



DATE: Oct. 20, 2022

FROM: Lynn Gibson, Director of College and Career Counseling
TO: Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class students, and parents

RE: AP Exams

I want to make you aware of an opportunity to take the Advanced Placement exam this May here at The Oaks. While The Oaks has made a conscious decision not to offer AP classes, our students are welcome to take any AP exam offered. I have attached the exam schedule as well as a registration form.

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday, Nov. 8 is the AP registration and payment deadline.

Please bring the attached registration form and payment to the school office by that day. You may also register and pay by credit card through the parent portal on Jupiter.

Here are some answers to the questions you may have:

Why should students consider taking an AP exam?

1) Sophomores and Juniors: AP exams on a transcript are advantageous in the college admissions process. Selective schools like to see on your application that you've taken AP exams, so I would recommend doing this if you are planning to apply to a selective school (Ivy League colleges, Stanford, University of Washington, or other top tier schools). If you take, and pass, three AP exams, you are recognized as an AP Scholar. Sophomores who enjoy Chemistry this year may want to take the AP Chemistry exam in May while the material is still fresh. It is the same with Juniors and Biology.

2) Seniors: At some colleges, you can receive college credit for passing an AP exam, scoring a "3" and above (on a 1-5 scale). This will enable you to waive the need to take the equivalent college course during freshman year (Freshman English Composition, for example). So, for these participating colleges, passing an AP exam will save you money (and time) in the long run. Each university handles AP credit differently; you will want to check out a specific college to understand how they treat AP exam scores. **This link** will provide you with an easy way to determine how a specific college awards AP credit:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

Several of our students have done well on these tests. Specifically, several of our students have passed the English Literature and English Language exams. They fit our school's literature curriculum and may be a good option. Several of our students have also taken AP Calculus *AB* at the end of their junior or senior years in an attempt to gain college credit. There are also AP exams offered in subjects such as European History, U.S. History, and Physics which you may want to consider if you enjoy these subjects and have done well in them at The Oaks.

Who will see my AP scores?

You will and The Oaks will. No colleges will see your scores if you put “undecided” in the area marked “recipient.” Once you see your score, you can choose to send a grade report to the college of your choice for a nominal fee. You will send your official score to the one college you decide to attend. Juniors, you may certainly list your AP exam score(s) on your college applications next fall before sending the official score sheet to your intended college.

How much does it cost?

Each exam is \$97.

Some families are eligible for a reduced fee of \$62 per exam if they qualify under USDA income guidelines based on family size. See attached for details. If you qualify, simply check the box on the registration form.

What if I decide to register closer to exam day?

It will cost you more. Any registrations received after Nov. 8 will be charged a \$40 late fee in addition to the exam fee. No late registrations will be accepted after March 15, 2023.

What if I cancel my exam?

If a student cannot or does not choose to take the exam in May after registering for the exam, a refund will be credited to the student’s account less a \$40 cancellation fee.

What are the dates?

Each AP exam is scheduled one morning (or afternoon) during the weeks of **May 1 and May 8, 2023**, depending on which AP exam you take. The schedule is attached with this letter.

How long is the exam?

Most of the exams are around 3 hours.

Where will the exams be administered?

We will administrate the AP exams at The Oaks.

What are the differences between the English Language and the English Literature tests? The *English Language and Composition exam* tests students’ skills in analyzing prose passages and asks them to demonstrate their composition skills by writing essays in various rhetorical modes. The *English Literature and Composition exam* tests students’ skills in analyzing selected poems and prose passages, as well as their ability to write critical or analytical essays based on poems, prose passages, novels or plays. (All sources are provided with the exams).

Do I have to study for these exams?

Yes, it is recommended you check out an AP study book from my office to become familiar with the format of the exam and the material you will be tested on.

How does the AP exam differ from the SAT and ACT test?

1) We do not require students to take the AP exam for graduation. *We do require that students take the SAT test prior to graduation.*

2) Taking the SAT or the ACT test is an admission requirement for many colleges and universities.

Taking the AP exam is not an admission requirement, but at some competitive schools is highly recommended.

AP Fee Reduction Policy

A student is eligible for a reduced AP exam fee of \$62 if the family falls within these income guidelines based on size of family unit. Proof of eligibility is not required, but documentation should be kept on hand by the family in case the CollegeBoard asks the AP Coordinator (Mrs. Lynn Gibson) to provide it.

If your student is eligible for the reduced fee, please check the box on the registration form.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2022-23

The following table lists annual family income, by family size, at 185% of the poverty level. If the student's annual family income falls within the amount listed in the relevant row and column, that student qualifies for an AP Exam fee reduction.

Size of Family Unit	Annual Family Income* for 48 Contiguous States, Washington, D.C., Guam, and U.S. Territories	Annual Family Income* for Alaska	Annual Family Income* for Hawaii
1	\$25,142	\$31,432	\$28,916
2	\$33,874	\$42,347	\$38,961
3	\$42,606	\$53,262	\$49,007
4	\$51,338	\$64,177	\$59,052
5	\$60,070	\$75,092	\$69,098
6	\$68,802	\$86,007	\$79,143
7	\$77,534	\$96,922	\$89,189
8	\$86,266	\$107,837	\$99,234
For each additional family member, add:	\$8,732	\$10,915	\$10,046

2023 AP[®] Exam Schedule

This exam schedule has space to write the number of exams you give in each subject. You can download this schedule and distribute it to your proctors and teachers.

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time		
Monday, May 1, 2023	United States Government and Politics		Chemistry	
			Spanish Literature and Culture	
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	Chinese Language and Culture		Psychology	
	Environmental Science			
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	English Literature and Composition		Comparative Government and Politics	
			Computer Science A	
Thursday, May 4, 2023	Human Geography		Seminar	
	Macroeconomics		Statistics	
Friday, May 5, 2023	European History		Art History	
	United States History		Microeconomics	
ART AND DESIGN —Friday, May 5, 2023, is the deadline for AP Art and Design digital portfolios to be submitted to the AP Program (by 8 p.m. ET).				

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time	Afternoon 2 p.m. Local Time		
Monday, May 8, 2023	Calculus AB		Computer Science Principles		
	Calculus BC		Italian Language and Culture		
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	English Language and Composition		Physics C: Mechanics		Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
	Japanese Language and Culture				
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	Spanish Language and Culture		Biology		
Thursday, May 11, 2023	French Language and Culture		Physics 1: Algebra-Based		
	World History: Modern				
Friday, May 12, 2023	German Language and Culture		Latin		
	Music Theory		Physics 2: Algebra Based		

- Schools must begin the morning exam administration between 8 and 9 a.m. local time and the afternoon exam administration between 12 and 1 p.m. local time. The AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism Exam must begin between 2 and 3 p.m. local time. Schools in Alaska must begin the morning exam administration between 7 and 8 a.m. local time and the afternoon exam administration between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. local time. The AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism Exam in Alaska must begin between 1 and 2 p.m. local time.
- AP coordinators are responsible for notifying students when and where to report for the exams. Early testing or testing at times other than those published by College Board is not permitted under any circumstances.
- AP coordinators should order late-testing exams for students who would like to take exams that are scheduled for the same time.
- AP Seminar and AP Research students must submit final performance tasks and their presentations must be scored by their AP Seminar or AP Research teachers by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 1, 2023.
- On their AP Digital Portfolio, students participating in AP Computer Science Principles must submit their Create performance task as final by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 1, 2023.