

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT<sup>®</sup> IN THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

# What Homeschooling Families Need to Know

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the AP Program is introducing new resources and processes designed to help more students earn college credit and placement.

### New Resources

On August 1, 2019, homeschooling educators will have access to the new AP Classroom, a suite of resources that includes:

**Unit Guides:** We've updated the course and exam descriptions (CEDs) for most AP courses. The unit guides include: an outline of the exact content and skills covered on the exam; pacing and sequencing suggestions to help educators integrate material into their courses; and unit weighting to focus instruction on topics that will make the biggest impact.

**Personal Progress Checks:** Made up of formative AP questions, Personal Progress Checks are meant to measure student progress through each unit and throughout the year. They measure content and skills in each unit through multiple-choice questions that are scored automatically and include rationales to explain correct and incorrect answers. Also included are free-response questions with AP scoring guidelines that educators can use to evaluate student answers.

**Progress Dashboard:** The dashboard helps educators recognize student achievement and prioritize areas for additional support by pinpointing strengths and weaknesses of AP content and skills; charting student progress throughout the school year; and equipping students to monitor their own progress and take steps to improve.

### How to Access the Resources

To access AP Classroom and the new resources, homeschooling educators will need to participate in the AP Course Audit and indicate which AP course(s) they're teaching. The audit ensures that each AP course meets our curricular requirements. To learn more about the audit, please visit [apcentral.collegeboard.org/apcourseaudit](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/apcourseaudit). To complete the audit, homeschooling educators need to take the following steps:

- 1. Create a College Board account, and enroll in the AP Course Audit at [apcentral.collegeboard.org/apcourseaudit](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/apcourseaudit).**
- 2. Sign into the AP Course Audit beginning May 20, 2019, and complete the verification process.** Once homeschooling educators enroll in the AP Course Audit and sign into their account, they'll be asked to upload documentation verifying their homeschool status on file with their local, state, or federal education agency. A signed letter of intent or other verification of compliance with state law is also acceptable.
- 3. Submit a completed Course Audit Form.** Homeschooling educators need to fill out the AP Course Audit form, provide information about the course(s) they offer, and agree to any subject-specific curricular requirements.

Once the audit form is complete, educators will be able to order a free course and exam description (CED) binder for their course at [collegeboard.org/ced](https://collegeboard.org/ced). Digital versions of the CEDs will be available for download starting on May 20 from [apcentral.collegeboard.org](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org).

To maintain their access to the platform beyond the 2019–20 school year, depending upon the year, homeschooling AP educators may need to acknowledge updated curricular requirements. For the coming school year, homeschooling educators only need to create a College Board account and complete the Course Audit Form for their course(s).

### Registering for AP Exams

Registration for AP Exams will now take place in the fall. As in years past, homeschooled students will need to work with a local school to order their exams. The AP Program encourages all AP schools to assist homeschooled students.

## Key Dates

<b>BY SEP 4</b>	Homeschooled students contact AP Services for Students at 888-225-5427—toll free in the United States and Canada—or 212-632-1780 to receive contact information for local AP coordinators willing to host homeschooled students for 2020 AP Exams.
<b>BY OCT 4</b>	<p>Homeschooled students should contact a coordinator from the list to check on exam availability. We encourage students to prepare a list of the exams they plan to take, so they can ensure the school offers the exams they're interested in.</p> <p>Students should notify the coordinator of any accommodations they need.</p> <p>Although the College Board won't need to approve accommodations at this time, it's important for the coordinator to know if specific testing materials need to be ordered.</p>
<b>BY NOV 15</b>	All schools need to submit exam orders. While schools can add additional exams to an order up until March 13, there will be a \$40 per exam late order fee. Schools may require students to pay this fee in addition to the exam fee. They may set their own deadlines for accepting late orders from homeschooled students.

Visit [collegeboard.org/ap2019](https://collegeboard.org/ap2019).