



## 2021 Advanced Placement Updates and Testing Plan

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Q: How can I get the resources and links?

A: The recorded webinars, PPT, materials, Q&A, and virtual folders will be available on [www.rcec.us](http://www.rcec.us). You must create a free account to log in and access the materials under the School Counselor Leadership Network on the Go Webinar Series tab. Website registration is FREE and assists us with tracking utilization and future needs.

Q: Will the county be helping with technology support again this year for those students who do not have computers with working cameras? The majority of the devices our student are using to do their online classes is an iPad or their cell phones.

A: RCOE is addressing the current needs of all districts to see how we can help support these efforts. Please email Gil Compton at [gcompton@rcoe.us](mailto:gcompton@rcoe.us) with your specific needs and requests.

Q: Why can't there be an at home version for the World Language and Music Theory exams? In Riverside County high schools cannot be in-person yet. This is an issue of equity.

A: If a school is closed or otherwise unable to administer exams for the world language and culture, Latin, Music Theory, and Spanish Literature and Culture exams, a student can try to find another school at which to test, cancel the exam at no charge, take the exam next year, or (for French, German, or Spanish Language and Culture) take the CLEP Exam or a placement test at their college or university, if available.

Q: Explain why Digital Language courses can't be "Equitable & Secure"?

A: The world language exams require translation to and from written forms of the language, which a student with a smartphone can do by holding a translation app up to the computer screen. Accordingly, there is no way to administer exams at home that assess reading and writing of another language. Last year, colleges were willing to accept an abbreviated exam that only assessed speaking skills, but this year, their preference, understandably, is that if a student can't take an AP Exam that measures reading and writing, and not just speaking, the student should take their own college's placement exam when they arrive on campus. Similarly, the AP Music Theory Exam requires sight-singing without the aid of a device such as a metronome or a musical instrument, which can't be enforced in a non-proctored setting. Therefore, these exams can only be administered in a proctored school environment in Administration 1 and 2, reserving Administration 3 as the last make-up testing opportunity for these subjects.

Q: What happens if we are in the Red Tier and students and teachers are not allowed to come to the site? That is unfair to students who have taken this course.

A: These local decisions to test in person will be made by your local school board and district leaders in partnership with the County Health Department. Please connect with your district AP coordinator for next steps.

Q: I understand the importance of test security, but what about student and staff security for test/taking proctoring on site?

A: These local decisions to test in person will be made by your local school board and district leaders in partnership with the County Health Department. Please connect with your district AP coordinator for next steps.

Q: When will we know what the options will be?

A: The options CollegeBoard has provided for each AP test is listed in the PPT provided and please email Kenyatta Price at [kprice@collegeboard.org](mailto:kprice@collegeboard.org) with any additional questions.

Q: So you're saying there is a potential that there may be openings for virtual language tests? When will we know when those decisions have been made?

A: As of this webinar on 2/10/2021 all AP Language tests must be taken in person.

Q: Can students use iPads? What if they have keyboards connected to them?

A: Yes they can but please consider the ideal testing device, keyboard size, etc.

Q: When you say we can “mix & match” does that mean, for example, that our school can have students take Biology digitally May 27th (Admin 2) OR June 11th (Admin 3)?

A: When deciding when and how to test students, a school can make different decisions for different courses, different sections, and different students, as needs and circumstances warrant.

Schools are not required to pick just one testing option (paper and pencil or digital), and do not need to complete all testing within a single exam administration window. For example:

- To have more space for social distancing while testing, a school could spread its AP testing across all 3 administration windows: utilizing the Administration 1 paper and pencil exams for some subjects, the Administration 2 digital exams in school for other subjects, and the Administration 3 digital exams in school for other subjects.
- A school could administer the Administration 2 digital exams in school for most students, while also authorizing at-home testing for any students who have coronavirus-related reasons not to test in person.

Q: What is required for the speaking portion of the language exams? Apps?

A: AP Exam Format Information: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-2021-exam-formats.pdf?course=ap-spanish-literature-and-culture>

Q: When will the UCR AP Readiness program grow to include more subjects?

A: The AP Readiness program plans the courses offered by looking at the data on the courses and where we see gaps with the students in our districts and what can be included in the budget so we can keep this as a free service for our students. We only do the courses where students need help moving to a passing score and not courses where students have a relatively high pass rate or not enough students are taking the course. Please contact Gil Compton at [gcompton@rcoe.us](mailto:gcompton@rcoe.us) or James Keipp at [James.keipp@ucr.edu](mailto:James.keipp@ucr.edu) if you have a request for a specific course to be considered

Q: Apologies if this was answered already - I am on two webinars at the same time. With school flexibility, is it possible to test (for example) seniors in Window 2 and juniors in Window 3 for an exam? e.g. Biology, or whatever.

A: Schools have the flexibility to administer exams on multiple dates:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap-2021/updates>

Q: What if I need more support for testing or devices?

A: Please reach out to College and Career Readiness by emailing Gil Compton at [gcompton@rcoe.us](mailto:gcompton@rcoe.us) or Catalina Cifuentes at [ccifuentes@rcoe.us](mailto:ccifuentes@rcoe.us). If you would like more information from CollegeBoard, please contact Kenyatta Price at [kprice@collegeboard.org](mailto:kprice@collegeboard.org).

Q: What format will the Physics test be offered in?

A: Physics is offered in both digital and paper and pencil. Exam Schedule:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-calendar>