

AP BIO EXAM UPDATES

4/15/2020

MAY 18 TESTING - IF THERE'S GLITCHES USE JUNE 3RD FOR MAKEUP

- If you don't start the exam, then you automatically get a makeup ticket
- If you start the exam and If you can't finish the exam OR your exam is disrupted:
 - There will be a URL where you go and explain what happened. CB will review and during week of May 26 let you know if you've been approved for makeup testing and send you a ticket for it.
 - Valid reasons examples: power went out and couldn't finish the exam; browser closed out and lost 10 minutes time; brief power outages; screaming siblings/distractions that are unavoidable
 - Invalid reason: didn't keep track of time and didn't submit before time up.
- Automated process - don't call customer service.

Most important --- **DON'T PANIC!!!!**

Sign in

- 15-30 minutes before the start time.
 - Work through security protocols BEFORE testing.
- You will be sent to an exam waiting room.
 - At the start of the exam, it will automatically turn on for you. That is when your timer starts! (not right at 2pm EST but when the first question becomes available to you)
 - If it shows up a few minutes late, don't panic. Your timer starts when your question shows up.

Timer

- The timer is an actual timer - counts down from 30 minutes for the first question or 20 minutes for second question.
 - 25 minutes write, 5 minute upload OR 15 minutes write, 5 upload
 - Timer will turn red with 5 minutes left.
 - A window will show up to submit your answer.
 - If you keep working, you may not get submitted on time. Make sure you **STOP** and upload at 5 minutes so you get a score! If you miss the chance to upload, you get no points for the question.
 - Even if incomplete upload!!!!!! He specifically said the exams are on the long side (to help prevent cheating) so don't panic if you don't finish.
 - Uploading that hasn't started by the end of the 20 minutes for the second question won't be done.

Uploading answers

- Slow connectivity – uploads will continue in the background and the second question will be accessible as the upload continues.
 - Just make sure you click submit during that 5 minute window – the upload will continue until completed!
- Multiple ways to upload – type a doc and upload; handwrite and upload picture; type directly into platform.
 - Must use one way for whole test. Can't type and upload one and then type directly for the other.

CB emails

- If you get an email from CB, make sure you open, read and respond if appropriate.
 - This is how they're collecting information.
- Your electronic testing ticket will be sent to the email you have on file with CB.
 - Your ticket will be unique to you.
 - It will be emailed and posted to your college board account.

Upcoming dates

Weeks of April 27 & May 4

- PPT will be provided to teachers outlining what you need
- Worksheet that you fill out and keep next to you for testing with all the info you need
- Guide to test day available
- Video and simulations to practice uploading response into system

Bio specific Info

- No drawings to be done or creating graphs!!!!
 - You likely will be analyzing graphs/drawings but you won't have to make them yourself.
- Have a calculator handy but they said the calculations should be doable without one (but have one anyway!)
- Formula sheet.
 - Will get update later about whether it will be provided or you will need to have a copy.
- A keyboarding guide may be provided if it's needed (although this could be more for the math based sciences.)

Cheating :(

They've already caught an AP Physics student planning to cheat!!!!!!!

He was shocked he was caught!

CB is creepy in the ways they have to find you if you plan to cheat or do cheat - so just don't!!!!