



RANCHO MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians of Advanced Placement (AP) students,

Rancho Mirage High School was selected to participate in the 2019 Advanced Placement (AP) field test for their new online system: <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login>. Schools across the nation participated in the pilot test last year, and we were excited to hear that Palm Springs Unified School District was included to test this new system for the coming school year. This new online system provides students, parents, and teachers with resources, test practice, and test registration. Please speak with your student to view and navigate this new interface with his/her free account.

The test registration enables students to use their account to commit to AP tests, prepare for tests, and have basic demographic information collected. This means the pre-ID sessions are eliminated. This will save time completing all answer documents during the testing process. With this new online system comes some changes: Students must choose which courses they will be taking AP exams, and students will have some online feedback and practice questions to support their preparation.

Due to this new interface, the College Board has adjusted the deadlines for committing, ordering, and paying for exams. The new timeline for this school year is as follows:

Date	Action
October 1, 2018 by 3:30 pm	All students eligible for fee reductions have submitted their eligibility letter from PSUSD Nutrition Services to Ms. Ballard's office on or before this date to secure reduced pricing.
November 8, 2018 by 11:59 pm.	All AP students have committed to their AP exams of choice in the new online system "MyAP" by marking "yes" or "no" for designated AP exams on or before this date. Ms. Ballard will be placing the exam order in November for spring AP testing. Students will receive their testing invoice via e-mail to begin paying their testing fees (<i>installment payments are permitted</i>).
February 21, 2019 by 11:59 pm	All testing fees are paid in full by the student/parent for the selected AP exams. <i>Any changes in exam orders after the November date will accrue fees that must also be paid on or before this date.</i>
May 6-17, 2019	Students take their designated AP exam(s).

Summary of Exam Costs as set by College Board:

AP Exams: \$94 per exam

Late Fee: \$40 additional per exam

Cancellation Fee: \$40 additional per exam

**Students who qualify for reduced pricing will pay less for each exam and/or fee. Reduced pricing is still to be determined.*



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Checklist for your AP student(s):

- 1) Make sure you have joined each of your AP classes on <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login>, regardless of exam choice to have full access to all resources and assignments.
- 2) Fee reduction students: Turn in your eligibility letter to Ms. Ballard's office before October 1.
- 3) Mark your choice of which AP exam(s) you will be taking on <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login> before November 8.
- 4) Check your e-mail linked to your College Board account to receive your testing invoice starting in December.
- 5) Pay your AP testing invoice before February 21 by either making payments or one full payment.
- 6) Take your designated AP exams in May 2019. Pay any remaining fees that resulted during testing.

Not sure if you qualify for fee reduction?

1) Make sure your family has completed the new Education Benefits form to support our funding of the free district-wide lunch program, regardless of qualifying. <https://benefitform.psusd.us/>

If your student qualifies for a fee waiver, you will need to do the following to ensure we are able to give you the discounted price:

2) Watch for a letter sent to your home from PSUSD Nutrition Services called the "Eligibility Notification of Direct Certification of Free Meals." This letter discussing free and reduced lunch eligibility can allow us to offer you fee reductions or fee waivers on all PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP, NCAA, and NAIA applications and exams. *If you do not receive a letter, contact nutrition services or request one from our cafeteria manager, Arla Provo.*

3) Bring a copy of that letter to Ms. Ballard's office for Mrs. Patty Iparraguirre to copy for our records OR bring a copy of your parent's 2017 income taxes to provide the same qualification.

4) You are cleared for 2018-2019 once this proof is provided, but you will need to resubmit for reduced prices every school year! The sooner you bring in the letter, the sooner we can clear any of the PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP, NCAA, or NAIA items for fee waivers and reduced pricing qualifications.

Rancho Mirage High School administration would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to this new timeline and system with the College Board for Advanced Placement testing for 2018-2019. The earlier commitment will assist your student in putting a more directed and purposeful focus on his/her own learning in AP classes. Please encourage your student to attend tutoring and speak with the AP teacher for assistance with the course or any of these new items. We look forward to supporting your student with this transition and great educational opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kim Ballard

Further questions? Please speak to your AP teacher(s), or please see the AP Coordinator:

Kim Ballard, Assistant Principal and AP Coordinator

Patty Iparraguirre, Office Specialist and AP Assistant