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Dear AP student and parent/guardian,

Our Advanced Placement team has been following the updates from the College Board very closely in the past weeks as information has been released about how AP testing will work this year. We wanted to wait until we had the best information possible to share with you and after a series of informational webinars for schools at the end of last week, we feel like we have the best information we are going to have. The purpose of this letter is to share with you what we know about AP testing this year so you and your family can make an informed decision about what is best for you.

All AP testing will happen at home this year. It is up to the student and their family to ensure all testing requirements are met and that the technology and testing conditions are ready for test day. The test will be offered at one specific time during the May window. If you are testing, you must test at that exact time. If you run into any obstacles completing your test there is a make-up window in June. Here is the May testing schedule for tests Licking Valley students are taking.

Exam Date	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
Monday, May 11			US Government and Politics
Tuesday, May 12		Calculus AB	
Wednesday, May 13	Physics 2		
Thursday, May 14		Chemistry	Physics I
Friday, May 15		US History	
Wednesday, May 20		English Language and Composition	
Friday, May 22		Statistics	Spanish Language and Culture
Tuesday, May 26	AP Computer Science Principles digital portfolio must be submitted by 11:59 PM.		

What is the purpose of the AP test?

Students receive high school credit for their AP class based on the final grade they receive in their class. College credit is determined by the score they receive on the AP test given by the College Board. At Licking Valley the two measures are independent. The student's grade is not impacted by the test score and college credit is not given based on the grade they earned in the class. If your student wants to attempt to earn college credit for the class, they must take the AP exam.

For more information about AP testing during the coronavirus shutdown, visit the AP for students page at: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>. Your student also has their own MyAP account they can log into for detailed information from the College Board.

What will the exam look like this year?

AP testing will happen at home on an electronic device. We expect most of our students will choose to use their LV issued chromebooks, but they can use any device they would like, including their cell phone. This year's test will be 45-minutes and depending on the subject area, most will be either one or two extended response questions only.

The two exceptions to that for LV students are the Spanish exam and the Computer Science Principles exam. The Spanish exam will be 22 minutes long and the response will be spoken using a special testing app. The Computer Science Principles exam will be the digital portfolio students have been working on for an extended period of time.

Will colleges give credit for this shorter exam?

While we cannot speak to any specific college's policy, the College Board continues to assure teachers and students that colleges are telling them they will give credit for this year's tests. Ohio law requires that students who receive a 3, 4 or 5 on an AP test be given college credit at any public Ohio college or university.

What does it cost to take the AP test?

The fee for each AP exam is \$94. If a student received free or reduced lunch from Licking Valley, there will be no charge for the exam this year.

AP fees were charged as part of a student's school fees at the beginning of the year. If you have paid your student's school fees, you have already paid for the test.

Will students approved for accommodations due to a disability receive those?

The College Board is assuring us students will have access to all approved accommodations for testing.

What does my student need to do to prepare for test day?

The College Board has created a checklist for students to go through before test day. We are including a copy of that in this letter. It walks them through important steps they need to take to ensure they are prepared. We strongly recommend going over the checklist with your student.

Your student must have access to a reliable internet connection at the time of the test.

May 4, 2020 College Board is releasing a demo version of the testing software for students. (May 11 for AP Spanish.) All students intending to test should complete the demo ahead of time to ensure they are familiar with the process and to have a chance to troubleshoot any problems they run into. If they have any trouble with the demo, they are responsible for notifying their teacher as soon as possible.

How is the College Board ensuring test security?

The College Board is monitoring test security through their software and by sending student responses to teachers to flag anything they notice out of the ordinary (for example if handwriting is not the student's normal handwriting). Examples of security measures in place include:

- Students will receive an emailed test ticket two days before the test. If they forward that email to anyone else, it will trigger a security alert.
- Students will log in to the test site 30 minutes before the test and have to answer a series of security questions to help ensure they are the person taking the test.
- All student responses will be run through software to check it for plagiarism.

What do we do if we run into a problem during testing?

The College Board has shut down all support call centers during the pandemic. There is no one to call or email questions to. The only option if a student runs into trouble on test day is to submit a form to the College Board requesting they be given the opportunity to retest in June.

What has the LV staff done to support students and prepare them for this test?

AP instructors are specially trained by the College Board and each year they have their syllabus approved by the College Board in order to assure course content is aligned with the AP test. Each of our teachers has worked diligently this school year to prepare your student for this assessment. When the shutdown happened, they immediately adjusted course content to focus on the new testing format as the College Board shared information with them about what to expect. Each member of our AP team has participated in online forums, webinars, etc. to learn about the changes and be able to support our students as much as possible. Our AP team has continued to meet regularly throughout shutdown to discuss changes and the best way to prepare our students.

In addition to focusing on content preparation, each teacher is providing information to their students ahead of time about how testing will work and how answers will be submitted.

AP Testing During Shutdown vs. Traditional AP Testing

Shutdown Testing	Traditional Testing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP instructors are specially trained and follow a very specific curriculum based on directives from College Board to prepare students for the exam.• Students must complete all class assignments given by the teacher to earn a final grade in the class.• Testing will happen at home on a student's electronic device.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP instructors are specially trained and follow a very specific curriculum based on directives from College Board to prepare students for the exam.• Students must complete all class assignments given by the teacher to earn a final grade in the class.• Testing happens at school on paper in a secure environment. No technology is allowed.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test will be 45 minutes and focus on one to two extended response questions (with the exception of Spanish and Computer Science Principles). • Students will be allowed to use notes, classroom materials, etc. on test day. • Students are not allowed to work with another person on the test. • If there are any testing disruptions or technical issues the student's only option is to request to retake the test by submitting an application to the College Board. • Test security/academic dishonesty will be monitored by the College Board through the testing software and by having teachers review student responses. If they determine a student cheated, they will issue consequences which could include having to retake the test, the cancellation of test scores and notification to colleges that the student cheated on the exam. • The test is \$94 (\$0 for students who receive free or reduced lunch). There will be no fee for choosing not to test or testing late. • Licking Valley students and families decide which AP tests are best for their students to take. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tests are 3-4 hours giving a student the opportunity to give evidence of learning in different formats. • Students are not allowed to use notes or any other materials on the test. • Students are not allowed to work with another person on the test. • If any testing disruptions happen at school, the school staff communicates to the College Board about the incident and assists the student through the process. • Test security/academic dishonesty is monitored by testing proctors and any suspected cheating is reported to The College Board to review and determine consequences. If they determine a student cheated, they will issue consequences which could include having to retake the test, the cancellation of test scores and notification to colleges that the student cheated on the exam. • The test is \$94 (reduced for students with free or reduced lunch). There is a fee incurred for students choosing not to test or testing late unless the reason is approved by the College Board. • All Licking Valley AP students are required to take the AP exam for every class.
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What do we do if we decide our student will not be taking one or more of their AP exams?

1. Fill out the Google form to notify LVHS.

Mrs. Garver is our AP coordinator. She is emailing a link to a Google form for students to fill out if they are not going to take any of their AP exams. This form is also posted on the LVHS counseling office website. Students must complete the form to notify her of their intentions and have their fee adjusted.

Students can fill this form out at any time up to the testing date. ***However, if your student is a senior and you want your fees adjusted before they are due to be eligible for walking at graduation, the form must be completed by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, May 19.*** Refund checks will not be sent until we receive the final invoice from the College Board in June, but if you have unpaid fees that are due before graduation, we will take off the fee for any AP exam the student

reports they will not be taking. If for some reason the student ended up taking the exam, ***they would be responsible for paying the fee.***

Students do have the option of picking and choosing which AP exams they want to take. It is okay to choose to take one and not another.

2. Ignore the AP Testing Email Ticket and DO NOT open the test.

There is no way to notify the College Board that a student is not testing. At this point the student will receive the emailed testing ticket no matter what. If they are not testing, they should not open the ticket. If they log in to the test, they will be charged even if they do not finish the test.

Contact Information

Please feel free to reach out to any member of our AP team with questions you have regarding your student's testing.

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