

Advanced Placement Testing Procedures and Supports

Dear parents and guardians of students registered for Advanced Placement (AP) exams,

Everett Public Schools recognizes that students and their families have been waiting to hear news about changes to the Advanced Placement (AP) exams this spring in light of school closures due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We have good news to share from the College Board regarding the administration of the exams and supports for students and teachers. On March 20, 2020, the [College Board announced changes](#) in the procedures and supports for AP exams.

Traditional face-to-face exam administration will not take place this year and will be replaced by a 45-minute online exam that students will take at home on any device they have access to – computer, tablet, or smartphone. The exams will include topics and skills most AP teachers have taught by early March. There will be two testing dates for each AP subject, allowing students to choose to take the exam sooner, while the content is still fresh, or later, after more time for practice. The full exam schedule and additional details will be available by April 3.

For classes with portfolio submissions: Art and Design, Computer Science Principles, Research, and Seminar, the deadline for submission of the portfolio has been moved to May 26, 2020. No presentations are required this year for Research and Seminar, Computer Science Principles will not include the multiple-choice exam, and there are reduced numbers of works required for the Art and Design portfolios.

The College Board reports that colleges support the solution and “are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they have worked this year to earn.” Please check with the individual college or university to determine how their institution awards credit for AP scores.

To further support teachers and students, College Board is providing instructional supports. Beginning March 25, students and teachers can attend free, live AP review courses, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. Teachers in Everett Public Schools also continue to use the College Board’s online AP Classroom platform and a wide range of other resources to support students as they prepare for the exams as well as for college, career, and life.

If, in spite of the new testing procedures and supports, your student decides to cancel their participation in the exam, College Board is not charging a cancellation fee. Please consider waiting to make this decision until later, after you see the supports in place and the resources that the AP teachers will be able to provide. Please contact the AP coordinator at your school, should your student choose to cancel their participation in the exam. However, with the shortened nature of the test, the wide range of resources available, and the support of your student’s AP teacher, we believe students will be well-prepared for the exam.

For any questions about the AP supports and exam, please contact your student's AP teacher, the AP coordinator at your student's school, or the director of college and career readiness for Everett Public Schools:

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Thank you for all you are doing to support your children and keep them and our community safe in this unprecedented time and as we provide support for their continued engagement in learning.

