

## Advanced Placement Exams: FAQs

- What are the benefits of taking an Advanced Placement Exam?  
Students can earn college credit and place out of college courses. During the last few years students have earned an average of about 20 credit hours per student. Students taking AP courses are experiencing challenging, college-level curriculum. The AP exam is the final assessment of how the student has mastered this curriculum. The experience is valuable as it is similar to what students will encounter when taking finals in college.
- How do I know if I am on track to being prepared to perform well on an AP exam?  
Students who are currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be discussing the expectations for the exams throughout the courses. The curricula for all Advanced Placement courses are approved by College Board and aligned with the content that is included on the AP exam. Students should speak individually to their teachers if they have questions about their personal preparation.
- Will this AP exam give me credit at the University I am planning to attend?  
The amount of credit given for each at exam is specific to each University. Follow the link below to view AP credit policies by University.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

- What do the exam fees cover?  
The majority of the exam fees are paid directly to College Board. College Board allows \$9 per regular-priced exam to be retained by the campus to cover the cost of exam administration and support Advanced Placement programs. The majority of this allowance is used to lower the cost for LASA students who are taking multiple exams.
- Is it too late to apply for free/reduced lunch to lower the exam cost?  
It is never too late! Contact Ms. Thompson in the LASA office if you believe your family meets the requirements.
- My child is interested in taking the AP exams but my family is unable to submit scheduled payment. What should we do?  
We hope that all of our students are able to take the Advanced Placement exams that they are interested in. Please contact Mrs. Czaplinski ([San.Czaplinski@AustinISD.org](mailto:San.Czaplinski@AustinISD.org)) if financial concerns are preventing your student from participating.
- My child will be out-of- town for one of the AP exams. What should we do?  
There is a late exam administration period following the initial testing period. An additional fee of up to \$55 is possible depending on the reason for the late administration. Students should register and pay for all of their tests by the February 28, deadline. They will be able to make a note if they anticipate needing a late administration.
- If my child has testing accommodations at LASA, will they receive them on AP exams?  
If you have a documented disability, you may be eligible for accommodations on the AP Exams. You must request accommodations from the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office. Scores for students who test with accommodations that have not been pre-approved by the College Board will not be reported.

- How do I request accommodations?  
To request accommodations, email our SSD Coordinator ([Sandra.Woodrow@AustinISD.org](mailto:Sandra.Woodrow@AustinISD.org)). If you have previously been approved by the College Board for testing accommodations (for example, when you took the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT), you do not need to submit a new request.
- When is the deadline to submit requests for accommodations?  
The College Board must receive your request for accommodations and supporting documentation (if needed) by February 17. This date is seven weeks before the ordering deadline for AP Exams because it takes approximately seven weeks from the receipt of all necessary documentation for the College Board to determine your eligibility for accommodations. If requests are submitted after this date, there is no guarantee that accommodations will be approved and appropriate exam materials will be shipped in time for the test.