: Colleges and universities have indicated that they will accept the scores from this year as in the past. In the past, due to emergencies, the College Board has offered shortened exams to specific places in the US. These have been accepted the same as the full, traditional exam.

Q: How long will my exam take?

A: The College Board has said the each exam will take approximately 45 minutes.

Q: How will the College Board stop cheating?

A: Since the only portion being tested is the free-response (writing) portion, you will be providing your own thoughts as an answer. The College Board will run all responses through plagiarism detection software to ensure that the answer is in your own words.

Q: What kind of device will I need to use?

A: You will be able to use any device that will support an up-to-date browser: a Windows device, a Chromebook, and Apple device – even a smartphone (according to the College Board!).

Q: What if I have technical difficulties during the test?

A: The College Board is working on solutions. MMSD will post solutions as soon as they are provided. This may include a technical help line number.

Q: What if I want to cancel? Do I get my money back?

A: If, after all the work that you put into your AP course, you decide that you wish to cancel your exam, you can without penalty this year. You will need to make this decision by 11: 59 pm on April 30, 2020. After that, you will not be able to cancel and get a refund.

What is refundable? The cost of the exam only will be refunded by the College Board. For MMSD students, that will be \$110/exam. Late fees, if applicable, will **not** be refunded.

If you originally paid for your exam with a credit card, the service fee cannot be refunded.

To cancel an exam, go to <https://assessment.madison.k12.wi.us/ap-testing-madison>. You will find instructions on the right side of the page.