EXAM INFORMATION

AP Exams Student Information & Technology Preparation (April 2026 Notice)

Dear Students,

Congratulations on your participation in the upcoming AP Exams this May. Please read the information below carefully to ensure you are fully prepared for test day.

Exam Format:

Most AP Exams this year will be administered using **Bluebook**:

- **Fully Digital Exams:** Multiple-choice and free-response questions all answered in Bluebook, with all responses automatically submitted at the end of the exam. ● AP Computer Science Principles
  - AP English Language and Composition
  - AP English Literature and Composition
  - AP Environmental Science
  - AP European History
  - AP United States Government and Politics
  - AP United States History
  - AP World History: Modern

- **Hybrid Exams:** Multiple-choice questions will be completed in Bluebook. Handwrite free-response answers in paper exam booklets that are returned for scoring. ● AP Biology
  - AP Calculus AB
  - AP Calculus BC
  - AP Chemistry
  - AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
  - AP Physics C: Mechanics

Technology Preparation (Required Before Test Day)

Bluebook is already installed on all school-issued Chromebooks. Please complete the following steps in advance:

- Open Bluebook and click **"Test Your Device"** (top right of the sign-in page)
- Sign in using your College Board account
- Locate your upcoming exam under **"Your Tests"**
- Use the **Practice and Prepare** section this week to preview your exam

★ **Need Bluebook Help?**

If you have questions or need assistance with Bluebook, please email **smccooey@mw.k12.ny.us** to schedule a time to stop by the library during your lunch period, study hall, or AP class beginning **Monday, April 27th.**

What to Bring on Test Day:

- Your **school-issued Chromebook**, fully charged (must hold a charge for at least 4 hours) **Important:** Do **not** bring a personal device
- Your **power cord and/or portable charger** (outlets may not be available)
- A **pen (black or dark blue ink) or pencil** *(scratch paper will be provided)*
- Your **school ID** *(or approved photo ID if testing at a different location)* ● An **external mouse (optional)** if you typically use one

It is very important that you complete all preparation steps ahead of time to ensure a smooth testing experience. Best of luck on your AP exams!

Any additional questions, please contact Mrs. Valet at House C.



Test Day Details:

- **Location:** Testing locations will be shared with students in a separate email.
- **Arrival Time (AM Exams):** 7:30 AM (start time 8:00AM)
- **Arrival Time (PM Exams):** 11:30 AM (start time 12:00 PM)

MAY 2026 AP Exam Dates (for reference)

The 2026 AP Exams will be administered in schools over two weeks: May 4–8 and May 11–15		
Week 1 May 4–8	**Morning @ 8 a.m.**	**Afternoon @ 12 p.m.**
May 4, 2026	Biology	European History
May 5, 2026	Chemistry	Government and Politics
May 6,	English Literature &	Physics 1: Algebra-Based

2026	Comp.	
May 7, 2026 May 8, 2026	World History: Modern U.S. History	

Week 2 May 11–15	**Morning @ 8 a.m.**	**Afternoon @ 12 p.m.**
May 11, 2026	Calculus AB & Calculus BC	
May 13, 2026	English Language & Comp.	Physics C: Mechanics
May 14, 2026		Computer Science Principles
May 15, 2026	Environmental Science	

AP Exam- Bluebook Testing Tools: Bluebook makes several tools available while testing.

https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/tools

- ➢ **Testing Timer:** A timer will let you know how much time is remaining in each part of the test. You can hide it until 5 minutes remain, then you'll get an alert.
- ➢ **Calculator:** On the SAT, PSAT-related assessments, and certain AP Exams, you'll have access to a Desmos calculator. You can drag it anywhere on the screen.
- ➢ **Reference Sheet:** A reference sheet with commonly used formulas will appear on all tests with math questions.
- ➢ **Highlights & Notes:** Use this tool to highlight text from a question or leave yourself a note.
- ➢ **Mark for Review:** Use the bookmark icon to flag any question you want to come back to. ➢ **Line Reader:** Use this tool to focus as you read test content.
- ➢ **Option Eliminator:** Cross out answer choices you think are wrong. You can undo this if you change your mind.
- ➢ **Question Menu:** See which questions you skipped or marked for review and navigate to any question in the section.
- ➢ **Zoom:** Use keyboard shortcuts on laptops or pinch and zoom on tablets to get a closer look at any part of the question.

AP Testing accommodations will be applied in Bluebook:

If you have a College Board approved accommodation, it will be applied to your digital exams, too. When you take a digital exam in Bluebook, you'll see a personal information screen that lists your name and any accommodations you're approved for.

If you're approved for extra time or breaks, they'll be applied to your digital exam.

AP Exam Day Overview:

- Once you're in the exam room on test day, you'll sign in to Bluebook, and complete a short check-in process in the app.
- Before the exam, your proctor will read some short instructions, collect any prohibited items, and give you a start code. You'll enter the code into Bluebook and the exam will begin.
- Most AP Exams have 2 sections. On some exams, one or both sections are divided into 2 parts (Part A and Part B, for example).
- The app will let you know how much time remains in each section or part. You can move back and forth between questions in a section or part until time expires.
- Between sections, you'll get a break. Follow all instructions on the Bluebook break page.
- If you're taking a hybrid AP Exam, you'll use an exam booklet to enter your free-response answers in Section II.
- At the end of the test, Bluebook will submit your answers automatically. Do not close your device until the proctor dismisses you.
- If your submission fails, you'll see instructions in the app to complete your submission. If your submission continues to fail, raise your hand to inform your proctor. ○ Don't worry! All your answers will be saved to your device during testing.

�� NOT ALLOWED FOR ANY AP EXAM

Do **not** bring any of the following:

�� Electronics

- Phones
- Smartwatches
- Headphones or earbuds
- Smart glasses or wearable tech
- Tablets or personal laptops
- Cameras or recording devices
- Any personal device that connects to the internet
- Separate timers or alarm watches

✏️ Writing Tools

- Mechanical pencils
- Colored pencils

- No. 3 pencils
- Stylus pens (Apple Pencil, smart pens, etc.)

🗂️ Materials

- Books, notebooks, or notes
- Study guides or reference materials
- Dictionaries
- Highlighters or correction fluid
- Keyboard maps or typing guides

🧥 Clothing & Accessories

- Hats or head coverings (unless approved for religious or medical reasons) ● Hoods must remain down during testing

⚠️ ALLOWED ONLY IN SPECIFIC CASES

These items are **only allowed if required for your exam or pre-approved**:

- **Scratch paper / reference sheets** → Provided by the proctor only
- **Calculators** → Only for certain math/science exams and must follow College Board rules ● **Rulers/straightedges** → AP Physics only
- **External mouse** → Optional/ Allowed for digital exams
- **Accommodations (SSD)** → Must be approved by College Board in advance

🗂️ Bottom line: If you're unsure, don't bring it. Ask ahead of time.

🗂️ WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

What you bring depends on your exam type:

- Fully Digital
- Hybrid Digital
- Paper

All students must:

- Know their College Board login (username + password)
- *Saved passwords will NOT work on exam day*

✅ Bring for ALL AP Exams

- Pens and/or pencils
- A watch (not a smartwatch)
- Photo ID (if you do not attend the testing school)

✏️ For DIGITAL AP EXAMS

Bring:

- Fully charged school-issued device with Bluebook installed
- Charger

Optional:

- External mouse
- Power bank (must be visible for inspection)

✏️ Writing Materials by Exam Type

Fully Digital Exams

- Pens or pencils (for scratch paper provided)

Hybrid Digital Exams

- 2 No. 2 pencils *or*
- 2 pens (black or dark blue ink)
  (Used for handwritten responses)

❗ FINAL REMINDERS

- Charge your device the night before
- Bring your charger
- Know your College Board login
- Do NOT rely on saved passwords

If you're unsure what applies to your exam, ask your AP teacher.
For questions, contact **Mrs. Valet (House C)**.