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Dear AP Exam Participant:

This email provides you with an update from the College Board regarding the Advanced Placement Program's administration of Advanced Placement exams. The Advanced Placement Program has finalized their revisions to this year's May 2020 exams. Here are some of the highlights:

Advanced Placement Exams

The traditional face-to-face exam administrations of AP exams will not take place for the 2019-2020 school year only. The exam has been revised to be a 45-minute online free-response exam to be taken at home.

Exams will be open book/open notes. Students will be asked to apply content. Questions that can be easily "googled" or done with computer assistance will not be tested. Most exams will consist of two free response questions and will not include any multiple-choice questions. This year's exams have been designed to honour and reward the good work that students already did prior to school closures and, thus, focuses on the content that most teachers covered prior to March.

NOTE: There are no exams for AP Seminar, Research, Computer Science Principles, and all Studio Art Portfolios courses. These courses have online submissions that are required by May 26.

Students who have already been approved for accommodations (e.g. extra time) will have these automatically implemented on their exams.

Students will be given the option to use a desktop computer, laptop computer or phone to complete their exam. If students need to write their answers on a piece of paper by hand, they must take a photo of their answers to upload. Or, they can type their answers directly using a laptop or desktop. AP will provide some type of exam simulation so that students can see what the uploading of answers will be like and decide between the two options. They will also produce an AP TESTING GUIDE (pdf and videos) near the end of April, which will have more information regarding the exam.

Regarding testing security, students will need to answer questions to validate their identity. Also, at the end of the exam period, a copy of all student exam answers will be sent to the corresponding AP teacher, so that teachers can see if their answers/handwriting is consistent with what they have noticed in class during the year.

It is important to note that there will be a timer on the online exam. However, students will need to keep track of their own time. There will be no proctor announcing when there are 10 minutes left and when the exam is over. Also, if students do not upload or submit their answer within the specified time frame, their response will not be marked.

AP Exams are scheduled for Monday May 11 to Friday May 22. Exams begin either at 9 AM, 11 AM or 1 PM Pacific time. Although a make-up testing date from June 1 to 5 is available for those who have received SCHOOL approval, all students are expected to write their exam in May, as students may end up having technical difficulties in the May sitting of the exam. Details about exam dates and exam content can be found here:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>

Universities across the country are voicing strong support for students to complete the AP experience, take the exam, and receive the credit they deserve. Universities are especially supportive given the uncertain financial future many families face, and the value of students entering college with credit. You can potentially save over \$600 per course, if students choose to use their AP credit (assuming they get a 4 or 5 on the AP exam, some universities will also give credit if students score a 3)

Students can opt-out of writing the exam, if they prefer not to write it. The Advanced Placement Program will be sending exam login credentials to all of the students who have registered to take the exam. Exam log in credentials will be provided by AP through the e-mail students provided in AP classroom. Students should ensure that their e-mail is up to date in the system.

If students choose to opt-out of writing the exam, they should NOT use the exam login credentials to write the exam. Please note that once students have accessed the exam by using the credentials given, they will be considered as having “taken the exam” and a refund will not be possible.

Once AP has noted which students did not write the AP exam in May or June, they will send that information to the school. After that information is received by the school from the College Board who administers the AP Program Exams, refunds for the fee will be issued.

Additional Remote Learning Resources Provided to Prepare for the AP Exam

In addition to the continuity of learning provided by teachers in the upcoming weeks, course-specific exam information, including exam dates and times, descriptions of the exam; exam features, exam scoring and exam security can be found here:

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On Youtube, one can access daily online AP classes taught by AP teachers.

<https://youtube.com/advancedplacement>

Please contact your Advanced Placement Coordinator (nina.dharsee@burnabyschools.ca) or AP teacher if you have further questions.