

15 January 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on participating in Advanced Placement classes, courses which provide college-level academic experiences that challenge and inspire. Students who take AP courses and exams demonstrate to college admission officers that they have pursued an educational experience that will prepare them for success in college and beyond. Performing well on an AP exam means more than just the successful completion of a course. Most colleges and universities accept successful exam scores for credit, advanced placement, or both. Research consistently indicates that students who are successful in AP typically experience greater academic success in college than those who do not participate in AP programs. **The 2023 AP Exams will be administered May 1 - 12.** As we approach the testing dates, more details will be provided to all AP students who are planning to take AP exams.

Costs and Fees:

- Each AP exam costs **\$105.00.**
- If a student is on a **free or reduced lunch** – **first AP exam (any exam) is free**; additional AP exams for students on a free or reduced lunch are **\$ 53.00 each.**
- If a student is taking science or math (STEM) AP exams, the first STEM exam is free (for any student, not necessarily for students on a free or reduced lunch).
- **ALL students enrolled in AP courses in Spring MUST pay the full balance by March 1, 2023.**
- **If you pay the balance of your exam after the deadline, March 1st, you will be charged a late fee of \$ 40.00 per exam** (College Board established the fee).
- **Remember that first AP science or math exam is free.**
- **If you are on a free or reduced lunch, you can take one exam (any exam) for free,**
- **or one free exam for students on a free or reduced lunch), you still need to pay a deposit of \$ 40.00 because College Board charges \$ 40 for each unused exam.**
- **If you pay the balance by March 1st, your exam will be ordered on March 15th, 2023.** If you change your mind and decide not to take the exam after this date (even if your exam would have been free), College Board will still charge a fee of \$40 for each unused exam, which will be taken out of the balance that you paid.
- Students requiring **financial assistance** should see **Shannon Lawson** (slawson@paulding.k12.ga.us).

Action Steps:

Any student who is taking an AP course in the Spring and is planning to take the corresponding AP exam in the Spring must complete the following **THREE items by March 1, 2023:**

- **Register for the corresponding AP class/section with College Board** (myap.collegeboard.org, you will need a join code from your AP teacher).
- Register with Total Registration (totalregistration.net) which be used for fee processing.
- **Make a payment for the AP exams online through Total Registration. All the payments are due by 3/1/2023.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I will be happy to assist you with any inquiries and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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