

What Our School Community Needs to Know

Three Changes are Coming to AP in 2019 -20

- 1. AP teachers will have access to year -round, new instructional resources that measure student progress. These resources will help students master the content and skills needed for success in the course and on the exam.
- 2. New streamlined registration and ordering system gives time back to AP Coordinators.
- 3. Exam ordering is moving from spring to fall.

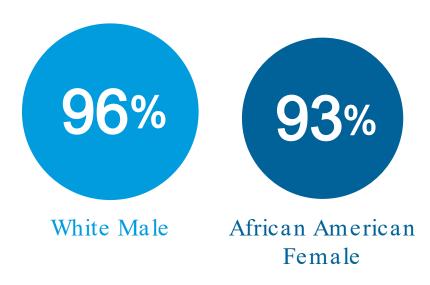
Why Shift Exam Ordering from the Spring to Fall

AP® students do college-level work in high school. If they score a 3 or higher on the exam, they can earn college credit. However, not all AP students pursue the credit they deserve.

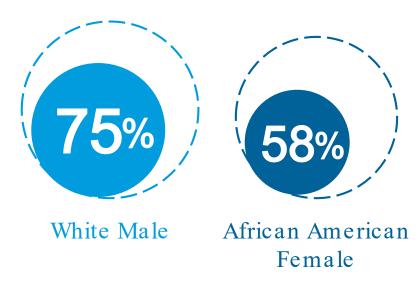
So what stands in their way?

Nearly all students start the year with high expectations for themselves...





Spring: Percentage who actually took the AP Exam



...but confidence erodes over the course of the year.

A commitment to success.

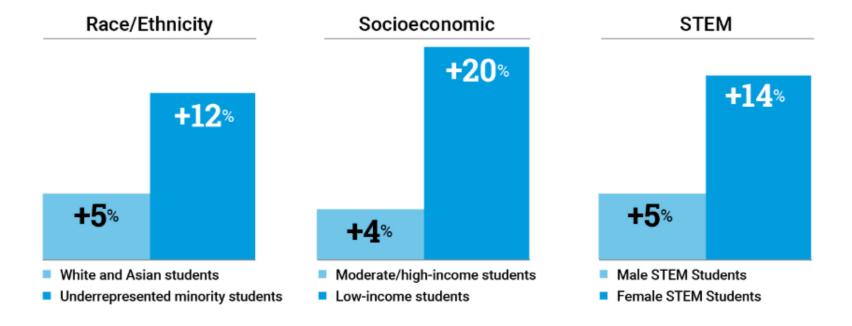
Fall exam registration is a best practice at more than half of AP schools. In the 2017 -18 school year, the College Board piloted earlier registration with 40,000 students.

They saw an increase in scores of 3 or higher across multiple groups. Moving the time of registration made a difference across the board, but it had the strongest effect for students who are traditionally underrepresented in AP .

Fall Registration



Scores of 3+ increased across student groups



Fall Registration



"Fall registration has been a great way to build a culture in AP where everyone was on board and we used the year to prepare for the exam at the end of the year, it was more of an all hands on deck type of mentality. There was an expectation, a common goal of passing the AP test that we were all working together to accomplish throughout the school year. I think this allowed for my students to grow in their confidence, confidence which they may not have otherwise had."

—Meg Shadid, AP World History and AP Economics teacher

Supporting student success

Students are more likely to stay engaged in class and tackle challenging topics head -on when they register in the fall. Fees for late registration and exam cancellation ensure that students don't wait until the last minute to make a decision. This has helped teachers create a classroom culture where students are "all in."

During the College Board's pilot, few students registered late or canceled their exams.

Fall Registration



AP Exam Fees for 2019-20: The base exam fee is not changing

	Description	Cost/Exar
Fall registration	Exam ordered by Nov. 15	\$94
Late registration	Ordered Nov. 16-Mar 13	\$94 + \$40 fee
Unused/ canceled exam	Exam that is canceled or not taken by the student	\$40 fee

What's new? There will be a \$40 fee for late exam registrations and unused or canceled exams.

To support year -long engagement, the College Board is providing new resources for students, teachers, and coordinators.

These resources were designed and tested by AP teachers and coordinators to provide focused content, greater efficiency, and more flexibility.

A few clicks unlock the new tools and resources.

AP educators and students sign in and activate the new AP Classroom system at the start of the school year.

Digital activation will:

- Give students and teachers access to the new resources throughout the school year
- Allow teachers to organize their AP students by the sections they teach
- Allow students to register for exams



Built to provide transparency and help students succeed. New instructional resources provide teachers with real -time feedback on student progress in the development of knowledge and skills essential for college.

Next steps for students

Before the 2019-20 School Year

- Spring 2019: Students sign up for AP classes at school
- Students visit apstudent.collegeboard.org to learn more about AP courses and exams.
- Students without a College Board account should create one and set their password. Students will need their username and password in the fall.

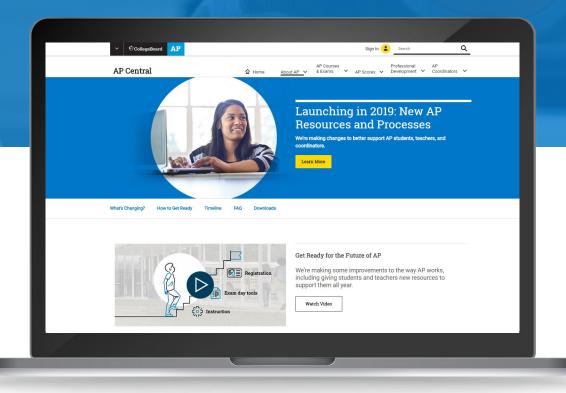
During the 2019-20 School Year

- First week of class: Teachers will give students a join code for each of their AP classes. Students use their College Board username and password and join code to enroll in their class section.
- October/November: Students complete registration for exams.
- March: Schools submit any changes to exam registration and students complete exam registration for spring courses.

Stay Informed

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 visitcollegeboard.org/ap2019

