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Dr. Anne Staffieri, Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Escondido Union High School District aims to provide all students with an opportunity to engage in rigorous instruction through Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Taking AP courses allow students to engage in classes that are taught on a college level and designed to prepare them for the rigors of college work. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, College Board will implement the following key changes to the Advanced Placement Program in schools across the nation:

- There are new resources for teachers and students to support student success in the AP courses.
- Students will have to commit to taking their AP Exams by the October 4, 2019 deadline.
- Students must register to take the AP exam through an online platform with the assistance of the AP teacher.
- College Board has implemented a $40 fee for:
  - Any unused test.
  - Any student who registers to take an exam after the final deadline.

In response to College Board’s new policies, EUHSD has the following implemented district-wide protocols across all schools:

- All AP test fees must be paid in full by November 4, 2019. Payment must be received prior to the exam being ordered for the student.
- All schools will receive payments via cash, check or credit card. Online payments through the school WebStore is now available. See school website link.
- Any student who registers and pays for an exam and does not take their AP exam will be charged a $40 unused exam fee, per College Board fee structure.
- Any student who registers and pays for an exam after the November deadline will be charged a $40 late fee, per College Board fee structure.
- Fee waivers continue to be available for eligible students. Contact your school for details.

Teachers will provide students with the same rigorous instructional opportunities in the classroom that serve to prepare them for the AP exams they will take at the end of the year. Students can also connect to online preparation for the AP exams by going to the following link:
https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/preparing-for-exams

Students can also gain valuable insight on the AP courses and exams at the following link:
https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home

If you have any additional questions regarding AP exams, please contact your child’s school. Thank you for partnering with us in your child’s education!

Sincerely,

Janet Hwang
Director, Assessment & Accountability