

# Summary of Changes to AP Testing for Staff

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The College Board has just released changes to the AP examinations for this year. Below is a summary of what the changes are, timelines, and resources for you as an instructor. This information is taken from the College Board's [COVID-19 website](#).

## Changes to testing:

1. Traditional testing will not take place this year. All tests will be online except as noted.
2. Students will have 2 dates to select from to take a test. Dates announced on 4/3/20.
3. The exam will be 45 minutes in length.
4. Material covered by most AP courses in the US will be the only material used to create the test. The list of chapters covered can be found on the College Board's [COVID-19 website](#).
5. Colleges have already stated their support for accepting the shortened AP exam results.
6. Students will be able to use any device, including smart phones, to take the test.
7. Equity and support for accommodations: MMSD is committed to providing support for ALL students. As we learn more details regarding exam dates and what accommodations will look like, we will be sharing plans with staff, students and families.
8. While we are encouraging students to make decisions closer to exam dates, if a student decides to cancel an exam(s), they will not be charged to do so.
9. Beginning on March 25, there will be a series of free AP Review Classes offered by the College Board. A schedule is [here](#).

## Timelines:

- March 25: Free AP Review Classes will be offered online by the College Board. These mobile-friendly courses will be available to all students, are on demand, and are available at any time. These courses are:
  - Designed to be used alongside work that may be given by schools.
  - Being recorded and available on-demand so teachers and students can access them any time.
  - Not dependent on current AP teachers continuing instruction. We know many AP teachers now face challenges that would make that impossible.
  - Focused on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course. There will also be some supplementary lessons covering the final 25% of the course.
- April 3: Test dates announced. Digital content will be unlocked so that students can access and practice all test question types that will be on this year's tests. This includes students who are not in an AP course this year.

## Resources for Instructors:

- 1. If you have already been using AP Classroom:**

Teachers who are providing remote instruction can continue to leverage AP Classroom, which we introduced at the start of the school year.

- Within AP Classroom, free-response questions that were only available for in-classroom use due to security concerns will now be unlocked.
- Teachers will be able to assign questions to students digitally.

Here is a very helpful [one-page overview](#) (.pdf/514KB) of how AP teachers can use the free, daily online practice in AP Classroom to help students prepare for exam day.

## 2. If you have not begun using AP Classroom and would like to start:

AP teachers can access these additional video resources to help them get set up with AP Classroom (Topic headers link to YouTube videos):

- **Foundations.** Learn how AP Classroom complements the new AP course and exam descriptions and offers students opportunities for practice and feedback throughout the year.
- **AP Classroom Demo.** See a click-through demonstration of AP Classroom, which highlights how to assign, score, and interpret results from Topic Questions, Personal Progress Checks, and teacher-created assignments and quizzes from the AP Question Bank.
- **AP Quick Start Videos.** Watch short tutorials on the recent features added to AP Classroom.

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