

2021 AP Testing Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Will the content or length of the AP exams be modified by the College Board this school year?

Answer: *The 2021 AP exams will match the full published course descriptions and will be full length. See [2021 AP Exams](#).*

Question: When will FCPS students take their 2021 AP exams?

Answer: *FCPS students will take AP exams during the College Board's Administration 2 (May 18-21, 24-28) unless otherwise communicated by their school. World Language and/or Music Theory exams may be given during Administration 1 (May 3-17).*

Question: Will students test at school or at home, and what will the testing format be?

Answer: *It depends on the course, see chart below for course-specific testing format and location. See [2021 AP Exams](#) for College Board dates and times of specific exams.*

Fairfax County Public Schools AP Exam Administration 2: May 18-21; 24-28, 2021

Date	Paper-Pencil (In-School)		Digital (At-Home)	
	8:00am	12:00pm	12:00pm	4:00pm
Monday May 17	NO EXAMS		NO EXAMS	
Tuesday May 18	NONE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English Literature & Composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Computer Science A
Wednesday May 19	NONE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● European History ● US History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Art History ● Macroeconomics
Thursday May 20	NONE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● US Gov't & Politics ● World History: Modern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Psychology
Friday May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japanese L&C ● Latin ● Spanish L&C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chinese L&C ● French L&C ● German L&C ● Music Theory ● Spanish 	NONE	

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***Schools may choose to administer World Language and/or Music Theory exams during Administration 1 (May 4-14) according to the schedule published by the College Board.**

Date	Paper-Pencil (In-School)		Digital (At-Home)	
	8:00am	12:00pm	12:00pm	4:00pm
Monday May 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculus AB • Calculus BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics 1 • Physics C: M 	NONE	
Tuesday May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Physics C: E&M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics 2 • Statistics 	NONE	
Wednesday May 26	NONE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language & Composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science Principles • Seminar
Thursday May 27	NONE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Science
Friday May 28	NONE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Gov't • Human Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microeconomics

Question: Will transportation be provided for the in-person AP exams?

Answer: Yes. Your school AP Testing Coordinator will contact families via email with a transportation request process.

Question: Will students receive IEP and 504 accommodations on the digital exams?

Answer: Accommodations pre-approved by the College Board will be provided on the digital exams See [College Board's FAQ page](#).

Question: My child lacks adequate testing space at home. Can I arrange for my child to test at school?

Answer: If your child lacks adequate testing space at home, please contact your school's AP Testing coordinator as soon as possible and no later than March 26th to discuss options for AP testing.

Question: My child selected all virtual learning for this school year and is scheduled to test at school. Can I arrange for my child to test at home?

Answer: *If your child has selected all virtual learning for the school year and is scheduled to take a math/science in person exam during Administration 2, you may contact your school AP Testing coordinator no later than March 26th to request to take an at-home digital exam during Administration 3 (scheduled for between June 1st-June 11th). The College Board does not offer an option to test at home for World Language or Music Theory exams.*

Question: Will my child have the technology needed to take an at home digital AP exam?

Answer: *Yes, digital exams can be taken on FCPS issued computers or on a personal computer. Because they require typed free responses, exams cannot be taken on smartphones and the College Board does not allow the use of personal chromebooks to take the exams. FCPS will work to ensure students can use their FCPS issued devices to test.*

Question: What are the differences between a digital exam and a paper/pencil exam?

Answer: *Digital exams will be as long as paper/pencil exams and will test the same knowledge and skills. In school AP exams are given in a paper-pencil format at 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. start times, and are monitored by an in-person proctor.*

Digital exams (taken by FCPS students at home):

- *Begin precisely at 12:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. ET.*
- *Do not allow students to revisit previously answered questions*
- *Do not allow students to move back and forth between unanswered questions*
- *Do not include questions that can be answered with internet searches*
- *Include security features that prevent students from collaborating, accessing unauthorized aids, or attempting to have someone else test for them.*
- *Will be reviewed with plagiarism detection software and post exam analysis by the College Board to detect exam security violations.*

For differences between in person and digital exams for specific AP subjects, access [AP Exam information](#). More information about the digital exams will be announced by the College Board in early March.

Question: My child is not coming to school this school year due to health concerns and is scheduled to take a World Language exam. What are the options?

Answer: *The College Board requires that all AP World Language be administered in person. If your child is unable to come to school to test, the exam will be cancelled with no penalty. The College Board will be offering vouchers to take a free CLEP exam at a later date for students unable to test in person for the German, French and Spanish Language exams. Seniors unable to take an AP World Language exam are encouraged to contact the college they plan to attend to inquire about how to take a language placement exam on campus.*

Question: If my child misses their AP exam due to illness or an extenuating circumstance, will there be a makeup opportunity?

Answer: *Yes. If your child misses an AP exam due to illness or extenuating circumstances, your school AP testing coordinator will schedule the make up exam to occur during administration 3 (June 1-June11). All make up exams will be at home digital, with the exception*

of World Languages and Music Theory exams, which must be made up in person at school. Students must provide their own transportation to school for make-up World Language/Music Theory make-up exams.

Question: How does my child cancel an AP exam that he/she has decided not to take?

Answer: *If your child does not access a digital exam it will be cancelled and no further actions are needed. If your child is scheduled to take an exam in person your child will need to contact the school AP Coordinator prior to March 26th to cancel the exam.*

Question: I paid for my child to take an AP exam but my child has decided not to take it. How do I request a refund?

Answer: *Students who paid for an AP exam this school year and choose not to take it will need to complete [this form](#) no later than May 3rd. Refunds will be processed after AP Exams are complete.*