



# College Board / NADCO Digital AP Updates

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# College Board Welcome and Introductions

## K-12 State and District Partnerships

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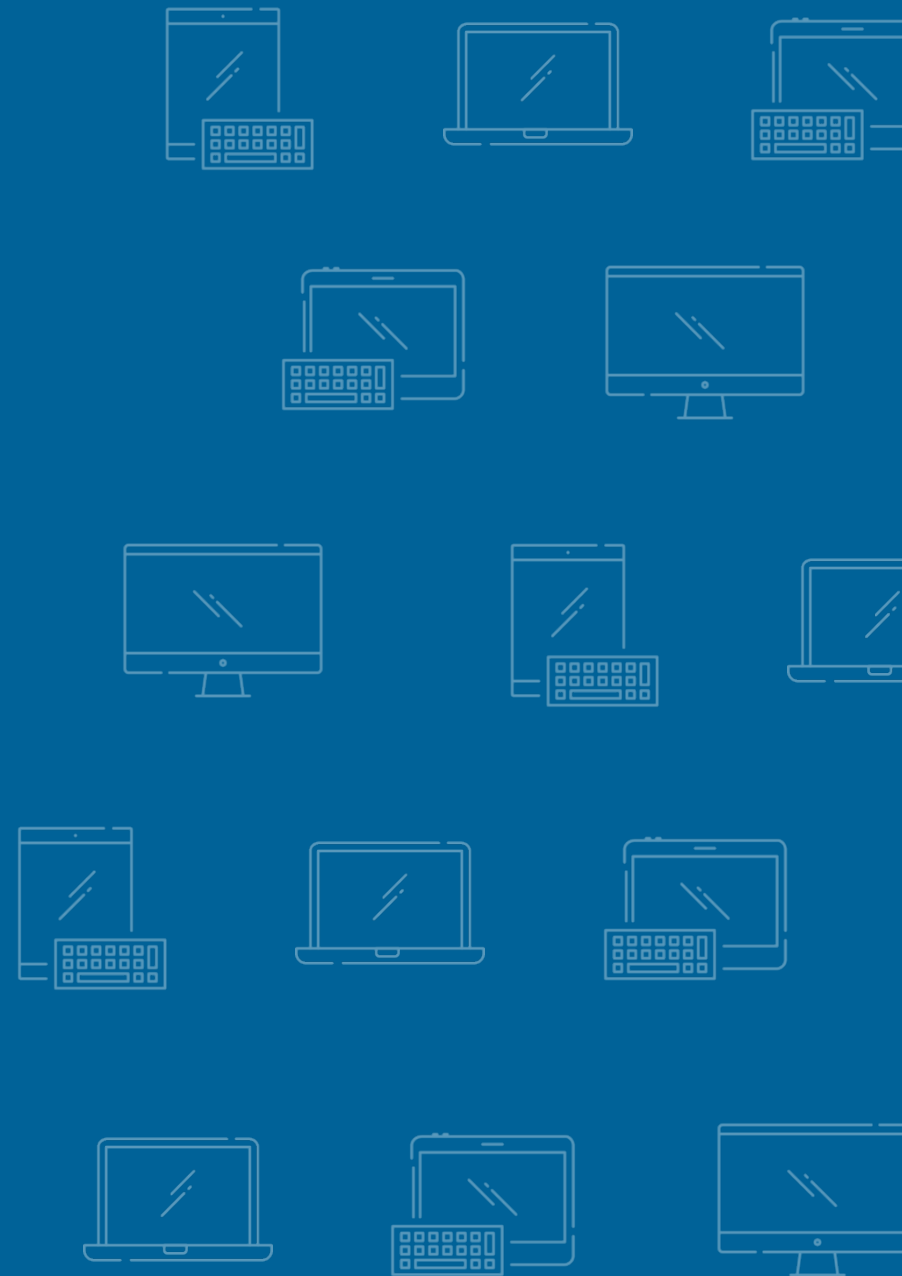




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# 28 Exams Will Move to the Bluebook™ Digital Testing Application

2025 AP Exam Administration



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# Here's What's Happening

- Starting in May 2025, standard paper will be discontinued for 28 exams.
- All schools, including schools and test centers outside of the United States, must administer the 28 AP Exams digitally.
- Students will take digital exams in Bluebook, the same platform used for the SAT Suite of Assessments.
- AP coordinators and proctors will administer digital exams using the Test Day Toolkit web application.
- For math, science, and economics exams that require graphing or symbolic notation, students will view free-response questions and prompts in Bluebook and write their answers in paper exam booklets.

# Digital Exams



**Fully  
Digital  
Exams**

**16 Exams**

**Hybrid  
Digital  
Exams**

**12 Exams**

**AP Digital  
Portfolio**

**6 Exams**

**Chinese &  
Japanese  
Exam  
Application**

**2 Exams**

Remaining  
**Paper Exams**  
Require  
Secure Audio

**Language &  
Music  
Exams with  
Audio Files**

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- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Latin
- AP Psychology
- AP Seminar
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP United States History
- AP World History: Modern



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- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
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- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Precalculus
- AP Statistics

# Other Digital AP Exams



## AP Digital Portfolio

- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP 3-D Art and Design
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Drawing
- AP Research
- AP Seminar



## Chinese & Japanese Exam App

- AP Chinese Language and Culture
- AP Japanese Language and Culture

# All 6 Remaining Paper Exams Require Secure Audio



## Exams with Audio Files

- AP French Language and Culture
- AP German Language and Culture
- AP Italian Language and Culture
- AP Music Theory
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Literature and Culture

# What to Know





# Testing logistics are similar to those for paper exams.

- Digital exams require the same number of proctors as paper exams.
- Exams can be administered in typical testing rooms, including classrooms, libraries, cafeterias, computer labs, gymnasiums, and auditoriums.



# The basic requirements of the exams aren't changing.

- The number of sections, number and type of questions, question choice (if applicable), and timing remain unchanged.
- Reference materials, such as the periodic table, equation sheets, and Java Quick Reference, will be available in Bluebook.



# Bluebook includes key features.

- Students can **go back within a section or part** to review or complete previous questions. However, students may not return to parts within a section that have already been completed.
- Digital AP Exams allow students to **highlight and annotate** exam stimuli and questions, mark questions to revisit, and eliminate answer choices. Students will be able to plan and outline on scratch paper provided by the proctor.



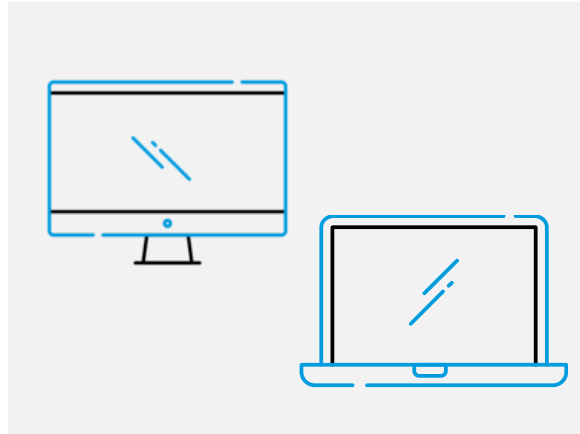
# Students will have ample opportunities to familiarize themselves with digital AP Exams.

- **Test previews** in Bluebook for all fully digital and hybrid digital exams
- **Practice assessments** in AP Classroom that closely mimic the look and feel of Bluebook exams
- **Video tours** of Bluebook features and tools

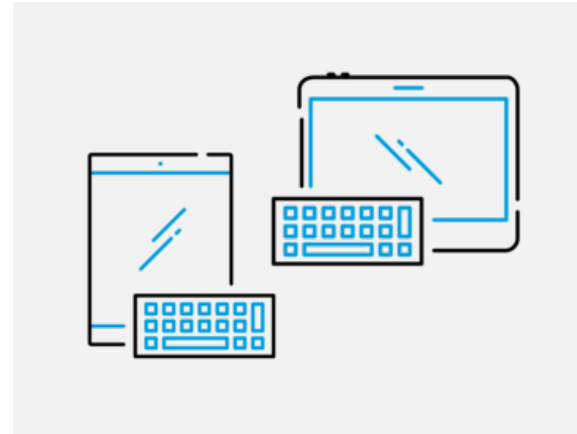
# Technology



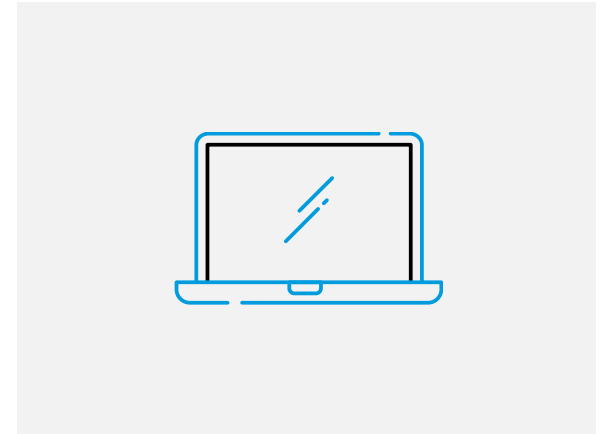
# Device Requirements



Windows or Mac



Tablet or iPad  
with physical keyboards



Chromebook  
school-managed

# Wi-Fi Connectivity

Students' answers are encrypted and saved on the device's hard drive.



Wi-Fi needed to  
**BEGIN** exam.



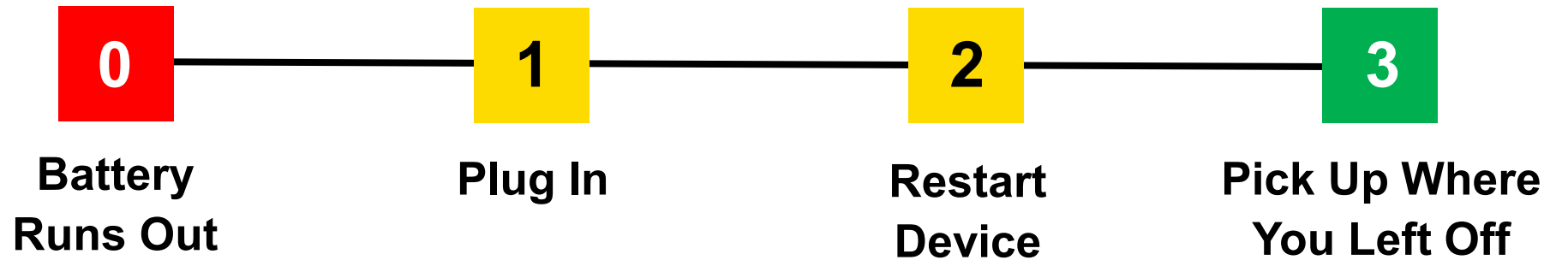
Wi-Fi needed to  
**SUBMIT** exam.



In case of a widespread internet outage for an extended period or another unforeseen issue that prevents automatic answer submission at the end of the exam, students will have up until **4 days after the exam** to find an internet connection and submit their encrypted responses.

# Power

If a student's computer runs out of battery, all their work will be saved, and they won't lose testing time.



With the back-to-back morning and afternoon nature of AP Exam scheduling, schools should have a **power plan** –plugging in for testing, recharging between testing sessions, or ensuring that devices can be connected to power strips or banks during testing sessions.

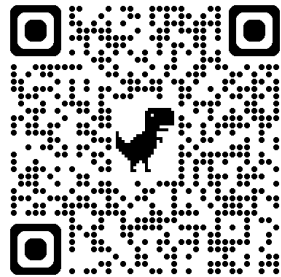
# Calculators

The AP calculator policies are unchanged. Students can use an **approved personal** or **school-provided** calculator on AP Exams that allow the use of calculators.

We will notify AP teachers and AP coordinators if the Desmos calculator will be available in Bluebook for May 2025 AP Exams.

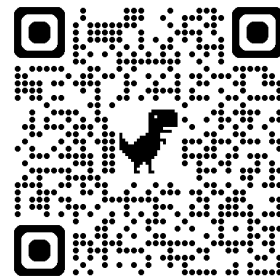


# More About the Tech Specs



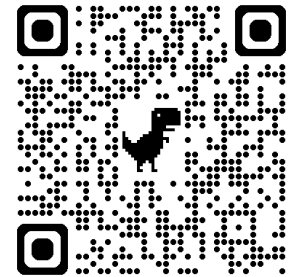
## Technical Specifications

Bluebook supports testing on Mac and Windows devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks.



## Installation

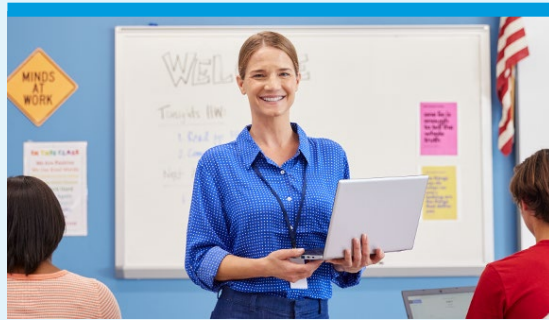
Bluebook must be installed before test day.



## Network Readiness

Coordinators and technology staff should work together to make sure the network is ready for test day.

# Digital Readiness for the Classroom



## Digital AP Exams Webinar Series

Join our webinar series to learn about preparing for and administering digital AP Exams.



## Introduction to Digital AP Testing Overview

The 2025 overview video will be available in the fall.



## Digital AP Exam Preview and Practice

Download Bluebook and try preview questions at any time.



**[cb.org/ap-digital](https://cb.org/ap-digital)**

# 2024 -25 BOCES Partnership Opportunities



[cb.org/new-york](https://cb.org/new-york)

- College Board is collaborating with BOCES to make Advanced Placement® more accessible to districts across New York than ever before.
- BOCES contracted professional learning opportunities or potential APSI scholarships, for AP® courses, including **English 10: AP Seminar**, **AP Precalculus**, **AP Computer Science Principles**, and **AP African American Studies**—courses specifically designed to encourage a wide range of students to participate in AP.
- Opportunity to purchase AP® Exams and Pre-AP® through the BOCES partnership model, to increase access and equity for ALL students.
- College Board is offering Pre-AP for no charge to schools that commit to enrolling 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students in AP African American Studies, AP Computer Science Principles, or English 10: AP Seminar or 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students in AP Precalculus in the 2025-26 school year.



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# 2025 AP Exam Schedule



# 2025 AP Exam Administration

| May 2025 |                |         |           |          |        |          |
|----------|----------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Sunday   | Monday         | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|          |                |         |           | 1        | 2      | 3        |
| 4        | 5              | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10       |
|          | STANDARD ADMIN |         |           |          |        |          |
| 11       | 12             | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17       |
|          | STANDARD ADMIN |         |           |          |        |          |
| 18       | 19             | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24       |
|          | LATE ADMIN     |         |           |          |        |          |
| 25       | 26             | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31       |

- Schools must begin the morning exam administration between 8 and 9 a.m. local time and the afternoon exam administration between 12 and 1 p.m. local time.
- Late-testing dates are available for students who cannot test during the first two weeks of May.
- Exams taken during late testing will be in the same format as exams taken during standard testing.

# 2025 AP Exam Schedule

| Week 1                    | Morning 8 a.m.<br>Local Time                                                                             | Afternoon 12 p.m.<br>Local Time                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday,<br>May 5, 2025    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Latin</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European History</li> <li>• Microeconomics</li> </ul>                        |
| Tuesday,<br>May 6, 2025   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Human Geography</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Government and Politics</li> </ul>                                      |
| Wednesday,<br>May 7, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Literature and Composition</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparative Government and Politics</li> <li>• Computer Science A</li> </ul> |
| Thursday,<br>May 8, 2025  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African American Studies</li> <li>• Statistics</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japanese Language and Culture</li> <li>• World History: Modern</li> </ul>    |
| Friday,<br>May 9, 2025    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italian Language and Culture</li> <li>• U.S. History</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Language and Culture</li> <li>• Macroeconomics</li> </ul>            |

| Week 2                     | Morning 8 a.m.<br>Local Time                                                                                                | Afternoon 12 p.m.<br>Local Time                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday,<br>May 12, 2025    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus AB</li> <li>• Calculus BC</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Theory</li> <li>• Seminar</li> </ul>                                             |
| Tuesday,<br>May 13, 2025   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Language and Culture</li> <li>• Precalculus</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Science</li> <li>• Physics 2: Algebra-Based</li> </ul>                   |
| Wednesday,<br>May 14, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Language and Composition</li> <li>• German Language and Culture</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics C: Mechanics</li> </ul>                                                        |
| Thursday,<br>May 15, 2025  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art History</li> <li>• Spanish Language and Culture</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science Principles</li> <li>• Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism</li> </ul> |
| Friday,<br>May 16, 2025    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics 1: Algebra-Based</li> <li>• Spanish Literature and Culture</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology</li> </ul>                                                                  |