

# Advanced Placement (AP) Program

**\*\*\*College Board Note: Each student should create one College Board Account for PSAT, SAT and AP. It should be created with the student's personal email account - DO NOT USE @lcstudents email address. DO NOT USE a parent email address. Keep this information in a safe place. You will need it to send scores.\*\*\*\*\***

Lake Central High School offers Advanced Placement (AP) classes in the areas of science, math, social studies, English, music and art.. The course descriptions are listed in the department sections of the Course Selection Guide. These courses are designed to enable students to pursue college-level studies while in high school. The College Board prescribes the content of AP college-level courses. **At the completion of an AP course, it is strongly recommended that students take AP exams given nationally in May.** Students desiring to use an AP course to achieve an Honors Diplomas must take the AP exam. Universities can award college credit based on the results of these exams.

By taking AP courses and successfully completing the exams, a student may earn college credit and/or advanced placement in college courses. AP courses are designed to be rigorous, challenging, college-level classes. In assessing a student's application, selective colleges will consider if the student is enrolled in the highest level of courses available (rigor). Colleges look favorably upon courses designated as AP since these courses represent higher level content than the standard high school curricula. Students are encouraged to investigate the AP policy of the colleges under consideration as they vary in the scores required for advanced credit.

## **Advance Placement Changes for 2019-2020 School Year**

In the 2019-2020 school year, Lake Central High School will have new classroom resources and a new ordering process. Most aspects of the program are unchanged, including the base exam fee and score reporting timelines. So what has changed?

**New Resources** - AP teachers will have access to a library of real AP Exam questions to give students additional opportunities to practice throughout the year. Student will be able to track their progress and make sure they are understanding course content and building the skills that will be assessed on the AP Exam.

**Process Changes** - Beginning on September 1st students will go out to the link provided on the LCHS website or go to [www.Totalregistration.net/AP/](http://www.Totalregistration.net/AP/) and register with Total Registration to get all of your join codes for your AP Courses. Once you have the join codes for your courses, sign into <https://myap.collegeboard.org> and complete a simple digital activation process that gives

them access to new resources. In addition, an important change this year is that students will need to decide in the Fall whether they are taking AP exams in the spring. AP Exams for students enrolled in English, math and science courses will continue to be supplemented by the State of Indiana and will cost \$4/exam. Students self-studying or enrolled in any other course will pay \$98/exam. All Fall enrolled and self study courses must be paid for by October 31st. After November 7th a \$45/exam late fee will be assessed in addition to the exam cost. These late fees are for all students regardless of circumstance, including those on Free and Reduced lunch status, these fees will NOT be waived.

**If students register for an exam but then decide not to test after the November 7th date, they will owe a \$45 unused exam fee (if the exam was \$4 they will owe an additional \$41, if the exam was free they will owe \$45), or they will receive a \$53 refund if they paid the full \$98 for the exam.**

Payment for exams can be made online at the time of registration. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning the registration. Families will also be given the option to mail in a check or money order to Total Registration. If you choose to mail a check or money order, please do not wait until the last minute. It takes 7-10 business days and payment should reach Total Registration by 11/7. **If you are undecided as to whether or not you're actually going to take the exam, please don't pay until after October 1. We are charged a processing fee for registrations and for refunds. You can simply tell Total Registration that you will pay later and the registration will still give you the join codes for your courses. Once you've made up your mind simply log back in and pay no later than October 31st.**

Students taking a second semester course (AP Gov, AP Macro or AP Micro) will be able to sign up and pay for these exams in February of 2020.

## **Important Dates**

**September 1st - Total Registration Opens - register and get join codes**

**October 1st- October 31st - Pay for all year long, 1st Semester and self study courses to avoid late fees.**

**November 7th - \$45/exam late fee**

**November 7th- \$45/exam cancellation fee begins**

**January 17th - Last day to apply for IEP or 504 Accommodations for May 2020 exams**

**February 1, 2020- February 28, 2020 - Register and Pay for 2nd Semester Courses (AP Macro/AP Micro/AP Govt)**

## **Frequently asked Questions**

**Do I have to take the AP exam for the AP course I'm taking?** - No you don't have to take it. Talk to your counselor about any ramifications of not taking the exam. (Diploma type change, College views on taking vs not taking the exam, etc)

**I have a conflict on the exam date. Can I take the exam at another time?** -Two exams on the same day is not considered a conflict by the College Board unless they are at the same time. If you have another conflict, see Mrs. Toth ([btoth@lcscmail.com](mailto:btoth@lcscmail.com)). Taking an Alternate Exam may be allowed depending upon the reason. Please be advised there may be additional costs involved.

**I'm sick the day of the exam. What do I do?** You shouldn't miss an AP Exam because you have the sniffles, but if you're ill, you need to get a doctor's note and email Mrs. Toth within 24 hours of the exam and let her know you'd like to still take the exam. If you don't contact her, Lake Central will assume you are a no show and assess restocking fees (\$45) for your exam.

**I'm taking a second semester course (AP Government) and I'm not sure in October if I want to take the exam because I haven't even been to class yet. What should I do?** Don't register for the course in Total Registration just yet. Log back in in Jan-Feb to get your join code. You will have until February 28th to pay for the exam and the \$45 late fee will be waived for you as a second semester course student.

**I want to take an exam for a course that I am taking through IOA (or self studying for). What should I do?** Please see Mrs. Toth before October 1st. She will create an exam only section for your subject and you can use the course tools and register for your test.

**I just found out my parents are moving and I've paid for my AP Exams - Help!** - See Mrs. Toth asap. The College Board allows for the transfer of your registration without penalty.