

## AP Exams 2020 – Update 3/23/20

Greetings LHS AP Students,

I hope you are all well, keeping busy at home, staying safe, and practicing social distancing. These are uncharted waters for all of us and it's only been one week thus far. The following is the update on AP Exams this year at LHS. **Be sure to check your school email daily for school updates.**

All AP Exams will be accessible online this year and will only be 45 minutes long. Each AP subject exam will consist of Free Response Questions only and there will be **no** Multiple Choice Questions.

The College Board has decided to waive all AP Exam cancellation fees this year, thus allowing students out of their registration contracts if they so choose. **Due to these unforeseen circumstances, LHS AP students will not be required to take the AP Exam associated with their AP course this year.** We continue to recommend that students still take the AP Exam in order to have the possibility of earning college credit. College Board is making this process as easy as possible this year by only requiring the 45-minute online test – the choice is yours.

AP Exam fee refunds: If AP students decide not to take their AP Exam they will receive a full refund of their AP Exam Registration fees. Students need to contact and notify Mr. Smith by email no later than Friday, April 10, 2020 if they would like to cancel their registration.

Taking the AP Exam online: **If you need access to a computer or wifi in order to take your AP Exam please email Mr. Smith no later than Friday, April 10, 2020.** We need to have a list of names to give to the College Board in order to figure out how to supply students with the technology they require to take the AP Exam.

**The information below is what we have from the College Board about the AP Exams.** We will keep you updated as we learn more or if anything changes. Please contact Mr. Smith at [aribaudo-smith@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:aribaudo-smith@lowell.k12.ma.us) with any issues or questions regarding this update to AP Exams.

## **COLLEGE BOARD INFORMATION:**

The full exam schedule, specific free-response question types that will be on each AP Exam, and additional testing details will be available by **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** on [AP Central](#).

### **About This Year's AP Exams**

- Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home.
- We'll continue to support students with free resources through exam day.
- While we encourage students to wait until closer to the test date to decide, any student already registered for an exam can choose to cancel at no charge.

### ***Test security is a concern.***

The exam questions are designed and administered in ways that prevent cheating; we use a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software, to protect the integrity of the exams.

Scoring at-home work for an AP Exam is not new to the AP Program. For years the AP Program has received and scored at-home student work as part of the exams for the AP Computer Science Principles and AP Capstone courses.

### **Instructional Support**

Beginning on **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, students and teachers can attend [free, live AP review courses](#), delivered by AP teachers from across the country. These mobile-friendly classes are:

- Designed to be used alongside work that may be given by schools.
- Will be recorded and available on-demand so teachers and students can access them any time.
- Not dependent on current AP teachers continuing instruction. We know many AP teachers now face challenges that would make that impossible.
- Will focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course. There will also be some supplementary lessons covering the final 25% of the course.

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**\*\***The schedule will be posted online on the CB website at the link attached to this post.

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<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronav>

### **FREE Internet Access:**

Comcast is offering 60-days of free Internet access to low-income subscribers via their Internet Essentials program. There will be no term contract or credit check and no shipping fee.

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