



MERIT Minutes

"Maximizing Education to Realize Intellectual Transformation"



Upcoming:

Monday, Sept. 2 -
Labor Day Holiday

Friday, Sept. 13 -
HOMECOMING

October 3-4 -
Benchmarks

Monday, Oct. 7 -
Friday, Oct. 11 -
FALL BREAK

Friday, Oct. 21 -
Deadline for AP
Exam registration

Wednesday, Oct. 30 -
PSAT (9th-11th)



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All About Advanced Placement

Everything you need to know and more about AP Classes!

★**AP CLASSROOM** - all students in AP classes use this to practice answering AP-style questions online; the rationale for correct answers is provided and a progress dashboard helps students pinpoint strong and weak content areas to help them prepare for the AP Exams.



★**AP EXAM REGISTRATION** - students must either sign up for their exams (or decline) on their AP Classroom portal by **Oct. 21**.

★**AP EXAM COST** - a full-price AP Exam is \$94. Thomas County Schools will subsidize the cost of AP exams for students earning qualifying grades and who meet an attendance requirement:

- A fee of **\$20 per exam** is due by Nov. 4; cash or check/money order payable to TCCHS; give to Mrs. Dixon (front office) or Mrs. White (MERIT office.)
- If a student earns an 85 or higher unweighted course average at the end of 1st Semester and has 5 or fewer absences in the AP class by the date of the exam, **the school district will pay the remaining \$74 for the exam.**
- If a student earns an 80-84 unweighted course average at the end of 1st Semester and has 5 or fewer absences in the AP class by the date of the exam, the school district will pay **half** of the remaining cost of the exam and the student will pay the balance of \$37.
- The balance of one STEM exam per student is paid for by the GA DOE.
- Fee waivers are available for students who qualify; see Dr. Rehberg.
- College Board's exam cancellation fee is \$40 for each cancelled exam.
- College Board's late registration fee is \$40 for each exams ordered late.

Why Should A Student Take the AP Exam?

AP is a global credential - recognized worldwide!

★**AP EXAM SCORES** do not affect the grade a student earns in the class, but qualifying scores will help a student earn credit for college and signal to universities that a student is ready to learn on the collegiate level.

★**RESEARCH** shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than to complete a college degree on time than those who do not.

★**COLLEGE BOARD AP SCHOLAR AWARDS** can be earned by taking and excelling on tests. These distinctions can factor into college admissions.