

To our AP Students and Families,

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On Friday, March 20, 2020, The College Board posted its plan for supporting students during COVID-19 school closures. You can access this information on their website at this link: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update.

Here are the highlights that address immediate questions and concerns:

1. AP College Board will be providing free remote learning resources starting on March 25th. These resources can be accessed at <u>https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-</u> <u>updates#free-ap-classes</u> and will also be posted on the AISD Learning Hub on the AISD Website.

2. Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. The College Board is investing in a secure at home testing option. The logistics of how this will work have not yet been made public.

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 have not been released yet.

4. For the 2019–20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered.

5. 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.

6. Colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they have worked this year to earn.

7. 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 will also be an option.

8. AP College Board recognizes that the digital divide could prevent some low-income and rural students from participating. Working with partners, AISD will help ensure that these students have the tools and connectivity they need to review AP content online and take the exam.



Additional resources to support student learning and exam preparation will be posted to the AISD Learning Hub. Please revisit this site for additions as they become available.

While this is a great deal of information, we know that you probably will have more questions about how AP students are being supported. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

You can also find more information about AISD's response to this situation on AISD's website at https://www.aisd.net/.

During this time our first priority is you and your family's well-being. Rest assured that we will keep you informed, and teachers will be providing support for students. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you and stay well.

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