

AP Statistics and AP Precalculus Students Must Read and Know

AP Enrollment at LSHS

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are designed to enable *willing* and *academically prepared* students to pursue college-level credit while still in high school. Each course is designed to offer the same level of instruction as an introductory college course and culminates in a standardized college-level assessment or AP Exam. It is only by taking and passing these exams that a student is *eligible* to receive college credit.

AP Classroom. AP students are required to have an account with the CollegeBoard and must enroll in the appropriate AP Classroom using the Join Code provided by the teacher.

AP Exam Requirement. Students electing to take an AP Course at Lithia Springs High School do so with the *intention of earning college credit by taking and passing the accompanying AP Exam*. As such, AP Exams are automatically ordered for all students enrolled in an AP Course at LSHS. Students who do not want to take the AP Exam must submit an [AP Exam Exemption Request Form](#).

AP Exam Fees

Paying for exams. The fee to take an AP Exam at LSHS is **\$103** and is the responsibility of the student. AP exam fees can be paid using a credit or debit card online at [Student Fees | Lithia Springs HS](#). Payments not submitted by the due date will incur a late fee.

Fee reductions for low-income families. Students from qualifying families may receive *one* **\$87** fee voucher and *one or more* **\$49** fee vouchers -- regardless of exam subject. Fee reductions cannot be applied to a student's account until he/she submits the *required* documentation. The steps for applying for a fee waiver are as follows:

- Complete a Free & Reduced Meal Application online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>.
- Submit a "[Request to Share Information](#)" form to the cafeteria manager.
- The deadline to submit the fee reduction documents is **April 12, 2024**.

Fee reductions for all other families. Students who *are NOT from a qualifying low-income family* **and** who *are taking at least one AP STEM Exam* may be eligible for *one* **\$88** fee voucher. The following subjects are considered AP STEM Exams: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Environmental Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus and Statistics.

AP Exam cancellation fee. It is \$40 to cancel an exam if an AP Exam Exemption Request form is submitted after the deadline. Students who do not show up to take the exam will not be issued a refund of any monies paid and may be assessed an additional \$40.

Important Dates and Deadlines

10/20/23	Deadline to request AP Exam Exemption Request form for 1st-semester classes
10/27/23	Preferred deadline to pay 1st-semester AP Exam Fees
1/10/24	Deadline to request AP Exam accommodations (see Ms. Canty)
2/16/24	Deadline to submit AP Exam Exemption Request form for 2nd-semester classes
2/16/24	Preferred deadline to pay 2nd-semester AP Exam Fees
3/8/24	Deadline to pay AP Exam Fees without late fee
3/9/24	ALL AP Exam fees increase by \$10

2024 AP Exam Exemption Request Form

To the Parents/Guardians of LSHS AP Students:

Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they're serious about their education and that they're willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework;¹ part of being an AP student is taking the AP exam. Research shows that students who receive a score of 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.² Research additionally shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time³—which means they avoid paying for, for example, a fifth-year of tuition. Most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores. This can mean: 1) fulfilling graduation requirements early, and 2) being able to skip introductory courses or required general-education courses.

AP Exam preparation materials are available for free through AP Classroom, Khan Academy, and more. LSHS AP teachers will offer AP exam review and study sessions for all students until May 1.

Your signature below indicates your understanding of the benefits of taking AP courses and their corresponding exams. You further acknowledge that your student is choosing to NOT take the exam and that by doing so, he/she CANNOT earn college credit for the work completed as part of the AP course.

AP Student (PLEASE PRINT): _____ Grade: _____

AP Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

AP Course for which an exemption is requested (one per form!): _____

Why is the student not taking this exam?

- Already earned maximum college credit in this subject.
- Cost/exam fee.
- Not confident about earning a passing score on the exam.
- Not interested in college credit or placement.
- Preferred college does not offer credit or placement for the exam.
- Scheduling conflict.
- Teacher and/or other students recommend against taking the exam.
- Too early to commit to taking the exam.
- Other: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Best phone number for Parent/Guardian: _____

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR AP TEACHER or MS. BRYANT BY THE FOLLOWING DEADLINE:

1st Semester: October 20th 2nd Semester: February 16th

¹ The College Board, *The 10th Annual AP Report to the Nation*, February 11, 2014

² Linda Hargrove, Donn Godin, and Barbara Dodd, *College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences* (New York: The College Board, 2008). Chrys Dougherty, Lynn Mellor, and Shuling Jian, *The Relationship Between Advanced Placement and College Graduation* (Austin, Texas: National Center for Educational Accountability, 2006).

³ The College Board, *College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences*, 2008.