

Grand Island Central School District

Grand Island High School

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Dear Parent or Guardian of a Student in an Advanced Placement (AP) Course:

Congratulations!! Your student has signed up to take one, or more, courses offered at Grand Island High School to obtain college credits through the College Board's AP Program (<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>). This is a wonderful opportunity to stand out to colleges, to become familiar with college-level work, to develop college skills and confidence, and to save time and money by possibly earning college credit. Most importantly, studying a college subject in depth could help you discover your true passion and put you on the path to a career.

This letter is to inform you of important information regarding AP course registration and exams. Please note that AP Exams will be administered in person as paper-and-pencil exams over two weeks in May: May 2–6 and May 9–13. *Students will not have the choice to take their exams digitally/remotely for the 2021 - 2022 school year.*

Please complete these essential tasks prior to ensure successful registration:

- **Step 1:** AP Course Registration -
 - Students must join the appropriate class roster for their AP class on the AP website.
 - Directions on how to join a class will be provided by teachers during the first few days of school.
 - Joining the class through the AP website will also give students access to all of the resources available (study guides, practice exams, video tutorials, etc.) to students taking the AP exam in that subject area.
- **Step 2:** AP Exam Cost & Payment -
 - The cost of taking an AP exam is \$96.00.
 - **INITIAL PAYMENTS are DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021.**
 - You may choose to pay the whole amount at once or you can put a down payment of \$40.00 for each exam by **November 1, 2021**, with the remaining balance of \$56.00 for each exam due by **January 17, 2022.**
 - Checks or money orders are payable to Grand Island CSD and can be mailed to the attention of Lynn Ziehm, Grand Island High School, 1100 Ransom Road or dropped off at the High School Main Office.
- **Fee Reduction Option:**
 - Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible to have their AP exam fee waived (free of cost).
 - Enclosed you will find a QR Code link to complete an electronic Free or Reduced Lunch Application form. Please complete this form during the first week of school to determine if your student qualifies for an AP exam fee reduction.

IMPORTANT -

- Due to the Covid-19 relief funds school lunches will be free for all students for the entire 2021 - 2022 school year.
 - ***This does not mean that all students are eligible to have their AP exam fees waived.***
 - ***Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch are still required to complete the two forms mentioned above in order to have their AP Exam fee waived.***
- The College Board charges a **\$40.00 late fee** in addition to the cost of the exam (\$96.00) to students who submit payment after November 15, 2021 (Total Cost is \$136.00).
- The College Board charges a **\$40.00 cancellation fee** if students decide after November 15, 2021 that they no longer want to take their AP Exam. However, the original exam fee of \$96.00 will be refunded (Total Refund is \$56.00).
- Sitting to take the AP exam is optional. However, the workload is the same whether or not students take the AP exam. Students who choose not to take the AP exam, but pass the course, will still receive a GIHS course credit.

As stated above AP exams are scheduled from Monday, May 2, 2022 through Friday, May 13, 2022. We are excited that your student has decided to choose an Advanced Placement (AP) course and look forward to seeing their great result! If you have any questions or need assistance with payment, please contact the High School main office at 716-773-8820.

Sincerely,



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