



AP Electronic and Paper Score Report Changes for 2024: What Higher Ed Needs to Know

The data privacy landscape continues to evolve, impacting the way College Board connects with students and handles student data. In response to these changes it is necessary for us to revise the content of AP[®] electronic score reports and paper score reports. We're also formally labeling some obsolete fields as filler now to make it clear exactly what your institution should expect. AP score reports will only include the information needed for identity matching and granting credit and placement at your institution going forward. Students will still be able to send their AP scores through their College Board account. Data received from these AP score reports may also still be used by your institution for application support and recruitment/outreach purposes.

Please review this information with your IT/operations staff and/or student information system vendor as soon as possible to ensure you'll be ready to interpret the student records starting May 2024.

Data Privacy

We will no longer be including student educational level (i.e., grade), race/ethnicity, previous AI, or Search opt-in status as part of data privacy changes. These changes impact all students who choose to send their AP scores to your institution and will take effect for AP score reports received starting May 2024. This change does not impact students you already have in your system through Search or other inquiry methods.

What's Staying the Same

The layout of the electronic and paper score reports will remain the same, just that certain fields will now always be blank going forward. The remaining populated fields will stay in the same field # and location in the electronic file as they do currently. This includes fields that are critical for identifying and matching students, and for granting credit and placement—student name, date of birth, address, gender, AP ID, and most recent high school (including school code, contact name, institution name, and address).

AP score reports are cumulative, and include all scores and awards earned by the student throughout their entire AP Exam-taking career. The student score record will still contain information about your institution—including college code, contact name, institution name, and address—to facilitate making updates/corrections to your information on file with the College Board.

An updated electronic layout specification and sample test file are provided at collegeboard.org/apcollegereports. Your institution may also continue to use AP score reports for the purposes of granting credit or placement, for application support, and for recruitment/outreach.

What's Changing

Data Elements

The data elements listed below will no longer be included in the AP electronic score report starting with May 2024 reporting. Note that there are also data that AP has not collected or reported for many years now. For these obsolete fields this is not a change for your institution as they already appear as blank in your electronic score files. We are formally labeling these fields as filler now to make it clear exactly what your institution should expect in the electronic score file starting May 2024.

Removed and will be blank starting May 2024:

- Educational Level – *this will also be blank on the paper score report*
- Student Search
- Previous AI Year
- Previous AI Code
- Race/Ethnicity Student Response
- Derived Aggregate Race/Ethnicity
- Service Type
- Service Code
- Ordering Institution Key

Obsolete fields that your institution already receives as blank and will formally be labeled as filler now:

- Expected College Entrance – *not reported since 2012*
- Best Language – *not reported since 2020*
- Applying for Sophomore Standing – *not reported for multiple years now*
- Exam Suppression Flag – *not reported for multiple years now*
- Class Section Code – *not reported since 2020*

All other fields **not** listed above will remain on the AP electronic score report in their current field position. The overall layout is not changing, just the fields above will always be blank.

New Exam Codes for 2024

Two new AP Exams will be reported to institutions starting July 2024:

- **AP Precalculus:** This will appear as exam code **65** in the electronic score report.
- **AP African American Studies:** This will appear as exam code **10** in the electronic score report.

Additional Resources

The 2024 AP Student Data Record Layout, with the changes detailed above, and a sample AP ESR test file can be found on our website at collegeboard.org/apcollegereports.