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Dear Parent or Guardian:

South Atlanta High School is proud to participate in the Advanced Placement program. The Advanced Placement program is owned by CollegeBoard and they have very specific guidelines that are required of all the participating schools around the country, including the cost, dates and times of the exams. The AP program is meant to be a standardized measure of a student's knowledge base in specific content areas. It is also intended to provide high school students with an opportunity to experience a college level curriculum. Research strongly supports the hypothesis that a college-like experience in high school leads to greater success in college as measured by GPA, years to complete college and college completion. South Atlanta High School offers the following AP courses:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP US History
- AP World History
- AP 2-D Art Studio

AP courses are considered Honors level classes and students receive Honors weight in the computation of GPA. Courses are subject to the approval of the Atlanta Board of Education and CollegeBoard. Either entity can determine whether or not a class curriculum fulfills the needs of the student body and/or the AP program and whether or not it will be continued or discontinued. The AP program also allows students not enrolled in an AP course to take an AP exam. If a student wishes to take an AP exam in a content area in which we do not provide instruction, please contact the AP Coordinators at South Atlanta High School: Ms. Michelle Bowman.

There are many benefits to participating in the AP program. It is our position that every student needs to assess his academic status and academic goals and balance these with personal priorities. We encourage all students to pursue rigorous and challenging high school

curricula that will allow them to grow towards their potential and make them stronger candidates when applying to college. The benefits of participating in the AP Program include:

- An acquisition of a deeper understanding and knowledge base of the subject matter
- An enhanced college candidacy through willingness to challenge themselves with the most rigorous courses offered at South Atlanta High School
- An overt demonstration of ability to be successful in a college level class
- The potential to earn college credit which leads to less out-of-pocket expenses and a shorter college career
- An improvement of GPA, class rank and potential for financial reward.

There might be concerns about the initial cost, which may be refundable, and the change in lifestyle that may occur due to the significant amount of time required by the curriculum.

The cost of each AP exam is \$87.00. There are fee reductions available for students with financial need. Exam fees are expected to be paid in full with a check payable to South Atlanta High School before March 1st. The 2017 exam schedule is as follows:

2017 AP Exam schedule		
Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
Wednesday, May 3, 2017	English Literature and Composition	
Friday, May 5, 2017	United States History	
	Studio Art — last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly. Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to Coordinators before this date.	
Week 2	Morning 8	

	a.m.
Monday, May 8, 2017	Biology
Tuesday, May 9, 2017	Calculus AB
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	English Language and Composition
Thursday, May 11, 2017	World History

Please note: students are expected to report to the testing site 30 minutes before testing is scheduled to begin. All afternoon activities conflicting with an AP exam are expected to be forfeited in favor of the exam. An additional pre-administrative session will be required before the first day of testing. That date is to be determined.

We at South Atlanta High School understand the need to maintain a balanced life. We believe that a balanced life includes academic challenges; the AP program provides this opportunity in a safe and supportive environment. With that in mind, we encourage all of our students to participate in at least one AP class during their high school career.

If you have any further questions about the AP program at SAHS please contact Michelle Bowman. If you have any questions of the CollegeBoard in regards to the AP Program please search them on the web at CollegeBoard.com.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bowman

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