

Dear Lake Braddock Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at LB! We've had a school opening like no other, and we are excited by what each of your students bring to our wonderful community! I wanted to take this opportunity share information with you all regarding College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program.

As you know, College Board moved to an online platform last school year called AP Classroom. This 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 including videos for each unit topic that are being released throughout the school year. All AP Teachers are enrolled in AP Classroom and have given their students a join code for their course so they can access the materials and be registered for their exams in May. It is required that students be enrolled in the AP Classroom sections for their respective courses, even if they opt out of the exam.

FCPS encourages all students to take AP tests for courses in which they are enrolled. However, students will have the opportunity to opt-out of the test(s) by filling out an Opt-Out form, which will show a report with their previous tests and current AP course enrollment. The Opt-Out forms will be mailed home the week of **October 5th** and will be **DUE by October 23rd**. Families may complete the opt-out form process in one of two ways this year: return the opt-out form to the school via postage mail **or** complete an [opt-out form online](https://bit.ly/2S8Owvw) by visiting <https://bit.ly/2S8Owvw> . If your student intends to take ALL their scheduled AP exams in May, there is no need to complete an opt-out form.

As part of the FCPS FY 2021 Approved Budget, FCPS is continuing to assess Advanced Placement (AP) test fees. As in previous years, Fairfax County Public Schools will pay for the first six AP Exams for the associated courses of a student's school career. In December 2020, parents/guardians will be billed \$95 for each test that exceed the six FCPS funded tests. Also, students taking AP tests without enrolling in the corresponding FCPS course are responsible for the test fee of \$95.

AP students who register for an AP exam after November 13th will be assessed a \$40 late registration fee by the College Board. AP students will have an opportunity to request to cancel an AP exam at no charge by March 1, 2021.

We will be communicating throughout the year to remind you of due dates. If you have questions about the AP format, processes, or fees please email our AP Testing Team:

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Sincerely,

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