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Exam Window & Format Options

- There are 3 administrations of each of the 34 exams. College Board controls, day, time, and format. Based on what we know about the exams and the semesterized schedule HCPSS has made recommendations.
- Administration 1 All exams are in person on paper and are recommended for all Semester 1 classes. This is the default date in the AP Portal.
- Administration 2 All math based and language exams are in person on paper (17 in total). All others are at home taken digitally. This administration is recommended for all Semester 2 math based classes.
- Administration 3 All exams are at home taken digitally EXCEPT language exams. This administration is recommended for all Semester 2 NON-math based classes and language exams.

Advantages of Digital Exams

- Longer time for Semester 2 teachers to present content
- Longer time to review
- Consistent controlled environment
- Health/safety concerns

General Disadvantages of Digital Exams

- Technology issues
- Multiple security logins required prior to test day for each exam
- No tech support
- Overlapping schedule for June window
- No toggling through questions
- No control over start time

Math Heavy Digital Exams

- Students must be prepared to enter all mathematical formulas and show their work in the digital platform.
- No photos will be allowed.
- Since the only digital option is June, there is significant overlap of the exam schedule.

Language Exams

- College Board has chosen to not offer a digital option for Language exams.
- Students must bring their HCPSS issued ChromeBook to take the verbal part of the exam. If you haven't picked up a ChromeBook yet you need to contact CHS front office.
- Students in grades 9th 11th who are not comfortable with in-person testing will have the option to take the test next school year.
- Seniors have the option to participate in the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). CB will be sharing information about this directly with seniors.

Requests to change from HCPSS recommendation

- Semester 2 students NON-math classes will automatically be moved to Administration 3 digital on 4/16 unless they tell me differently by email no later than 4/16.
- Semester 2 students in math heavy classes have already been moved to Administration 2. If they would like to switch to Administration 3 digital option they must email me no later than 4/23.
- Semester 1 students that would like to move to Administration 2 or 3 must email me no later than 4/23 stating specifically which administration they prefer.
- THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREDICTING EXAM CONFLICTS

Registration Steps

- AP Portal join code Done in March
- Complete Naviance survey, print, parent signs
- Submit signed survey and a check OR copy of your online receipt DUE
 4/16 3pm
- Drop off box is in the main office or you can mail it to school but must arrive by 4/16.

Registration Verification

- Login at https://www.hcpss.org/connect/ (Parent portal)
- Select "More Options (Family File, Report Cards, etc.)" on the left menu
- Select "AP Schedule"
- Review the exams listed
- To participate in testing, the exam must be listed with the registered column showing "Yes" which means the student is registered with College Board AND the paid column showing "Yes" which means the student submitted a signed Naviance form and payment to CHS.

Exam Schedule Verification

- Students can see the day and time of their exam in their AP Portal.
- NOTE This time is the actual start time of questions and DOES NOT include the mandatory 30min check-in for both digital and in person exams.
- Students making an administration change should see their AP Portal updated within 48 hrs.

Accommodations

- Make sure your accommodations are listed in your student's AP Portal.
- All in person accommodations will be honored as usual.
- Digital exams will have the accommodations built in.
 - Note that since the 2 digital exam start times on the same day are just minutes apart stunets with extended time (ExT) would not be done with one exam when College Board starts the second exam.

- Can a semester 2 student choose to use the semester 1 recommendation? Yes, students can pick from any of the options listed for an exam.
- How will the digital exam be different from the in person exam? College Board has said that the rigor of both exam formats will be the same. However the order, topic and number of questions might differ. Here is a document from College Board that reviews these differences. AP EXAM FORMAT INFORMATION
- If a student decides to cancel, what is the fee? For this year only, College Board is not charging cancellation fees. Students who paid and then do not participate in the exam will receive a full refund from their school. Refunds will be processed in late June.
- How can I cancel my exam? For in person exams email Ms. Covington (acovington@hcpss.org) 24 hours before the start of the exam. For digital exams just don't log in. All refunds will be processed in late June.

- What software will need to be installed to run the digital exam? Please visit the AP Digital Testing App document for instructions on trying out the software that was released on April 8th. The AP Digital Testing App has been installed on all HCPSS Chromebooks. Students who choose to use a personal computer can manually install the software, but HCPSS cannot support personal devices for technical issues. Personal chromebooks, mobile devices, and iPads cannot be used. Seniors participating in AP exams will be able to keep their device until after the completion of digital exams.
- Can a student try out the software before the exam? Yes, practice tests will be available for all exams by April 12th. If a student plans to take a digital exam that requires the entry of mathematical formulas, practice with the equation editor within the application is recommended. Students will only see practice tests if they are registered within the AP Portal for the specific exam. Practice tests can be taken multiple times, but students have to reset the practice tests within their AP Portal account.

- Where are exams administered? All digital exams will be taken outside of school. All language exams will be taken at school. Most other paper exams will be given at Covenant Church 4550 Centennial Lane across from Centennial Park.
- What Covid related measures will be in effect during testing? Students will be seated at their own 6ft table and at least 6ft from all other testers in the room. Students and proctors will be required to wear a mask the entire time. All tables will be sanitized after each exam. No food or drink is ever allowed during testing. Outside of the building students will be responsible for their own behavior and comfort level.

• What administration should self study students take? All self study students are currently scheduled for Administration 1. If they would like to move to Administrations 2 or 3 they must email me no later than 4/23.

Q & A