



The 2020 CHS All-The-Information-You-Need, Get-You-Pumped-Up, Super, Mega AP Testing Final Prep Sheet

CHS Grade 10-12 Students and Parents:

This has been an extraordinary school year by all accounts. Our greatest hope is that this communication finds your family in good health, and just as importantly, good spirits.

We want to provide you with some critical information about the Advanced Placement exams that our CHS students will begin to take beginning next week. **We are asking each family to sit and read the entire contents of this letter carefully:**

A Review of Why We Decided to Continue AP Studies and Exam Prep at City Honors

- We wanted our students to keep learning new things that will serve them well later in life!
- The exams are fully paid for by the Buffalo Public Schools (most students across the country pay \$94 per exam)
- The exam length has been reduced to 45 minutes.
- The content covered in all courses has been reduced.
- From Georgetown to Cornell to state universities, colleges have come forward to say they will accept 2020 AP scores at the same value they have accepted them at previously. This list provides a sampling of colleges that have come forward to confirm this:
http://pages.prompt.com/colleges-that-accept-2020-ap-credit*
- The College Board secured some of their best AP teachers from around the country to hold daily virtual courses for our students including drop-ins by celebrity experts to teach lessons**
- The College Board came up with a testing format that provides flexibility to students in how they record their responses.
- Colleges combine subjective and objective measures to determine admission and merit-based scholarships. With Regents and IB exams eliminated this year, AP participation and results offer colleges an important objective measure of student skills and motivation.
- By sitting for the exam in May, students show colleges their ability to stick with a commitment.
- Again- Regents and IB exams are eliminated for this school year. We might as well go all-in on our AP studies and AP assessments!

A Regular Point of Emphasis at City Honors

The purpose of participating in AP courses at CHS is not to hit an exact score. We do this to learn at a higher level, to challenge ourselves and get a taste of college. All we ask is that you give your very best, honest, effort. Regardless of your score, the experience will make you better prepared to navigate your college environment someday. It will also help you find and develop skills you were not aware that you possess.

If we do help you to secure college credits and give you some additional credibility with colleges that is a wonderful bonus. 69% of our grade 11 students have already earned a score on an AP exam meeting the traditional threshold required for college credit. By graduation, 98% of you will do this. So we know that a lot of our students walk away with a 'great bonus'!

Items Each CHS Student Should Tackle Over the Coming Days

1. Take a video walkthrough of the 2020 AP Exam experience: <https://youtu.be/qHZ2zpqIZNE>
2. Launch the interactive demo of the online exam so you know exactly what to expect on exam day: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/exam-day-experience>
3. Review the AP Testing Guide which includes your testing date and time: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-testing-guide-2020.pdf>
4. Review the Student AP Exam Day Checklist: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/getting-ready-for-exam-day/exam-day-checklist>
5. Continue to follow your CHS AP teacher's guidance and the daily virtual lessons from the nationally selected College Board AP teachers:
-The daily schedule of classes can be found at this link: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/ap-course-schedule>
-All archived classes can be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/advancedplacement>

AP Principles of Computer Science

A reminder that our AP Principles of Computer Science students do not have a traditional exam testing date and instead will have their score computed from the Create and Explore performance tasks.

Non-AP Courses

We have asked our grade 10-12 teachers who do not teach AP to provide our students a lightened workload over the next few weeks to allow our students to more comfortably navigate their AP studies and testing days.

Testing Accommodations:

Information about testing accommodations for students with IEP's or 504 Plans can be found at this link: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/coordinators/accommodations>

Who to Contact for Last Minute Questions

AP Human Geography	Mr. Kaderbeck, ekaderbeck@buffaloschools.org
AP Composition and Literature	Mr. Belge, dbelge@buffaloschools.org
AP Composition and Literature	Mr. Dileo, fdileo@buffaloschools.org
AP Principles of Computer Science	Mrs. Wojtowicz, plwojtowicz@buffaloschools.org
AP US History	Mr. Ross, sfross@buffaloschools.org
AP Environmental Science	Mrs. Cal, kcal@buffaloschools.org
AP Statistics	Mr. Jurich, mjurich@buffaloschools.org
AP Calculus AB	Mr. Jurich, mjurich@buffaloschools.org
AP World History	Mrs. Collesano, jdorsheimer-collesano@buffaloschools.org
CHS AP Coordinator	Mrs. Allman, cmallman@buffaloschools.org

*The College Board has confirmed that this list is authentic, but it is only partial as it is self-reporting. Just scanning it should give you the sense that no college appears to want to discriminate against students taking AP's this year.

**Some of the celebrity experts that have dropped in to teach in the AP Virtual courses students are taking:

AP English Language & Composition – Tony Hale (from Arrested Development)

AP Macroeconomics – Janet Yellen (former Federal Reserve chair)

AP Spanish Language & Culture – John Quinones (Emmy award winning ABC News correspondent)

AP US Government & Politics – Valerie Jarrett (Senior Advisor to President Obama)

AP Statistics – Nate Silver (Founder and Editor-in-Chief of FiveThirtyEight)

AP US History – Lin-Manuel Miranda (creator of the Broadway Musical Hamilton)

AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism – Kyle Hill (the science guy at Nerdist and the host of Because Science)

AP Physics 2 – Emily Calandrelli (MIT engineer, women in STEM advocate, Emmy-nominated TV host, correspondent on Bill Nye Saves the World, and host/EP of FOX's Xploration Outer Space)

There is a rumor that there will be more guests on Friday's YouTube sessions giving students encouragement! All of the recorded classes can be seen on the Advanced Placement YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/advancedplacement>