

# AP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



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## AGENDA/OVERVIEW:

- Introductions and Welcome
- College Board and Advanced Placement Overview
- Creating a College Board account
- Benefits of taking AP classes
- Why take the AP exam?
- What to expect with AP testing
  - Costs
  - Dates and Times
  - Testing Environment
- AP Class workload, homework, expectations
- How can parents support AP students?
- AP Retreat (April 28-30 tentative dates)
- Student Question & Answer Session – Beau Forrest, Class of 2016
- How do AP scores equate to college credit?
- Cost benefits of AP testing
- To test or not to test?

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To create an account, sign up at:

<https://account.collegeboard.org/iamweb/smartRegister?excmid=MTG248-ST-1-app>

Once you create your College Board account, all of your student's related tests (PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP exams) will be accessible through this login. Keep in mind, your student will have his/her personal login different from the parent login.

**Main Advanced Placement College Board webpage:**

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home?navid=gh-aps>

This page allows you and/or your student to create an account. There is excellent information on this site. College Board is the entity that oversees Advanced Placement so this site should answer most of your specific AP questions.

## SAMPLE AP TEST QUESTIONS/PROMPT (Human Geography)

The Human Geography AP Exam is a 2 hour 15-minute exam. Students have one hour to complete multiple choice questions. Below are a few examples of AP Human Geography questions.

1. Rechanneling the Kissimmee river in FL produced an increase in which of the following adverse environmental impacts?
  - A. Disruption of wildlife habitats
  - B. Pollution of drinking water
  - C. Runoffs from cattle grazing
  - D. A and B
  - E. All of the above
2. According to environmental determinism
  - A. The physical environment sets limits on human actions
  - B. People can adjust to the physical environment
  - C. People can choose a course of action from many alternatives offered by the physical environment
  - D. People determine their physical environment
  - E. The physical environment causes social development

Included below are sample questions from a Human Geography AP Exam. This test, for example, is comprised of 3 essay-style prompts in which students have to complete within 75 minutes as well as

An example of one of the three essay-style prompts:

1. Walls and other barriers built by countries to establish their borders are some of the oldest and most controversial elements in the cultural landscape.
  - a. Identify three examples of walls or other barriers built by countries in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.
  - b. Explain the purpose of one of the examples you identified in part a.
  - c. For each of the categories listed below, discuss a consequence faced by countries as a result of walls or other barriers established along their borders.
    - i. social or political
    - ii. economic
    - iii. environmental

Sample questions, essay prompts and the general overview of each AP exam are available on the College Board website under courses, found at: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse> .

**Colleges and universities** all have different requirements and admission guidelines. To check a specific college/university, search by college name at:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies> or with the Admissions Office of the colleges/universities of interest.