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## **College Board changes process for AP exam registration**

[College Board](#), which administers the [Advanced Placement \(AP\)](#) program, has moved up the registration date for U.S. students who are taking [challenging, college-level AP courses](#) and are planning to take the optional exams in the spring. AP students in Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) have until **Nov. 10** to register for exams for all first semester courses. Students taking single-semester courses in the spring, including AP government and economics courses, will register between **Jan. 6** and **March 8**. (Students who pass an exam with a 3 or higher on a 5-point scale can earn college credit or exempt certain college courses.)

GCPS pays the registration fee for the first AP exam for all [Gwinnett students currently enrolled in an AP course](#). The student is responsible for the \$10 non-refundable registration fee. Each additional exam registration is \$94. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch pay only the \$10 fee for any exams for which they register. Gwinnett students register and pay for AP exams on [MyPaymentsPlus](#) and must confirm that they will pay a \$40 cancellation fee per exam if they miss or skip an exam.

“As a school district, we want to ensure that, in the future, we continue our trajectory of increasing the number of students who show mastery on AP exams with a score of 3, 4, or 5,” says **Dr. Keena Ryals-Jenkins**, accelerated programs and gifted director. “These results have shown evidence of being aligned to future college and career success.”

In Gwinnett, AP exams for 2019–20 are scheduled between **May 4** and **May 15**. More than 13,900 of our students typically take one or more AP courses each year, including about a third of all seniors. Of those students, more than 80% choose to take an AP exam and about two-thirds of test-takers earn a 3 or better. Based on student interest, high schools in the district offer more than 30 AP courses in core subjects, languages, computer science, and the fine arts.

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