



DIVISION OF ACADEMICS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) aims to provide all students with an opportunity to engage in rigorous instruction through Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Taking AP courses allows students to engage in classes that are taught on a college level and designed to prepare them for the rigors of college work.

Beginning last school year, The College Board implemented some key changes to the Advanced Placement Program. The changes implemented included new resources for teachers and students to support student success in the AP courses. The most significant change is related to when students will have to commit to taking the AP Exam. This year, students will have to commit to taking their AP Exams no later than **Friday, October 28, 2022**. This deadline has been set to provide AP Coordinators time to finalize exam orders and meet the order deadline. These changes will also impact our AP Exam Fee Policy.

As part of the new process, for the 2022-2023 school year, all students must register at the following website: <https://myap.collegeboard.org> and join each AP class they are taking using a join code that will be provided by their teacher. This process will be conducted with the assistance of the AP teachers. All students must join the class via this website to have access to the new resources and to **register** for the AP Exams.

PGCPS will continue to support and encourage students to take AP classes and the AP Exams. To support students in taking AP Exams, the district will pay for the exams taken by students who meet the following criteria:

Student Category	Number of Exams	Family Pays for Exams	PGCPS Pays for Exams	Deadline to Confirm Exams
FARMS	N/A	No	Yes	October 28, 2022
Non-FARMS	4 or more	Yes, for the first three exams.	Yes, for any exam in excess of the first three exams per family.	October 28, 2022
Non-FARMS	3 or fewer	Yes	No	October 28, 2022

****AP EXAM PAYMENT INFORMATION****

Parents can pay the full AP Exam fee per exam by **Thursday, November 10, 2022** using the school’s MySchoolBucks AP Exam Store link. This link is provided by the school’s AP Coordinator.

There will be no refunds given for AP Exam payments if the student cancels after Wednesday, March 15, 2023, or is not present on exam day. Students who cancel by this date will be assessed a \$40 cancellation fee per exam.

Students who are not enrolled in an AP course, but wish to take the exam, must register by **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**. These students must register at the following website: <https://myap.collegeboard.org> and join an Exam Only section for the exam they wish to take. All exam payments must be made by **Tuesday, November 10, 2022**. **Any exams not paid for by this date will be canceled by the AP Coordinator.**

Any student, FARMS and Non-FARMS, who registers to take an exam after **November 15, 2022**, will be responsible for the full exam fee **in addition** to the \$40.00 late fee. The cost to register for these exams is listed in the chart below.

Student Category	Exam Fee	Late Fee	Total Exam Fee after November 15, 2022
FARMS Standard Exam	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
FARMS Capstone Exam	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Non-FARMS Standard Exam	\$97.00	\$40.00	\$137.00
Non-FARMS Capstone Exam	\$145.00	\$40.00	\$185.00

Payment must be received prior to the exam being ordered for the student. The only exception is if the course is a second semester course **only**. Second semester courses are those that begin after **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**. For second semester courses, the process for joining the AP class and registering for the exam will be the same as previously mentioned. The deadline to register and pay for an AP Exam for a second semester course is **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**.

ALL AP Exam payments must be made using an active MySchoolBucks account.

All AP students will receive an AP Exam Acknowledgement Google Form from their school's AP Coordinator and should respond by **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**. This form should be completed to confirm the exams students are planning to take and that they understand the payment procedures.

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions for additional information.

If you have any additional questions regarding AP Exams, please contact Ms. Edrika Hall, Instructional Supervisor for Advanced Programs, at academic.advancedp@pgcps.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,



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**Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. Q: How do we define family?

A: Family is defined as those living in a common dwelling space. If there are multiple students taking AP courses in one family, PGCPs will only pay for exams in excess of three exams inclusive of all classes taken by all students in that family.

2. Q: Do I have to be currently enrolled in an AP course for my exams to be paid for?

A: Yes, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will only pay for those exams taken by students who are enrolled in an AP course during the current school year and meet the criteria outlined in this letter.

3. Q: I am a homeschooled student and want to take an AP Exam, what do I need to do?

A: Any homeschooled student wishing to take an AP Exam must communicate with the AP Coordinator at the school where they wish to test. Exam decision and registration must be made no later than October 28, 2022. Payment for each exam must be made by November 10, 2022.

4. Q: How many times can a student take an AP Exam?

A: A student may take an AP Exam more than once, but the student must pay for any exams they retake.

5. Q: What is the pass rate for the course my child is currently taking?

A: Please contact the school's AP Coordinator or your child's teacher for this information.

6. Q: What are the benefits of taking an AP course?

A: Students taking AP courses are engaged in instruction that is based on college level courses. Students may be eligible for special placement in college courses based on their performance in the class.

7. Q: How can students prepare for and get practice to be ready for the AP Exam?

A: Students can connect to online preparation for the AP Exams by going to the following link: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/preparing-for-exams>

Students can also gain valuable insight on the AP courses and exams at the following link: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

8. Q: What is the passing score for an AP Exam? What do colleges accept for me to earn college credit?

A: There is no “passing” score for AP Exams; however, many colleges and universities will give credit for students who earn a 3 or higher on an exam for a given content area. Students can view credit policies for individual colleges and universities at this link: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>. They can also reach out to the schools directly.

9. Q: I am a FARMS student taking an AP class, but I do not want to take the exam. Am I required to take the exam?

A: You are strongly encouraged and you will be able to select the exams you want to take on the AP Acknowledgement Form.

10. Q: Does the number of exams PGCPS will pay for a student’s high school career or just one school year?

A: PGCPS will continue to analyze a variety of factors to determine payment feasibility.