

AP Testing Changes 2019-20

Change is coming to AP Testing

Parents and students need to know about these changes, how they'll affect registering and paying for tests, and how MCHS will address these new requirements.

This document seeks to:

- Provide a detailed overview of these changes
- Show plainly the differences between current and new procedures
- Provide practical tips you and your student may go ahead and start doing to prepare for next year.

Previous Procedures

Spring Test Registration/Payment

Students have previously signed up and paid for tests between late January and mid-March. This allows teachers time to check on students' readiness to test and parents to pay during the second half of the year.

Students Register and Pay for Exams using Total Registration

Students create an account or log in to Total Registration, where they pay for exams using a credit/Debit card or mail in a check.

Changes for 2019-20

Fall Test Registration/Payment

Students will now register and pay for tests by mid-November. There will be less time to check readiness and payment will be due much earlier. The fee to register for tests after the November deadline is **\$40** per registration. Our test registration site will open Friday, 8/30/19, and the deadline to register for tests without additional fees is 11/1/19.

*AP Macroeconomics is taught spring semester-the deadline to register for this test is February 28, 2020.

Students will register and pay with Total Registration, but must also have a College Board Account.

Students will continue to register and pay for AP Exams through Total Registration. However, each student will also be required to have an active account on CollegeBoard.org (College Board is the company that oversees the AP Program and provides exams). College Board Accounts are required to:

- Obtain demographic information for each student so that this information can be printed for answer sheets, rather than students having to bubble name, address, etc.
- Utilize online course resources for each of their AP courses.

Students who have previously taken AP exams (or the SAT) should already have an account-this is where they view scores on these exams. This is a good time to go ahead and make sure you know your child's login information. Have your child visit www.collegeboard.org. If they are unable to log in, use the "forgot username or password" feature to recover this information (no one at MCHS has access to this information).

Previous Procedures	Changes for 2019-20
<p>Exam Fees</p> <p>College Board has charged \$94 for exams for students who do not have free or reduced lunch, and \$53 for those who do have free or reduced lunch. The state of Georgia has paid for one Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math AP Exam for students without Free/Reduced lunch, or one Exam of any kind for students with Free or reduced lunch. MCHS lowered the cost of a full-priced exam to \$80.</p> <p>If a student decides not to test, they may be refunded with MCHS retaining \$15 of their payment for an unused test fee, which is assessed by College Board.</p>	<p>Exam Fees</p> <p>College Board's cost for exams has not changed- either \$94 or \$53 based on a student's lunch status. The State of Georgia will continue to pay for one Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math AP Exam for students without Free/Reduced lunch, or one Exam of any kind for students with Free or reduced lunch (you'll indicate lunch status and whether or not you're taking a STEM exam during registration). MCHS will continue to charge \$80 for full-priced exams.</p> <p>If a student decides to cancel their exam registration OR does not test, the unused/canceled test fee is now \$40 instead of \$15.</p>

Madison County students have tested extremely well with continued success and improvement.

Our teachers will continue to do the awesome job they've always done to prepare our kids for testing, and our students will show up ready to test and continue to be great examples of what we do at MCHS.

2020 Exam Schedule for AP courses commonly taught at MCHS

	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Week 2	8:00 AM	12:00 PM
May 4	US Gov		May 11	Biology	Environ. Sci.
May 5	Calculus		May 12		Psychology
May 6	Eng. Lit.		May 13	English Lang.	Microecon. Music Theory
May 7		Physics	May 14	World History	Macroecon.
May 8	US History	Art History Studio Art	May 15	Comp. Sci. Prin.	Statistics

What next?

1. Know your login information for Total Registration www.totalregistration.net/AP/111005 and College Board www.collegeboard.org (or create accounts if needed).
 - a. No MCHS staff member has access to passwords for these websites. To assist with password recovery, we have created a confidential Google form accessible only to Mr. Bennett which you may use to list your account information for College Board and Total Registration. The use of this form is completely optional-you do not have to complete it if you do not feel comfortable doing so. You may access the form at: <https://forms.gle/bjqvZSmewtHgCeRR9> or by scanning the QR code below:



Feel free to write them here to retain for your records:

Collegeboard: Username: _____

Password: _____

Total Registration: Username: _____

Password: _____

2. Begin financially preparing for these exams. We understand that AP Exams, even after state and MCHS fee reductions, may be a financial strain. We have set total registration up a little differently this year to try to help with this. ***Please note: MCHS accepts no payment for these exams. All exam payments must be made by check or credit/debit card through Total Registration's website*** To register for an exam, you'll need to pay a \$40 deposit PER EXAM by November 1st, 2019. Once you've paid this, you can make partial payments (in \$40 increments) until March 2, 2019-hopefully this increases your flexibility in being able to pay for these exams. Any exams not paid for in full by March 2 will be canceled, with MCHS retaining a \$40 fee per exam.
3. Students with Free/Reduced Lunch receive one free test and all other exams are \$53. You'll be asked about lunch status during registration, and if you indicate that you do have free/reduced lunch, your registration will be held until Mr. Bennett confirms your lunch status-you'll be able to pay any fees after he has done so.