
Top 10 Things Counselors Should Know to Support Students Preparing for 2020 AP Exams

The Basics

1. AP[®] Exams are scheduled for May 11–22, with makeup testing on June 1–5.
2. AP Exams have been revised to about 45 minutes each and will be taken online, at home.
3. Most exams will have 1–2 free-response questions, and each question will be timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question.
4. The exam format and questions are being designed specifically for an at-home administration—points will not be earned from content that can be found in textbooks or online.
5. This year's exams focus on content most teachers covered by early March. They have been designed to honor and reward the good work students already did prior to widespread school closures.
6. Like many college-level exams, this year's AP Exams will be open book/open note.
7. Students should visit apstudents.org/get-ready for course specific exam information, including:
 - a. exam dates and times
 - b. descriptions of what they'll be asked to do on their exam
 - c. exam features
 - d. exam scoring
 - e. exam security
8. Students who need help with access to a device or internet can let us know at cb.org/tech by April 24. A caring adult may also do this on a student's behalf.
9. Students with College Board–approved accommodations will also receive those accommodations with online testing.
10. On YouTube, students can access daily, online AP classes and review at youtube.com/advancedplacement. Additionally, starting April 13 in AP Classroom, students, including students in exam-only sections, will see a new Optional Student Practice section that includes the most relevant free-response questions (FRQs) to help them practice the concepts and skills that will be tested in May 2020.