

Frequently Asked Questions from  
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Who are the AP Coordinators at each school?

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What do I do if I get an error message when I open the AP Digital Testing App?

- An update has been made to the AP Digital Testing App. If you get an error message, go to the APS app catalogue and redownload the app. It will update your app and should open correctly. You can then remove the other version (without a dot below it) by clicking “remove from doc.” If you are still having issues, please contact your school’s ITC or your AP coordinator.

Are Virtual AP Exams open book?

- “We understand that students testing at home may have access to devices or resources that aren’t permitted in in-school exam administrations. This is unavoidable during these extreme circumstances, and the exam has been designed to be taken securely at home. The exam questions can’t be answered with internet searches, textbooks, notes, study guides, or similar material. The exams also have security features to combat collaboration, accessing unauthorized aids, or attempting to have someone else test for a student.” (<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap-2021/updates/faq>)

Can I download the app on a personal computer?

- Yes, you can download the app on a personal PC or Mac computer. You must use the computer you use for exam set-up for the actual exam.  
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/digital-ap-exams/four-steps-before-test/download-install-app>

If I opt out of taking an AP exam will I still get my APS quality point on my GPA?

- In a typical school year, students need to take the AP exam with the corresponding class they are enrolled in for APS to award them the quality point. The quality point means that if a student gets a B in the course, he/she will receive 4 points toward the GPA instead of 3. An A would be 5 instead of 4, etc. This year APS is allowing students to opt out of taking the AP exam, but will still award the quality point regardless.

Can I receive college credit if I opt out of taking the exam?

- No in order to receive college credit, students will have to sit for the exam as colleges use those scores to determine possible credit.

Will we have to make up the class work that we have to miss in order to take AP exams?

- Yes. Students will have excused absences and will be responsible for making up the missed work.

Does College Board allow students to go back to multiple choice questions?

- No. This feature is designed to protect the integrity of the exam for all students. Once a student decides to move on from a question, whether or not they've answered it, they will not be able to revisit it. (From <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap-2021/updates/faq>)

Are there any an in-person option for taking the AP exam

- This year the only in person exams are World Language and Music Theory exams.

When is the AP exam?

- Students should log into [myap.collegeboard.org](https://myap.collegeboard.org) to see their schedule and confirm their email address.
- Also, found on the school website.  
<https://wl.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2021/03/2021-AP-Exam-Schedule.pdf>  
[Yorktown End of Year Testing Schedule](#)

Just to confirm - the exam set up is not necessary for in-person AP exams?

- Yes

Are there extra study session to help students prepare?

- Please connect with the AP teacher. Many teachers are holding review/study sessions.

For questions about the format of specific exams, please ask your AP teacher.

Can I write my response in Word and then copy and paste it? How will I do the response to the FRQ?

- The application has word processing built in where you will write your responses. You will not be able to take pictures and upload or copy and paste. Doing the Exam App Demo and Practice Questions in the AP Digital Testing App for each test will help you be more familiar and more comfortable with the application.

Can I use scratch paper on the AP Digital exam at home?

- Yes, you can use your own scratch paper on the digital exams taken at home.

