

To: All Students Enrolled in an Advanced Placement Course

Re: AP fees and policies

Date: August, 2019



We commend you for taking the initiative to enroll in an Advanced Placement course or multiple A.P. courses. By signing up for an A.P. course, you are committing yourself to a highly rigorous educational experience and to heavy demands of both in-class and out-of-class work and studying.

La Salle takes great pride in the individual and collective results on the A.P. tests each year. Last May, 80% of our A.P. students earned at least one qualifying score of three or higher. That means that 338 students performed very well to superior on these comprehensive exams. Collectively, our students outperformed the global averages by over 15 percentage points when combining all of our 874 exams taken in 23 different subject areas. This is very impressive, especially when considering the high number of A.P. students that we have annually.

These types of statistics are consistent with previous years and illustrate the special level of dedication and preparation of our A.P. students and teachers. We think your enrollment in this college-level course(s) and your preparation for the corresponding test(s) in May will benefit you in many ways academically and personally too. We trust that you will put every effort you can into making this a successful academic year not only in your A.P. course work but particularly on the test.

Please take note that the policy of La Salle College High School has been and continues to be that ***all students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course must take the A.P. test in May.*** This policy is meant to secure your full commitment from the very beginning to this course and its demands. The only exception to this policy is a case in which the A.P. teacher requests that a student not take the test because he has not worked to adequately prepare himself for the exam. Additionally, please note that A.P. scores are reviewed by the Administration each summer and are used, along with departmental input, to determine eligibility for A.P. courses in subsequent years. Therefore, make sure you maintain your best efforts right through to the end of your A.P. courses and testing.

The fees for the A.P. exams are determined by the College Board. The fee for each A.P. exam in May 2020 is **\$94**. An invoice for A.P. students will be sent home early in the school year and payment will be needed by **October 1**. Registration for all exams will be very different this year. The College Board is demanding that all students register online during class time in September and that we order all the tests in the fall instead of the spring. Your attention to the deadline for payment is greatly appreciated.

Students not enrolled in A.P. courses who wish to take the A.P. test may still do so, but they will have to obtain approval from their teacher by November 1. Their fee(s) will be due before November 15.

Rest up, restore your energy, and learn as much as you can from the summer assignments. The enlightenment from your fall classes and the grind too await. I wish you a great start to what surely will be an exciting school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mr. Coggins".

Mr. Nicholas Coggins

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment