

# AP Exams: Transitioning to Digital

Wisconsin AP Coordinators



# Agenda

- AP Exam Schedule
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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. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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>

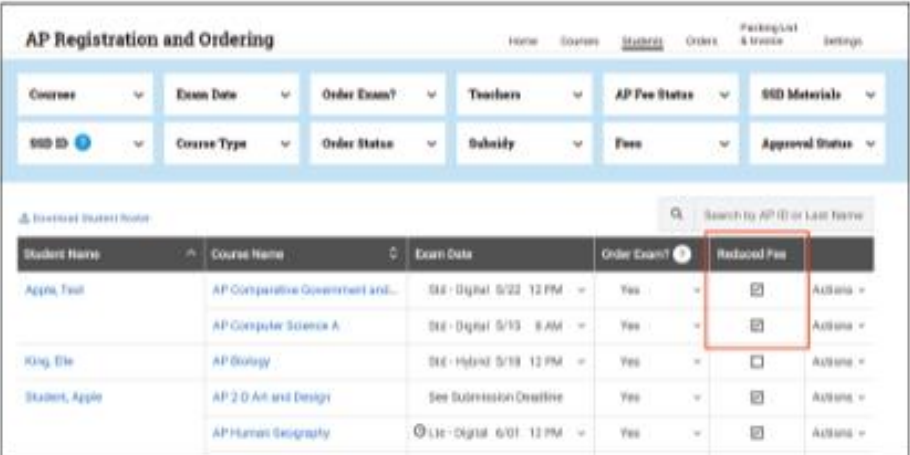
# Fee Reduction Status



# Fee Reduction Status Updates

**Deadline: April 30, 2025**

- For your invoice to accurately reflect any fee reductions, you must indicate the fee reduction status for each eligible student in AP Registration and Ordering.
- Go to the Students page:
  - For each student who is eligible for the College Board fee reduction, check the box for Reduced Fee next to their name in the student roster.
  - For students who aren't eligible for the fee reduction, no action is needed.
- Fee reduction status is indicated only once per student, not for each exam.
- If you change the fee reduction status for a student who's taking multiple exams, the fee reduction status change will automatically carry over to all their exams.



The screenshot shows the 'AP Registration and Ordering' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Courses, Students, Orders, Packing List & Invoice, and Settings. Below the tabs is a filter bar with dropdown menus for Courses, Exam Date, Order Exam?, Teachers, AP Fee Status, and SSD Materials. A second row of filters includes SSD ID, Course Type, Order Status, School, Fee, and Approval Status. Below the filters is a search bar labeled 'Search by AP ID or Last Name'. The main table has columns for Student Name, Course Name, Exam Date, Order Exam?, and Reduced Fee. The 'Reduced Fee' column contains checkboxes, with the one for the first student (Apple, Test) highlighted by a red box. The table lists several students and their exams, including AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP Computer Science A, AP Biology, AP 2-D Art and Design, and AP Human Geography.

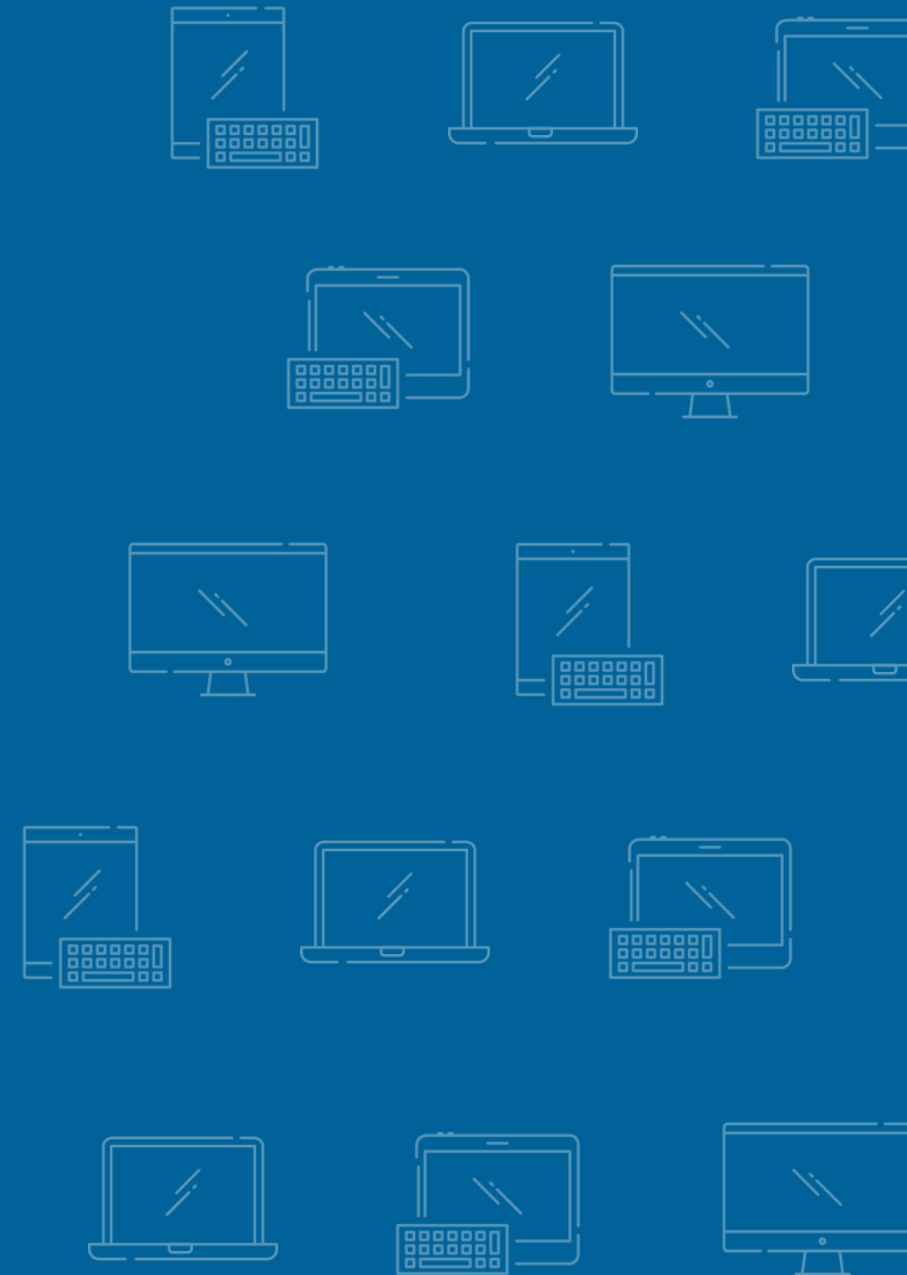
Student Name	Course Name	Exam Date	Order Exam?	Reduced Fee	Actions
Apple, Test	AP Comparative Government and Politics	5E - Digital 5/22 12 PM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Actions
	AP Computer Science A	5E - Digital 5/13 8 AM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Actions
King, Eli	AP Biology	5E - Hybrid 5/13 12 PM	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Actions
Student, Apple	AP 2-D Art and Design	See Submission Deadline	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Actions
	AP Human Geography	5E - Digital 6/01 12 PM	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Actions



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# Transitioning to Digital AP Exams

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.

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# Transition to Digital: How?

Does this change to digital testing impact the exam content?



- The wording for some question directions will be updated to reflect the delivery mode.
- However, the number of sections, number and type of questions, question choice (if applicable), and timing remain unchanged.

# 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**

**6 Exams**

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# Fully Digital AP Exams

Students complete multiple-choice and free-response questions in Bluebook, with all responses automatically submitted at the end of the exam.

- AP African American Studies
- AP Art History
- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Computer Science A
- 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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# Hybrid Digital AP Exams

Students complete multiple-choice questions and view free-response questions in Bluebook. They hand write their free-response answers in paper exam booklets that are returned for scoring.

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Precalculus
- AP Statistics

# Other Digital AP Exams



## AP Digital Portfolio

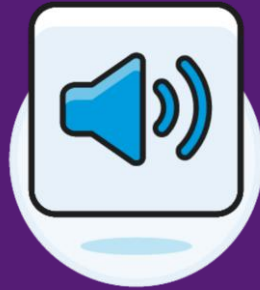
- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP 3-D Art and Design
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Drawing
- AP Research
- AP Seminar



## Chinese & Japanese Exam App

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

# All 6 Remaining Paper Exams Require Secure Audio

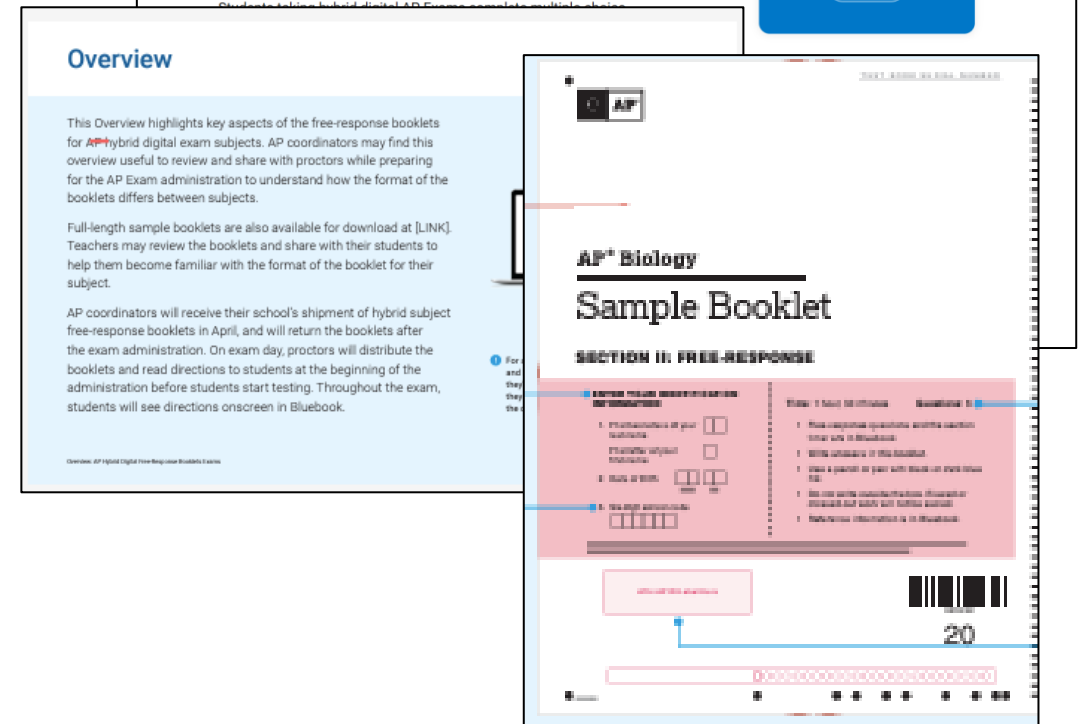
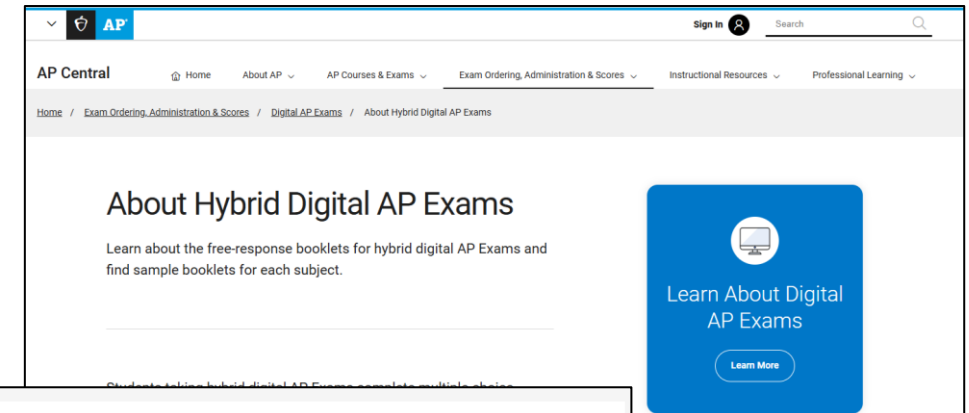


## Exams with Audio Files

- 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

# NEW! – Hybrid Digital AP Exams Sample FRQ Booklet

- New page on AP Central – ‘About Hybrid Digital AP Exams’
- Content includes
  - Overview resource that describes the booklets and their use.
  - Samples of all 12 hybrid digital FRQ booklets.
- Teachers and students can review the booklets to help them become familiar with the format of the booklet for their subject.
- **Sample only** – the free-response booklets students will use on exam day will be shipped by the AP Program to schools!



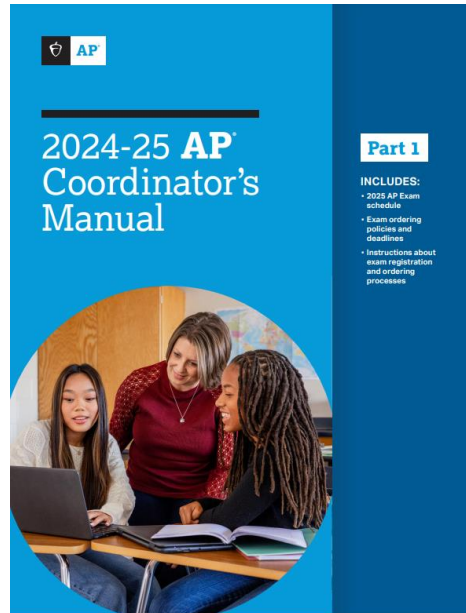


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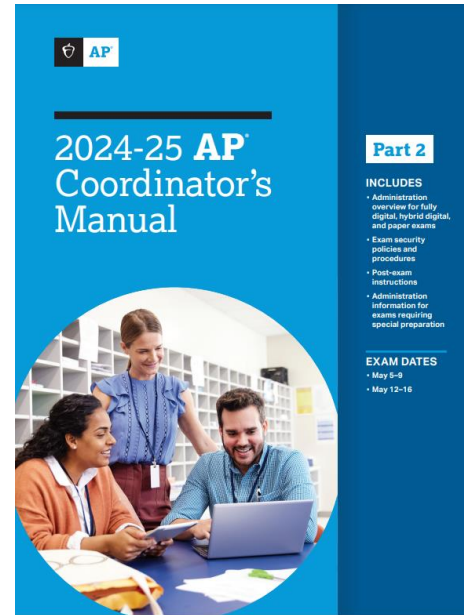
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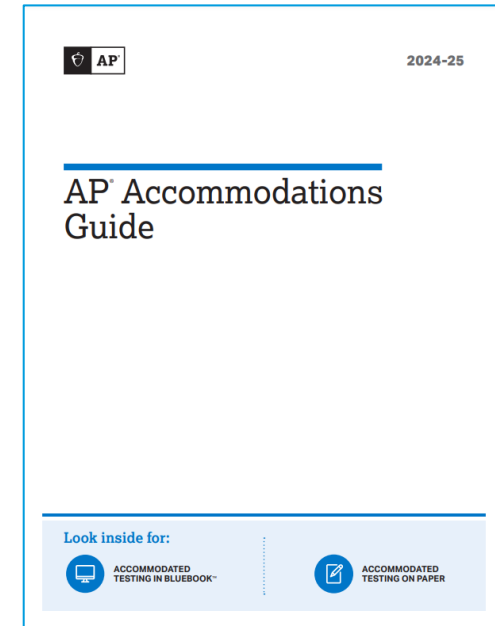
# AP Coordinator Resources



[Coordinators Manual Part 1](#)



[Coordinators Manual Part 2](#)



[AP Accommodations Guide](#)

## AP Coordinator Resource Library



# Testing logistics are like 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.

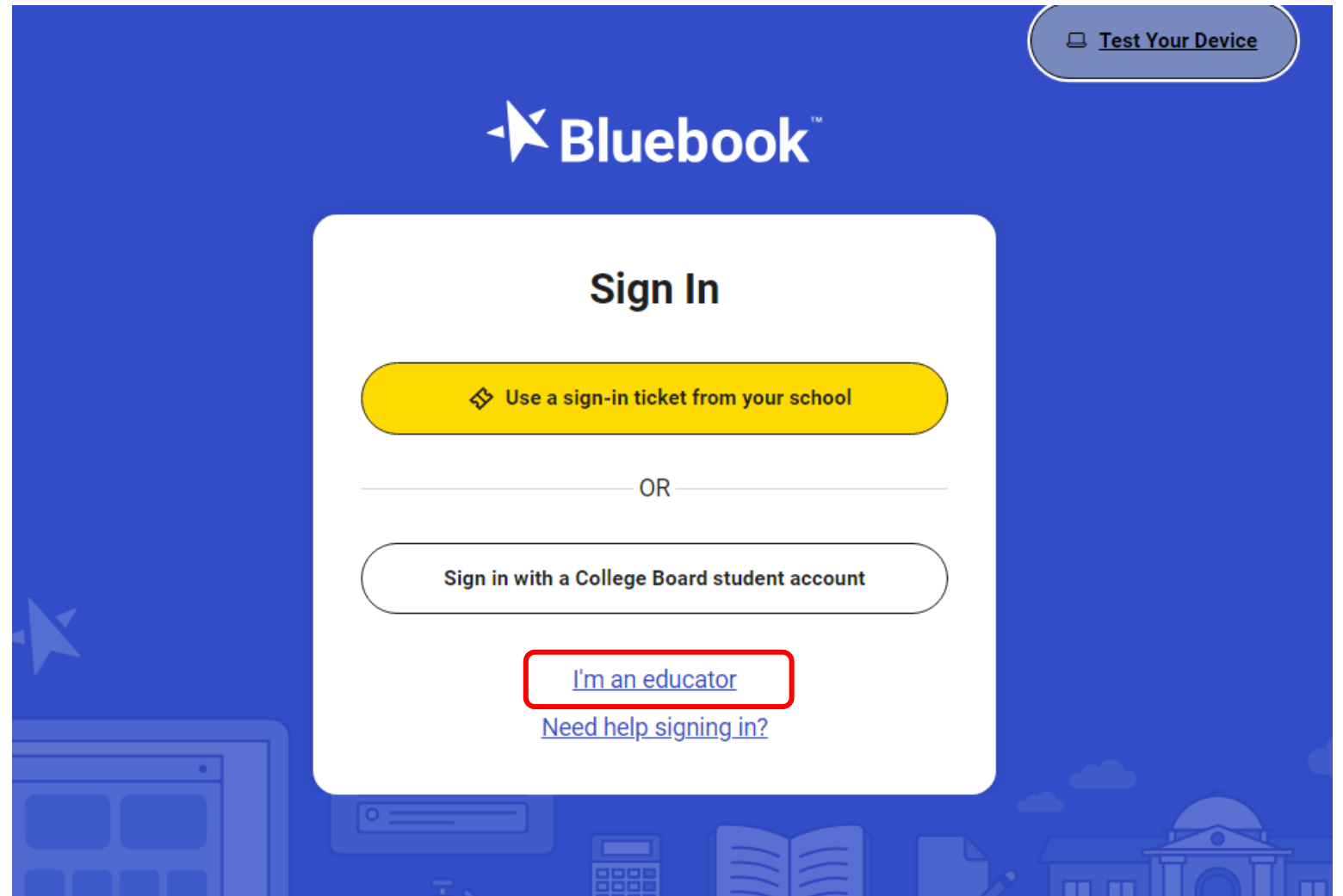


# The basic requirements of the exams aren't changing.

- 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.

# Explore the Bluebook App

- 1) Download the Bluebook App if it is not already on your device.
- 2) Log in as an **EDUCATOR** using your College Board account credentials



# Explore the Bluebook App

Click on the Test Preview icon



**You Have No Upcoming Tests**

Tests appear here a few weeks before test day. **If you got a paper ticket from your school, [sign out](#) and sign in with it.**

**Practice and Prepare** ✓ Active Past [Learn more](#)

**Test Preview**

**Full-Length Practice**

**Explore BigFuture**

# Explore the Bluebook App

Test Preview

- Explore Bluebook**  
Sample questions from AP Exams or the SAT Suite, and try out the testing tools. You won't receive scores or any feedback on your answers.
- Take Your Time**  
The sections in this preview are untimed. On test day, a timer will be running. If you're approved for extra time or breaks, you'll get that on test day.
- Assistive Technology (AT)**  
Be sure to practice with any AT you use for testing. If you configure your AT settings here, you may need to repeat this step on test day.
- No Device Lock**  
We don't lock your device on previews. On test day, you'll be blocked from using other programs or apps.

Back Next

Click NEXT



## Choose a Preview

Test Type \*

\* = Required

Select



Select AP



## Choose a Preview

Test Type \*

\* = Required

AP



Subject \*

Select



Select your  
AP Subject





Questions 1 through 5. Read the following poem carefully before you choose your answers.

59:41

Hide

97%

Highlights & Notes
 Calculator
 Reference
 More

**Calculator**

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Star" was published in  
 nineteenth-century  
 founded and edited by  
 glass, who had escaped  
 north.

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Mark for Review

Which of the following contrasts is stanza (lines 1-6)? >>

- (A) Solitude and society
- (B) Sanctity and irreverence
- (C) Freedom and conformity
- (D) Dark and light

**Reference Sheet**

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

- Statistical Analysis and Probability +
- Rate and Growth +
- Simpson's Diversity Index +
- Surface Area and Volume +
- Water Potential  $\Psi$  +
- The Solute Potential of a Solution +
- Prefixes +

In Anne Bradstreet's poem "The Author to Her Book," published in 1678, the speaker addresses a book she has written. Read the poem carefully. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze how Bradstreet uses literary elements and techniques to convey the complex attitude of the speaker.

In your response you should do the following:


- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.
- Select and use evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how the evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.

### The Author to Her Book

Thou ill-formed offspring of my feeble brain,

Who after birth did'st by my side remain

1

 Mark for Review

In a well-written essay, analyze how Bradstreet uses literary elements and techniques to convey the complex attitude of the speaker.

Your response will be saved automatically.

**B** / U  $X^2$   $X_2$  ↶ ↷ ✂ 📄 📌 Ω →☰

While the changing appearance of the plaza doesn't appeal to **Portal**, he accepts it as inevitable and at the same time becomes a symbol of *constancy* in this changing environment.

While the changing appearance of the plaza doesn't.

# Check Your Work

Look over your work, go back to questions you marked for review, and answer any questions you skipped. Remember: there's no penalty for guessing.

When the timer reaches zero, the exam will end and your answers will be submitted automatically. **Please stay seated and remain quiet.**

## Section II: Free Response Questions

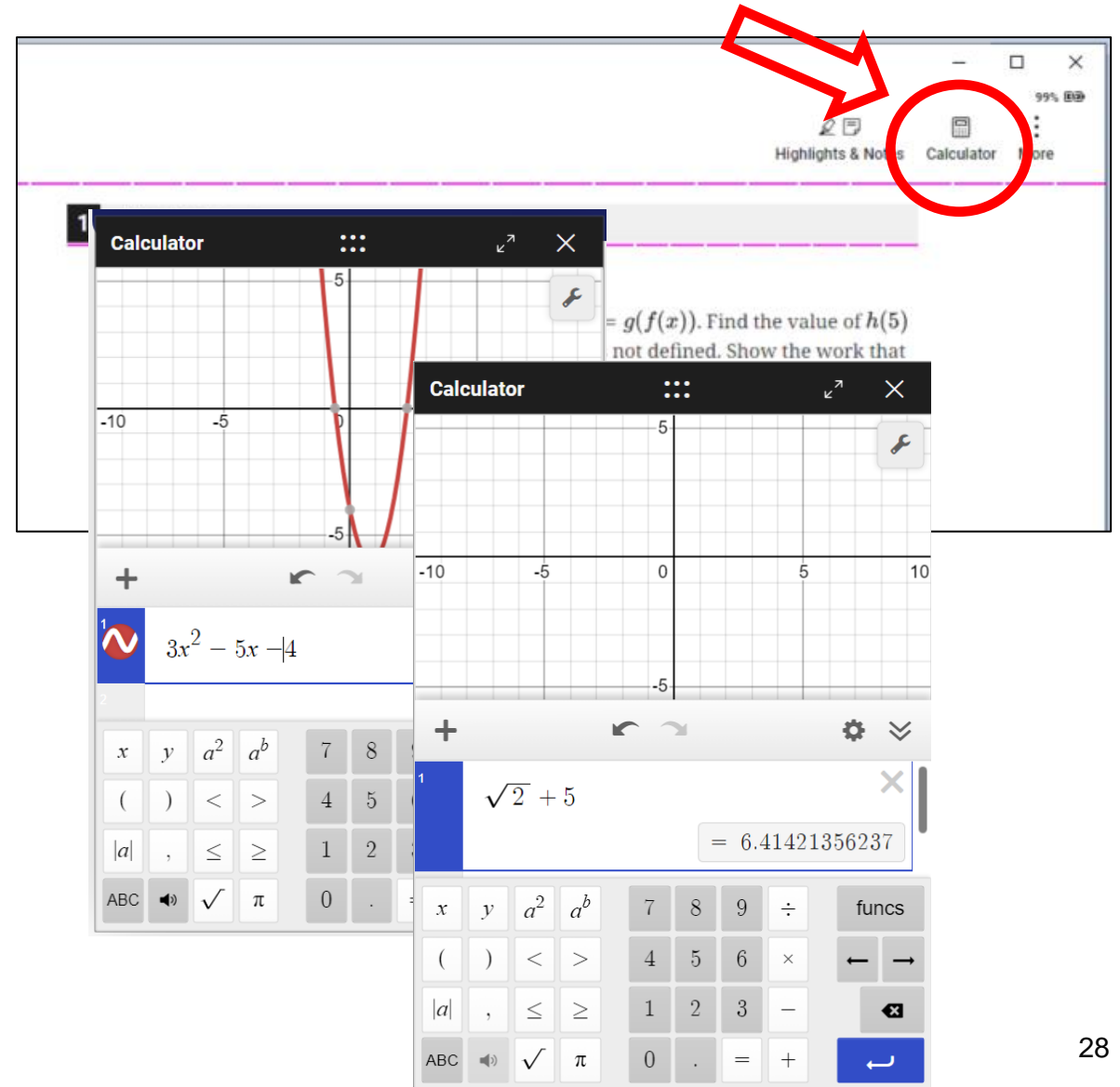
Unanswered  For Review



# NEW! – Support for the Desmos Graphing Calculator\*

- The built-in Desmos Graphing Calculator will be available as an option for 12 AP Exams through Bluebook.
- Students can continue to use an approved personal or school-provided calculator.
- See the AP Calculator Policy on AP Central for the complete list of approved calculators and allowable use in each AP Exam.
- Will be added to AP Exam previews as part of the January Bluebook update.

\* Desmos is not available for the AP Statistics Exam – it doesn't currently have the required statistics computational capabilities.

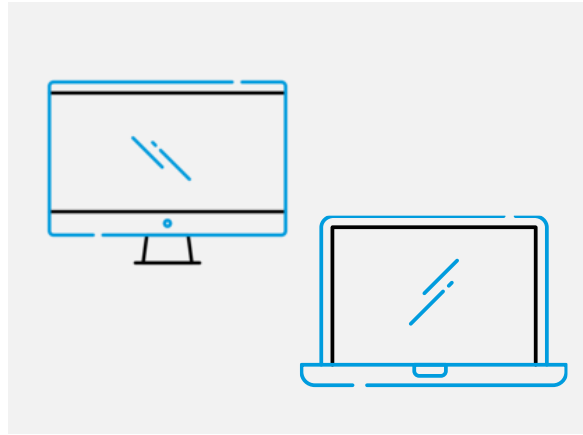


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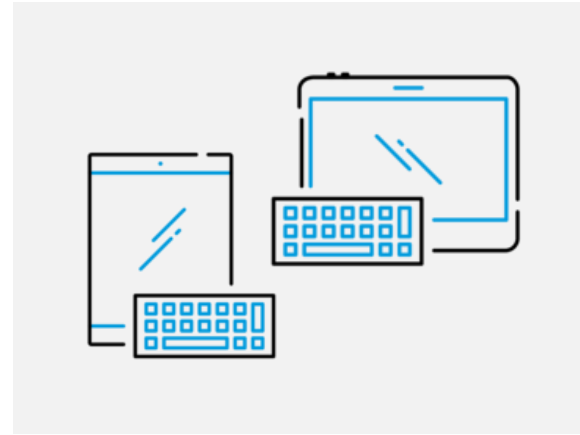
# Technology



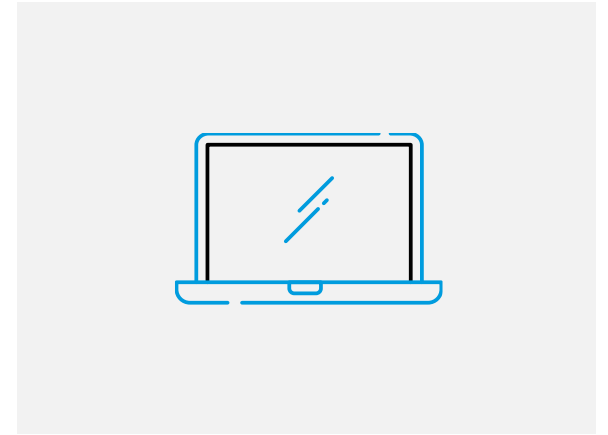
# Device Requirements



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.



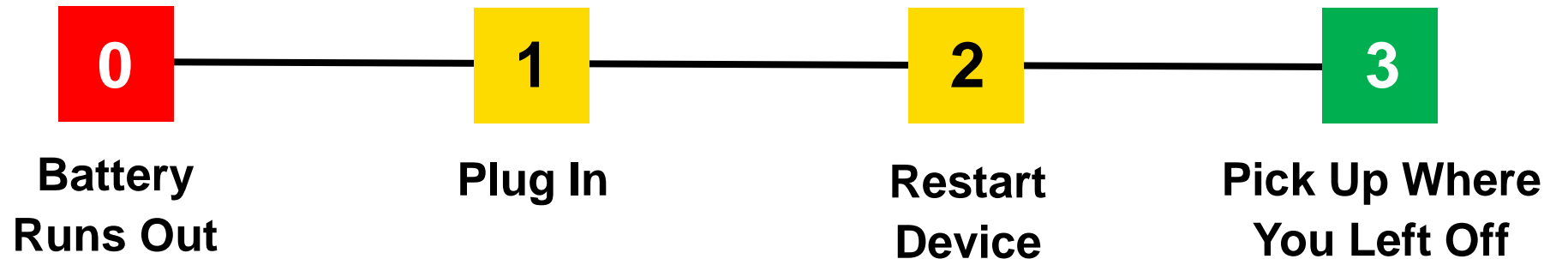
Wi-Fi needed to  
**SUBMIT** exam.



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

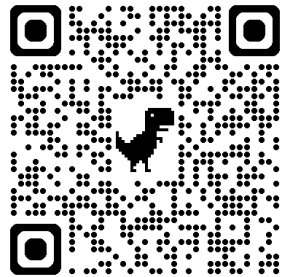
If a student's computer runs out of battery, all their work will be saved, and they won't lose testing time.



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.



# More About the Tech Specs



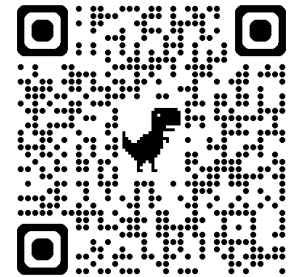
## Technical Specifications

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.

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# Important Updates for AP Coordinators for 2024-25



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# Updates for 2024-25

- Seating Policy Change
  - Starting with the May 2025 AP Exam administration, the minimum seating distance between students is 4 feet (1.2 meters) rather than 5 feet. This change is applicable to all exam subjects in all locations for all testing windows. [Learn more.](#)
- AP Chemistry Periodic Table Update (As of February 2025)
  - After careful consideration of AP Chemistry teachers' concerns about the sizing of the periodic table window in Bluebook, **the AP Program has decided to send printed copies of the periodic table to all schools ordering 2025 AP Chemistry Exams.**
  - **IMPORTANT!**
    - Schools are not permitted to print any reference materials for students to use on exam day.
    - Aside from the periodic table handouts, all other reference information for all digital AP Exams remains digital only. Students may only access the reference information provided through Bluebook.

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# Accommodations Updates for 2024-25

- New AP Accommodations Guides Now Available
  - This all-new guide, which replaces the AP SSD Guidelines, provides comprehensive details about planning and administering AP Exams (fully digital, hybrid digital, and paper) with accommodations. [Check out the guide.](#)
- Extended Time
  - For digital AP Exams, students with College Board–approved accommodations for extended time will have the optional ability in Bluebook to move to the next section or end testing before their full amount of extended time expires. [Learn more about extended time.](#)
- Text-to-Speech (Embedded)
  - Bluebook will include an embedded text-to-speech (TTS) tool for students who require reading assistance as an accommodation. [Learn more about text-to-speech.](#) Schools are not permitted to print any reference materials for students to use on exam day.



# Where to Learn More - in AP Central™



Introduction to 2024  
Digital AP® Testing

## 2024 Overview Video

Overview of the exam experience and features of digital AP Exams



## Preview and Practice

Download Bluebook and try preview questions at any time.



## Tech Specs

Technical specifications about Bluebook and Test Day Toolkit.



## Teacher Tips

Hear teacher tips for incorporating digital testing into classroom experiences.



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

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# Next Steps...

## Here's what you should be working on this month

- Work with your Technology Team to ensure devices and networks are ready for the exams
- When you receive the email from College Board in the spring with a link to access Test Day Toolkit, set up Test Day Toolkit and grant access to testing staff. [Get instructions and best practices.](#)
- **Prepare Proctors and Testing Staff:** Train all digital AP Exam testing staff (proctors, room monitors, and technology monitors and coordinators). Confirm that all testing staff who will be using Test Day Toolkit on exam day have an appropriate personal or school-managed device.
  - Share the *AP Technical Troubleshooting Guide* with technology monitors.
  - Review the *AP Proctor Exam Day Guide* and ensure proctors have reviewed it and are familiar with it before the exam.
  - Confirm that all proctors for the digital AP Exams have their own College Board professional account and can sign in to it.



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# Q & A

# Thank You!

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