

# Allatoona Advanced Placement

## Joining AP Courses

1. Students will create a College Board account and join each currently enrolled course. Teachers will provide the join code for students.
2. See [AP Students - Joining Your AP Class Section](#) for more directions.
3. Courses will open only during the semester the student is enrolled. Spring classes will open in January after school begins.

## Taking the AP Exams

1. After joining the AP course, students will select YES or NO to take the exam.
2. Although taking the exam is not required, it is highly encouraged by both Allatoona and the College Board. See [3 Reasons to Take AP Exams – College Board Blog](#).
3. If students choose not to take the exam, they will need to indicate NO in their College Board account.
4. Students will need to make the final determination on taking the AP exam by October 31 for fall courses and by March 1 for spring courses.

## Payments for AP Exams

1. The state of Georgia allows one free STEM exam per year for students. (One science, math, or computer science exam is free).
2. Pay on MyPaymentsPlus for the exam(s). Select the appropriate exam in which to pay; some courses have similar names, so please review your student's college board account for their enrolled courses.
3. MyPaymentsPlus will calculate the total cost including the free STEM exam. Exams cost \$99 each with a one-time registration fee of \$15.
4. Pay only for exams in which your student is currently enrolled. For example, do not pay for the spring course exam until the course opens in January.
5. Pay by October 31 for fall exams AND by March 1 for spring exams.
6. Exams cannot be ordered until payment is received.
7. Allatoona will offer several scholarships for students that will cover the cost of the AP exams. Your student's AP teacher will share the information in class.

## Students with Accommodations

1. Before students with disabilities can take the PSAT, SAT, or Advanced Placement Exams with accommodations—such as extended time or assistive technology—the request must be approved by College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD).
2. See [How Accommodations Work – Accommodations | College Board](#) for more information.
3. If your student needs an accommodation that is not already approved within the College Board account, please complete the [Consent Form for Accommodations Request \(collegeboard.org\)](#) and return to Dr. Bagley, AP Coordinator, [sean.bagley@cobbk12.org](mailto:sean.bagley@cobbk12.org) via email to begin the process of ensuring your student's accommodations are provided.

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## Digital AP Exams

Starting in May 2025, standard paper testing will be discontinued for 28 AP Exams—these exams will move to the Bluebook digital testing application. Students will use their school issued laptop to take AP exams using the Bluebook app.

Students who do not have a school issued laptop will need to opt in to receive a laptop.

See [28 AP Exams Go Digital in May 2025 – AP Central | College Board](#) for more information.

## College Credit for AP Courses

Students' AP scores could earn college credit or advanced placement (meaning students could skip certain courses in college). See [AP Credit Policy Search – AP Students – College Board](#) for colleges' requirements for scores.

## Preparing for AP Exams

The best way to prepare for exams is to practice the material and the understand the format. See [AP Exam Practice – AP Students | College Board](#) for tips on how to be successful in AP Courses.

## Qualifying for an AP Scholar Award

The AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. See [Qualifying for an AP Scholar Award – AP Students | College Board](#).

If you have further questions, please reach out to your student's AP teacher or Dr. Bagley, AP Coordinator, [sean.bagley@cobbk12.org](mailto:sean.bagley@cobbk12.org).