



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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CHS Grade 10-12 Families:

Our magnet school program requires that all students enrolled in AP courses complete the AP exam for each course. 98% of CHS students will score high enough in one or more of their AP exams by graduation to meet the traditional threshold for college credit. A large number of our students have multiple college courses or even a year of college eliminated as a result of the AP and IB credits they earn at CHS. Our school district acknowledges the extraordinary effort of our students in their AP coursework by fully funding AP exams for all students. Students in most other districts pay is \$95 per exam.

The 2021 AP exams are quickly approaching. **The good news is that we will be able to provide at-school exams (sometimes referred to as paper and pencil exams) to all students this year.** Since the start of the school year, we have been able to safely test hundreds of students at our school building for the SAT's, PSAT's and the City Honors/Olmsted placement examination. **We strongly believe that the at-school exam is the most advantageous and least stressful format for our students to take their AP examinations.** The College Board is emphasizing that any exams that require calculations such as Statistics and Calculus are particularly challenging to complete remotely.

The College Board is also offering the option of at-home computer-based exams this year, but we advise families not to use this option unless absolutely necessary as there are significant burdens that come with taking the exams remotely this year:

- The at-home exam will be three hours long.
- At-home testing will take place on later dates than in-person testing, so there is no opportunity to switch to in-person if remote does not work out for a student.
- Families will need to take their child's BPS laptop to the BPS tech center to have a special College Board application loaded to their device. The district cannot load the application to, or provide support for, family-owned devices.
- Students will need to participate in at least two beta testing sessions with the College Board to be sure that the application has loaded properly to their device and that they understand how to operate it.
- There are additional specifications for at-home exams including but not limited to camera requirements, 30 minute early sign-on, and identification card needed.

In order to properly prepare for AP testing, we need to know whether your child will be participating in the recommended at-school testing or will opt for at-home testing. **All families must complete [this survey](#) expressing their preference no later than March 29.** Families must select one format for all AP examinations. We are unable to offer the option to select different formats for different exams.

Finally, in order to accommodate AP testing in the building and safely distance students, it may become necessary to have grade 10-12 hybrid students who are not taking an AP exam on days of other exams participate in remote instruction on those day(s). We will only do this where absolutely necessary and will provide you notice in advance of these days as soon as we receive information from the district outlining the grades that will be back in the building at the time of the exams. **For your convenience, the second page of this document includes the dates of the 2021 AP exams at our school.**

Sincerely,

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Principal

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City Honors School 2021 AP Testing Dates

- *Testing dates at schools across the country vary this year, so be sure to use this list of dates as they are specific to CHS.*
- *Additional testing day directions will be shared as we get closer to the May examination window.*
- *Questions? Contact CHS AP Coordinator Mrs. Allman at cmallman@buffaloschools.org*

In-Person Testing Dates (Strongly Recommended)

Date	AP Exam	Report to CHS at:
May 4	Human Geography	11:30am
May 6	US History	7:30am
May 10	World History	7:30am
May 12	English Language & Composition	7:30am
May 14	Environmental Science	11:30am
May 17	Principles of Computer Science	7:30am
May 24	AP Calculus AB	7:30am
May 25	AP Statistics	11:30am

At-Home Testing Dates

Date	AP Exam	Login no later than:
May 19	US History	11:30am
May 20	World History	11:30am
May 26	English Language & Composition	11:30am
May 26	Principles of Computer Science	3:30pm
May 27	Environmental Science	3:30pm
May 28	Human Geography	11:30am
June 9	Calculus AB	11:30am
June 10	Statistics	3:30pm

Students challenging AP exams for courses not offered at CHS must have pre-registered. Challenge exam students MUST contact Mrs. Allman at 816.4245 on March 29 to discuss their testing date and format.