Welcome to the 2019-20 AP® School Year
Discussion Topics

- Changes to registration
- Data on student outcomes
- Fees
- Actions for the school community
- Tools for AP teachers
- Tools for AP coordinators
- Next steps
Every AP® student deserves the chance to earn college credit, but not all pursue it.

So what stands in their way?
Nearly all students start the year with high expectations for themselves...

Fall: Percentage intending to take the AP Exam

- White Male: 96%
- African American Female: 93%

...but confidence erodes over the course of the year.
More than half of AP schools already have fall registration.
Putting fall registration into practice

In the 2017-18 school year, we instituted fall exam registration in schools that displayed historically higher-than-average rates of AP students opting out of the exam.

40,000+ students

100+ schools

What happened next?
Fall Registration

AP Exam Takers

- 2016 Admin Spring Registration: 26,943 (+9%)
- 2017 Admin Spring Registration: 29,335 (+13%)
- 2018 Admin Fall Registration: 33,279

Student participation increased.
More students earned scores of 3+.

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2016 Admin Spring Registration</td>
<td>3,363</td>
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<td>2017 Admin Spring Registration</td>
<td>3,726 (11% increase)</td>
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<td>2018 Admin Fall Registration</td>
<td>4,468 (20% increase)</td>
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Scores of 3+ increased across student groups.

**Race/Ethnicity**
- White and Asian students: +5%
- Underrepresented minority students: +12%

**Socioeconomic**
- Moderate/high-income students: +4%
- Low-income students: +20%

**STEM**
- Male STEM students: +5%
- Female STEM students: +14%
Expanding fall registration

In the 2018-19 school year, we expanded the number of schools that implemented fall registration.

180,000+ students

800+ schools

What’s happening now?
Student participation accelerated.

Overall growth in AP Exams taken/ordered

- 2017-18 growth in exams taken: +1.9%
- 2019 exams ordered to date vs. 2018 exams taken: +7.7%

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More students participated.

Growth in AP Exams taken/ordered:
White and Asian students

- 2017-18 growth in exams taken: +1.6%
- 2019 exams ordered to date vs. 2018 exams taken: ~3x
- 2017-18 growth in exams taken: +4.4%

Growth in AP Exams taken/ordered:
Underrepresented minority students

- 2017-18 growth in exams taken: +2.4%
- 2019 exams ordered to date vs. 2018 exams taken: ~6x
- 2019 exams ordered to date vs. 2018 exams taken: +14.2%
Students were more engaged.

Growth in AP Exams taken/ordered:
Moderate/high-income students

- 2017-18 growth in exams taken: +2.7%
- 2019 exams ordered to date vs. 2018 exams taken: +7.3%
- ~3× growth

Growth in AP Exams taken/ordered:
Low-income students

- 2017-18 growth in exams taken: -0.7%
- 2019 exams ordered to date vs. 2018 exams taken: +9.0%
- ~10% growth
Fall registration dramatically accelerates equity and access. In just one year of fall registration, schools sped up the work of AP equity – the share of AP exam registrations for students of color – by seven years.
“Although I had my doubts . . .

[the] result was that the students stayed engaged in the subject through the spring semester. In the past, students who were not signed up for the exam tended to lose focus towards the end of the school year.”

— AP Teacher, 2017-18 Pilot
“It's definitely been a constant reminder that I'm taking an AP class. I'm here to do work and I'm here to make sure that work is shown.”

— AP Student, 2017-18 Pilot
The results are clear.
Leaving exam registration in the spring ignores the clear benefits of committing early. That’s why we’re moving it to the fall.
AP Exam Fees: The base exam fee is not changing.

- Fall Registration: No additional fee
- Late Registration: +$40
- Unused/Canceled: $40

**What’s new?**
There will be a $40 fee for late exam registrations and unused or canceled exams.
# Exam fees for 2019-20

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<td>Late registration</td>
<td>Ordered Nov. 16 – March 13</td>
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<td>Unused/ canceled exam</td>
<td>Exam that is canceled or not taken by the student</td>
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Actions for the school community

1. **Coordinators** activate the online system.
   - Before School Year

2. **Coordinators or Teachers** create online sections and generate join codes.
   - Before School Year

3. **Students** use a College Board account and join code to enroll in a section.
   - Start of School Year

4. **Coordinators** submit an order.
   - October/November
To support year-long engagement, we’re providing new resources for students, teachers, and coordinators.
Digital Activation: Unlock new tools and resources in a few clicks
AP Classroom: A powerful resource for teachers and students
AP Teachers

Powerful resources, empowering you

- Unit Guides
- Personal Progress Checks
- AP Question Bank
- Progress Dashboard
Built to provide transparency and help students succeed. Our new instructional resources provide teachers with real-time feedback on student progress in the development of knowledge and skills essential for college.
Course at a Glance provides a comprehensive overview of course content.

Example: United States Government and Politics
Unit guides eliminate guesswork by outlining course skills and content.

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Instructional approaches offer recommendations on integrating skills and content.

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Personal progress checks provide students with actionable feedback throughout the year.
Question bank boosts exam practice with 15,000+ on-demand AP Exam questions.
A progress dashboard highlights progress and areas of focus throughout the year.
“This snapshot will show what supports are needed for students to reach their goals.”

— Principal and AP Coordinator
AP Coordinators

New processes to save you valuable time

Streamlined Exam Ordering

Student Registration Labels

Exam Day Improvements
“I know AP coordinators are highly organized and this system not only maintains that level of organization, but it also does a lot of organizing for you. I also love that it involved teachers and students in the process, so they actually had a stake in making sure everything was accurate.”

— AP Coordinator, 2017-18 Pilot
Online student rosters speed up exam ordering.
New labels eliminate more than two million hours of pre-exam bubbling.
Exam day tools help coordinators organize their exam administration.

- Exam room assignments
- Proctors
- List of examinees
Professional Development

Year-round professional development opportunities will be available for teachers, coordinators, and administrators to help prepare you for the upcoming changes to AP.
Visit AP Central® for more information.

We’ll be sending follow-up messages and updating the website with additional communications tools and resources throughout the year.

For more on the resources and process changes, please visit collegeboard.org/ap2019
Thank you