



## Updated AP Testing Policy - March 2020

As many of you have already seen, the CollegeBoard recently sent out updates regarding this year's schedule AP exams. There are many changes in the works, and the JCHS administration is working through these changes and thinking about how they will be implemented within our school community context. Please read through the basic overview from the Advanced Placement Program below, as well as our JCHS response to it (on pg 4).

### AP Updates for Schools Affected by COVID-19: March 20, 2020

[https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update?SFMC\\_cid=EM288604-&rid=71581376](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update?SFMC_cid=EM288604-&rid=71581376)

As schools and communities navigate the unprecedented challenges posed by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the health and safety of educators and students are the AP Program's top priorities. CollegeBoard's AP Program understands the new time constraints on everyone in the education community. These solutions are meant to be as simple and lightweight as possible for both students and teachers — without creating additional burdens for school leaders during this time.

*Major takeaways:*

- ❖ Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home.
  - Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered.
  - Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work may also be an option.
    - The exam questions will be designed and administered in ways that prevent cheating, including the use of digital security tools, such as plagiarism detectors.
  - The full exam schedule, specific free-response question types that will be on each AP Exam, and additional testing details will be available by April 3.
- ❖ Some students may want to take the exam sooner rather than later, while the content is still fresh. Other students may want more time to practice. For each AP subject, there will be 2 different testing dates.
  - These dates are not out yet, but we expect them to be released in the near future.
- ❖ AP curricula are locally developed, and CollegeBoard defers to local decisions on how best to help students complete coursework. To be fair to all students, some of whom have lost more instructional time than others, the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.
  - Please see the chart included below with AP designated units that will be covered for each course.

- ❖ Colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they have worked this year to earn.
- ❖ While the AP Program encourages students to wait until closer to the test date to decide, **any student already registered for an exam can choose to cancel at no charge.**
  - See below for how JCHS will handle these requests.

The AP Program will also unlock any relevant free-response questions in AP Classroom for digital use so students can access all practice questions of the type that will appear on the exam.

### Information about AP Subjects and Exam Modifications:

AP Subject	Exam question(s) will only cover:	Exam question(s) will NOT cover:	Exam question type(s)	Exam Date #1	Exam Date #2
Biology	Units 1-6	Units 7-8	*	*	*
Calculus AB	Units 1-7	Unit 8	*	*	*
Calculus BC**	Units 1-8 + 5 topics in Unit 10 (10.2, 10.5, 10.7, 10.8, and 10.11)	Unit 9, Unit 10 (except Topics 10.2, 10.5, 10.7, 10.8, and 10.11)	*	*	*
Chemistry	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*
Computer Science A	Units 1-7	Units 8-10	*	*	*
Computer Science Principles	No end-of-course exam	No end-of-course exam	Explore Task + Create Task only; no multiple-choice exam	Digital Portfolio due date extended for all students to May 26 at 11:59 p.m. ET	
English Language and Composition	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*
English Literature and Composition	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*

Environmental Science	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*
Government and Politics: U.S.	Units 1-3	Units 4-5	*	*	*
Human Geography	Units 1-5	Units 6-7	*	*	*
Psychology	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*
Research	N/A	N/A	Academic Paper only (no presentation)	Digital Portfolio due date extended for all students to May 26 at 11:59 p.m. ET	
Seminar	No end-of-course exam	No end-of-course exam	Individual Research Report + Individual Written Argument only (no team or individual presentations or end-of-course exam)	Digital Portfolio due date extended for all students to May 26 at 11:59 p.m. ET	
Spanish Language and Culture	Units 1-4	Units 5-6	*	*	*
Spanish Literature and Culture	Units 1-6	Units 7-8	*	*	*
Statistics	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*
U.S. History	Units 1-7	Units 8-9	*	*	*
World History	Units 1-6	Units 7-9	*	*	*

\* This information will be available by Friday, April 3.

## Instructional Support

Beginning on Wednesday, March 25, students and teachers can attend free, live AP review courses, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. These mobile-friendly classes are:

- Will be recorded and available on-demand so teachers and students can access them any time.

- Will focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course. There will also be some supplementary lessons including topics from the final 25% of the course.

## JCHS Response to AP Exam Changes:

John Carroll High School is in full compliance with the CollegeBoard's changes to AP exams and the testing structure for the 2019-2020 school year. Please see our main thoughts below:

- ❖ Although students CAN opt out of exams this year, the JCHS administration *highly* encourages students to still take this year's AP exams for all of their classes. We feel strongly that with the modifications to the exam length and the amount of material being covered, the preparation students received prior to moving to remote learning will allow them to be highly successful on this year's modified exams.
  - Colleges and universities are committed to accepting student scores on the modified AP exams from this spring - don't miss out on this chance to get college credit!
- ❖ We have not yet determined a process for how students will "opt out" of an exam if they so choose; please be on the lookout in the coming weeks for how we will proceed with this process.
  - As all families have already been invoiced for all exams, we will work through the refund process once all opt-out determinations are made.
- ❖ There will be a plethora of free resources available to students in AP Classroom starting on March 25th for independent review for the AP exams; we encourage all students to take advantage of these resources and to capitalize on this opportunity for success on the AP exams.