2021 AP Exam FAQ

How do I register for AP exams?

AP – Students will be sent a registration email from dcolombo@andover.edu with instructions and “join Codes” for the Late AP Registration period which will run through March 5 at noon.

When will AP exams be given this year?

To ensure health and safety protocols are met, only exams with small student rosters will be given on campus as paper and pencil exams during the first two weeks of May. The exact list of exams will be determined after Late Registration. Exams with large numbers of registered students (For example, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, etc.) will be given as digital exams later in May and at the beginning of June. These testing dates are set so as not to interfere with the last weeks of classes and final exams. Some individualized arrangements can be made for students with exam time conflicts. Paper and pencil exams take place at local time, 8AM and 12PM. Digital exams take place at the same time worldwide, either 12PM ET or 4PM ET. Student test date/times will automatically be updated to the new schedule.

Where will AP exams be given this year?

The paper and pencil exams offered from May 3-17 will be given on campus, most likely in Davis Hall. The digital exams offered from May 18-21 will be taken in student dorm rooms or at home for remote students. Some paper and pencil make-up exams will be in campus buildings during this timeframe. Digital exams offered from June 7-11 will be taken in student homes. Remote students will take all of their exams in a digital format at home.

Can I take exams if I am learning remotely in the spring?

Most subjects will have a digital testing format that can be taken at home. You will be assigned to a digital testing date that best aligns to the school calendar. Adjustments can be made for individual schedule conflicts. College Board has not made World Language and Music Theory exams available for digital testing at home. See the College Board website for all AP exam dates https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates

What if I am a remote student but want to take a World Language Exam or Music theory?

Unfortunately, College Board has not made World Language and Music Theory AP exams in a digital format. Remote students who wish to take these exams should reach out to local schools for testing.

Will digital AP exams be shorter than paper and pencil exams?

No. Digital AP Exams will be the same length as traditional paper and pencil AP Exams and include both multiple-choice and free-response questions. They will test the same knowledge and skills as paper and pencil exams, in a format-appropriate manner.

How will digital AP exams be taken?

Digital AP Exams can only be taken on laptop and desktop computers (Mac, Windows, or school-managed Chromebook). Students will need to install the digital exam application on the computer they will use throughout AP testing this year; this will not be the same digital testing platform that was used for
emergency testing in spring 2020. Students will not need to install a Lockdown Browser. Complete Digital testing instructions will be sent out at a later time.

**What happens if I am sick or have technical trouble taking my AP exam?**

Make up exams will be available for students who are sick or experience technical problems on test day.

**What happens if I am unable or do not want to take my AP exam?**

Students who cannot take their AP exam will not be charged for unused exams. The $5 registration fee is not refundable.

**Will I receive my testing accommodations?**

If you have testing accommodations that have been approved by College Board, you will receive them on both on campus and digital exams.