

Dear AP Student,

Congratulations to all students taking AP this year! You've got what it takes to succeed. Students, by taking an AP course and exam, you can earn college credit, skip introductory courses, and stand out in the admissions process.

Students have already joined their AP classroom at myap.collegeboard.org. This first step alerts the College Board of your intention to test. It also opens resources available to students like the short, "AP Daily" videos that can help you with AP this year. As well as practice materials and sample tests. Students should verify that they are registered using a personal email (not SMMUSD) in order to get all communication from the College Board.

The next step is registration and payment for AP exams.

Online Exam registration is open now. www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/053320

All payments are due by January 31st, 2021. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration. The College Board fee is \$98 per exam.

Santa Monica Malibu School district wants every student be able to take their AP exams regardless of financial ability to pay. Students who qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program are eligible for a reduced test price of \$5 per test. Application for free and reduced meal plans is here: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4083>. Once approved for the meal plan, continue through the online registration process and check the "fee reduction box" when you get to the payment page on Total Registration. A fee reduction will be applied and a reduced invoice will be sent via email to you in order to complete the payment. **Families need to renew the application every year.** Students who do not qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced lunch program but still have financial need should contact Mrs. Paule Sheahan Lpaulesheahan@smmusd.org, to learn about possible scholarship opportunities.

Looking ahead to May 2021, AP Exams will cover the full course scope and content because colleges expect it. And if our school building is closed in May 2021 due to safety concerns, the AP Program will provide a contingency option for AP Exam testing. We expect to know more about this in early 2021. In either circumstance, we encourage AP students to register for their AP Exams in the fall so that they have the chance to stand out to college admissions officers and save money on tuition with a qualifying score of three or more.