

Dear Advanced Placement (AP) Students and Families:

We know this is an incredibly challenging time and we commend you for your courage, determination, and commitment. The transition to remote learning has presented unique issues and has demanded a lot of flexibility on the part of AP students and families citywide.

AP exams are administered at the direction of the College Board, a separate educational organization. As you know, in response to school closures due to COVID-19, the College Board has shifted all paper-based AP exams to online testing. In order to take the exams, students must have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, as well as access to the internet. We know that access to technology impacts many students' ability to take the online AP exams that begin May 11 and we prioritized device distribution to high school students who filled out the Remote Learning Device Survey.

AP World Language Exams

Additionally, College Board recently shared that they will **not allow** AP World Language exams to be taken on a desktop computer, laptop or Chromebook. AP World Language exams, including AP Spanish Language, must be taken on [a downloaded app](#) and therefore can only be taken on an Apple (iOS), like an iPad or iPhone, or Android-based tablet or smartphone, like a Samsung Galaxy. AP World Language exams begin on Monday, May 18. We recognize that this presents additional challenges for students who have been operating based on former guidance from College Board that all AP exams could be taken on any device. Please know that the DOE is doing everything possible to get you the appropriate device to take this exam prior to your exam date. It is important to note that for this year, the World Languages app exams will consist of only two speaking tasks and no written responses or reading tasks.

If a student needs an iPad to take these exams, [visit this link](#) to complete the Remote Learning Device Request survey and select "Please check here if you need a device specifically for an AP World Language exam." It is important that you check this box so that we can prioritize getting you a device prior to your AP exam test date. Families can also call 718-935-5100 and choose "Option 5" to request an iPad. In order to ensure delivery of an iPad in time for an AP World Language Exam, families should place requests by:

- May 12 at 5 pm for the Chinese Language and Culture AP Exam
- May 13 at 5 pm for the Japanese Language and Culture AP Exam
- May 13 at 5 pm for the Italian Language and Culture AP Exam
- May 14 at 5 pm for the German Language and Culture AP Exam
- May 15 at 5 pm for the French Language and Culture AP Exam
- May 15 at 5 pm for the Spanish Language and Culture AP Exam

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities may not have full access to assistive technology and software required to test. Further, students with disabilities should visit [this site](#) to learn more about which accommodations may be available during testing. It is important to note that the College Board will allow, [in some cases](#), for someone in the household to read directions and exam content and/or assist students with writing their exam responses in instances where students do not have access to the necessary assistive technology or software. We want to acknowledge that

this is not an ideal solution for students with no one else in the household or for students in households where no one is able to speak, read or write in English.

Please reach out to your school's AP Testing Coordinator if you are experiencing issues with using assistive technology or software. If you do not know your school's AP Testing Coordinator, you should reach out to your AP teacher.

All Students

For many students who are positioned to take online AP exams beginning May 11, we also want to acknowledge that your testing environment may not be ideal. With whole families together in the same space, it may be challenging to find a quiet location for students to take their exams and to avoid disruption for the entirety of the test(s). If a student needs **additional time** to request a device or prepare for the AP exam – no matter the subject – you can request to move your test to the June make-up date by submitting a request to [cb.org/requestmakeup](https://www.cb.org/requestmakeup). This request **must** be submitted 48 hours in advance of the original test date.

If a student plans on taking online AP exams, please ensure that you review this letter ([Word](#) | [PDF](#)), which includes guidance on taking the exam and DOE's commitment to paying for all students' AP exam fees. Translated editions are available [here](#).

Learning and sitting for exams remotely is challenging and the current crisis impacts our students unequally. AP for All committed from the beginning of this crisis to do everything possible to inform students, families, and teachers of the changes being made by the College Board and remove any potential barriers – including paying for all exam fees this year and taking steps to ensure students who need iPads receive them. We will continue to engage with the College Board to make sure all of our students are able to earn credit for the hard work they put into their Advanced Placement Class.

Sincerely,
The AP for All Team
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