

PREPARING AND TAKING AP EXAMS

SPRING 2020

- Plan to take the AP Exams that you have prepared for by taking AP Courses and registering through myap.collegeboard.org last fall. Following normal patterns is good for your overall well-being. Engaging in preparation and taking AP Exams foster your college preparation. You have the opportunity to earn college credit (all UNC system universities award college credit for scores of 3 or higher).
- All AP students at Mount Tabor and the Career Center are registered for all AP exams and should be receiving AP exam notifications through email from the AP Program. Read the notifications and follow directions.
- All 2020 AP updates and resources are available at cb.org/coronavirusapstudents.
- Continue to prepare through the work and resources provided by your AP Teachers, AP Classroom resources (myap.collegeboard.org/login), and AP Live YouTube videos (youtube.com/user/advancedplacement/).
- Review the format of each of your AP Exams (cb.org/apschedule2020), and engage with the exam practice details you will receive around April 28th so you are more prepared on exam days.
- Know the date and time of your AP Exams. Plan to take your exams following the regular schedule rather than putting off your exams, unless you have an unavoidable conflict. The make up test window (June 1-5) will be the final opportunity to take your exams.
- Plan for the device---computer, tablet, or smartphone---that you will use. Make sure the device and your internet are reliable. Using a computer or tablet is recommended because you will be able to see more information as you are working. Contact the AP Program (cb.org/tech) if you need technology assistance or contact your AP Coordinator (Stan Huck, shuck@wsfcs.k12.nc) or Principal (Ed Weiss, eweiss@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) about obtaining a chrome book and/or hotspot.
- Decide if you are better prepared to type or hand write your answers as either is acceptable. Practice using the additional guidelines you will receive around April 28th prior to exam day.
- Plan for a quiet, private as possible, space in your home to take your exam(s). Discuss your needs for quiet, privacy, and access to internet with your family members well before exam day.

- Only you (and parents) will monitor having drinks and snacks beside you, but only a bottle of water is probably best and less distracting. You know what helps you focus and what hinders your focus.
- Set up your device and access your electronic admission ticket at least 30 minutes before the exam is scheduled to begin. Organize resources and materials suggested by the AP Program, your AP Teacher and that are allowed. Your learning over time is your strongest tool.
- Although exams are open book/notes, do not rely on reading and accessing information from these materials during an exam. Follow your AP Teacher's guidance. You need the 45, 25, or 15 minutes to produce your own quality answers based on what you have learned and can apply to a new situation.
- Answer each question completely with details, examples, and ideas that demonstrate your learning. Be confident! Don't assume that the reader of your work knows what you know. Answer questions fully. Do not rush through the exam. Use the entire time to develop and complete your answers.
- Remain aware of the time available to answer and pace the progress of your response.
- Your exam directions will tell you what to do if you experience technical problems. Follow those directions.
- Do not engage in cheating of any kind. Do not Google for information as that will only distract you from producing quality responses and could lead to documentation of cheating. The score you receive for your best effort is a good estimation of what you have learned and your preparation for a higher-level course in college.
- Know that your AP Teachers will receive your response(s) soon after you have taken each exam.
- Take the make up exam if you did not take an exam on the regular schedule. Remember, the scheduled make up exam date is your final opportunity to take an exam.
- Reach out to your AP Teachers or your AP Coordinators (Stan Huck at Mount Tabor: shuck@wsfcs.k12.nc.us and Stefanie Jones at Career Center: srjones@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) with questions.