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Dear AP Student,

As you most likely already have seen in the email sent out to all AP Exam examinees directly by The College Board on April 3, 2020, the AP exams WILL be administered in May 2020, but in a completely new and revolutionary AT HOME and ONLINE format.

We encourage you and your family to sit down and carefully review the information available on The College Board website at <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>
(And we recommend you bookmark the link above so you can easily monitor it in the next month for more updates and information as The College Board works to modify the delivery of your AP exam(s).)

A few key items we want to make sure that you review ASAP:

- Your MyAP Account email address - College Board will be communicating with students with active exams DIRECTLY through this email address. If you have not received emails from The College Board in the last two weeks, this may indicate that there is an error in the email you have on your MyAP account.
 - Log into <http://myap.collegeboard.org> ASAP and navigate to "MyAP Profile" to review that the email address on file is one you ACTIVELY check and use.
 - **College Board will be sending the high security log in credentials that you will need to log into the Exam Platform to the student email address on the MyAP account. Without that log in access that will be sent by The College Board directly, you will NOT be able to take the AP exam.**
- The New and updated AP Exam Schedule of Exams (Linked [HERE](#))
- **The Exam Content and Format**- What will be focused on for this exam has been drastically adjusted. Review the details regarding each exam's new modified focus as well as new format (available [HERE](#)). Connect with your AP teachers ASAP!
- **Know that you will be able to take your exams on ANY internet connected device** - a phone, a tablet, an iPad, a laptop, a desktop computer. More details will be released by College Board towards the end of April AND you will have an opportunity to try out the exam format and upload of material steps before exam day.
Monitor <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students> and youtube.com/advancedplacement for tutorial videos and more.
- **Access to technology** - Complete the College Board assistance form by April 24, 2020 if you need a device or if you need internet access to be able to take your exam(s). Form is linked [HERE](#). You can also e-mail Dr. Haga if you need a hotspot or replacement Chromebook.



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- **Exams with Accommodations** - if you have already been approved by College Board for accommodations on your AP exam(s), those accommodations will automatically be applied by the exam content platform (or site). The accommodations are linked via your SSD Number to your AP ID Number and will be automatic.
- **Exam Security** - this is being taken VERY seriously! The College Board will be applying all the technology resources at their fingertips to maintain the integrity and security of the exams, INCLUDING sending a copy of the work you submit to your AP teacher by May 26, 2020. Review carefully the security details.
- **Preparation for the exams** - a ton of resources available through MyAP, your teachers, and the College Board directly.
Monitor [youtube.com/advancedplacement](https://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement) and <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students> for resources and updates.

And last but not least, if you do feel that you would like to rather cancel your AP exam due to the extended school closures and how COVID-19 has affected you, your local school has reviewed their exam cancellation policy and has released the following update:

E-mail Ms. Ballard at kballard1@psusd.us if you need to cancel due to circumstances. She will work with you on issuing a refund for the exam cost and waive the cancellation fee or unused exam fee. College Board will send out a final roster and invoice to the school in June to verify completed exams and costs. E-mail her any questions or concerns.

Make sure to monitor <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students> for new updates and information. The College Board will be supporting and administering your exams this year directly, and therefore will be your go to resource. RMHS and AP teachers may not be able to assist or troubleshoot, so please use this resource or work with your AP teacher or Ms. Ballard prior to the exam.

RMHS will not be able to help during the exam with issues, so try your best! Attempt the May 11-22 test dates in case your experience technical difficulties so that the June 1-5 make up exams may still be an option for you. Make sure to review the exam time (Pacific Time) and be online to setup 30 minutes prior. Thank you, Rattlers, we know you are going to Own It! We are so proud of your hard work and ability to adapt in times like this. Take care!

Thank you,
Kim Ballard
*Assistant Principal
AP Coordinator*