

Everett High School

'School of Champions"

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Mission To inspire, educate and prepare every student to be career and college ready. Lance Balla Principal

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

The CollegeBoard Advanced Placement (AP) program has updated their processes and systems by enhancing their digital platform. Now students have several resources for each AP course online and the exam registration process is also through each student's account at myap.collegeboard.org. With these evolutions CollegeBoard has also moved up the AP exam registration deadline significantly from spring to now early fall.

As you are aware, AP classes bring college-level academic experiences into the high school and can lead to college credit while still in high school. Also, with a qualifying AP exam score (a three or higher) students can receive a half credit to their high school transcript for each AP exam with a qualifying score by simply submitting a form that is available in the main office. Last year many of our students graduated with several additional high school credits and college credits due to their participation in AP. With the cost of college posing a challenge for families, these credits can represent great savings. Research also shows that students who enter college with some credit not only outperform their peers, but they are significantly more likely to graduate within four years. Further, research shows that students who took an AP class and sit for an AP exam outperform students in college who did not take an AP course or exam, regardless of the AP exam score. Colleges and universities look favorably on students who have these classes on their transcripts when considering admission. These are classes that help your child stand out when they apply for college.

As mentioned above, there have been some significant changes to the AP exam ordering and deadlines effective this 2019-2020 school year. In prior years, students registered and paid for AP exams in the spring, **this year students will need to register for the exam in their AP classes with their teacher by Thursday, October 31, 2019.**

Once an exam has been registered for, a fee will be placed on the student's account that can be paid for online or at the treasurer's office. If the exam fee is paid online by credit card, the balance will need to be paid for by Friday, November 15, 2019. If the exam fee is paid in the treasurer's office by cash or check, the balance will need to be paid by Friday, March 13, 2020. If an AP exam balance for the 2019-2020 school year has not been paid by Friday, March 13, 2020 the fee will become a fine on Monday, March 16, 2020. When the fee becomes a fine, restrictions are place on the student's account that prevents them from purchasing dance or other event tickets, yearbooks, and other school related purchasing. Each AP exam costs \$94.00 with the exception of AP Capstone Assessments (AP Research and AP Seminar) costing \$142.00 due to the presentation and/or portfolio components of these courses. If your family qualifies for the Free and Reduced Meal Program, there is *no cost* for AP exams or Capstone Assessments. As a school, we do not want the cost of AP exams to be a barrier for students to take an exam. If cost is a hardship please reach out to Mary Ingraham at mingraham@everettsd.org or 425-385-4489 and we will work together to come up with a feasible plan.

Sincerely,