

September 3, 2019

Dear Langley High School Parents and Guardians,

With the 2019/2020 school year off and running we wanted to bring to your attention two significant changes in the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program going into effect this year. As you know, we are now part of the FCPS On initiative to issue every student a school laptop for their use throughout the school year. Coincidentally, College Board has also moved to an online platform. This new platform provides online resources to students in the form of progress checks, a question bank of previously released questions, and links to additional resources for more in-depth investigation. All AP teachers are enrolled in the program and they will be helping your students with the set up process to access these materials. The set up process includes instructions on creating a College Board account as well as being provided unique join codes for a particular class section. These join codes also become the main registration and ordering system of AP exams.

Secondly, and probably most importantly, students are being asked to commit to taking the AP exam(s) for their courses in which they are enrolled earlier than ever before: October. All students once they have entered their join code, the system will automatically default to "Yes" to taking the AP Exam. Students will be given Opt-out forms at the end of September and only through the opt-out form can the decision be moved to "No." Opt out forms will be due back to Langley on October 1st. November 15th is the final ordering deadline but changes can be made through March 13th. Any changes made after the November deadline will incur a \$40.00 change fee as stated by the College Board. In addition, the fee associated with AP Exams has changed to \$94.00. FCPS will pay for 6 AP Exams throughout a students' high school career. Exams beyond 6 the \$94 per exam charge will be billed to families.

Communication about these changes was shared via FCPS news you choose however if you missed it here is their statement. "Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, the College Board is launching MyAp, a digital platform which includes new AP test ordering timeline, fee structure and instructional resources. As a result, FCPS had to adjust the AP Test Opt-Out timeline and fees. AP students must now make Opt-out decisions for AP tests in October 2019 and parents will be billed in December 2019 for tests that exceed the six FCPS funded tests. Per College Board's new fee structure, AP students that do not sit for a registered AP test after November 15th 2019 for reasons that include forgetting to opt-out, dropping an AP course, not sitting for the test on exam day etc., will be assessed a \$40.00 change fee."

We will be communicating throughout the year to remind you of due dates and any additional important information related to AP exams. The College Board website is a great tool to navigate these new changes and deadlines, but if you have specific questions about the new AP format, processes, or fees please feel free to contact me below.

Sincerely,

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