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Important Deadlines

Requests for Accommodations	January 15, 2021
Regularly scheduled exam dates	May 3-7, 10-14, 2021
Late-testing exam dates	May 18-21
Indicate free score report recipient on My AP	June 20, 2021
Score Release	July 2021

Checklist

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For updated information, please visit the [College Board website](#).

AP Culture & Student Profile

All students who are willing and academically prepared to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum should be considered for admission to AP courses

Successful AP students are:

- Motivated & dedicated to successfully completing challenging academic work both inside and outside of the classroom;
- Successful managers of their time (able to multitask, to prioritize activities, to make deadlines, and to balance academic & extracurricular activities well);
- Strong organizers of academic resources (ability to manage and maintain textbooks, online resources, notebooks, and other required class resources independently);
- Strong in academic communication skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening skills);
- Highly interested in learning academic subjects at an advanced, college level;
- Well-developed critical thinkers

Tips for parents

1. Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement.
Often, students don't believe that they're AP "material." But the truth is that many students have the ability and motivation to succeed in AP courses, if they give themselves a chance. Students do need solid academic preparation and, of course, the commitment to meet the challenge head on. Parents can build students' confidence by reminding them that they already show that determination when they do the things that matter to them in areas such as sports, music or school subjects they're passionate about. That commitment, creativity and curiosity can make all the difference in AP courses.
2. Talk to your child about AP.
It's always a good idea to remind students to pick courses that match their interests, talents and priorities. Remind them to consider the classes they've already taken and the ones they were strong in, enjoyed more or found to be most interesting. Chances are, those courses can be launching pads for successful AP experiences.
3. Set reasonable expectations.
AP courses require students to do research and reading outside of class, and many students participate in study groups or tutoring sessions to stay on track. It's important for students to think about the amount of work they'll have so they can succeed in the courses they choose. You can support your child by designating specific areas in your home for schoolwork and study, and helping prioritize classes, activities, and home and work commitments.
4. It's never too early to start thinking about and planning for AP.
Students can consider taking AP throughout high school, but it's never too early to start the process. There may be honors-level courses or other academic opportunities that can start a student on the road to AP. You can talk to your child's counselor in middle school or high school to map out a course plan.

Supports for Students with Disabilities

Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for [accommodations for AP Exams](#). To take an AP Exam with accommodations, a student must be approved for accommodations by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office. Students work with the school's SSD coordinator to apply for accommodations before the AP Exam administration. The SSD coordinator requests and manages the accommodations online.

All requests for accommodations and, when required, complete documentation must be submitted through SSD Online by January 15, 2021.