



Kent County Public Schools

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RE: Changes to Advanced Placement Courses

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1300, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. To be in compliance with this law, KCPS is making procedural changes to its Advanced Placement (AP) Courses. Beginning this school year, KCPS will pay for Advanced Placement exams for students enrolled in AP courses associated with those exams. Students enrolled in AP courses are no longer required to take the AP exam. However, because students who earn 3's, 4's, and 5's on AP exams may be awarded credits at most colleges and universities, students are encouraged to take the exam at the end of the course.

If a student registers for but does not take an AP exam, the student will be responsible for reimbursing KCPS for the associated costs.

AP courses are weighted courses. Students must receive a grade of 60% (D-) or higher to receive weighted credit. Students are not required to take the AP exam to receive weighted credit. Students currently enrolled in Fall 2023 AP courses are required to complete the AP Exam Student Intent Survey. The purpose of this survey is for each AP student to indicate if they plan to take the AP exam(s) scheduled for May 2024 that is associated with the AP course in which they are currently enrolled for Fall 2023.

In order to complete the survey, students must be signed in to their KCPS student email address. Students are required to complete this survey by Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Students are required to complete a survey for EACH AP course they are enrolled in Fall 2023 (1st semester). For example, if a student is enrolled in 3 AP courses this semester, the student would complete this survey 3 separate times.

If you have questions about the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and how it may impact your student's experience, please contact Tom Porter, Coordinator for Accountability and Career and Technical Education at 410-778-7141 or tporter@kent.k12.md.us.

Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/R73aT54x6XfDsH8b7>



Sincerely,

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