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Subject: Information Regarding College Board Changes to Advanced Placement (AP) Courses and Exams for 2019-2020

Dear PYLUSD Families,

With the 2019-2020 school year quickly approaching, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) wanted to make you aware of mandatory changes regarding Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams as implemented by the College Board. **These changes involve a new online registration process and new classroom resources, as well as an accelerated deadline to register for AP exams.**

Beginning in August 2019, AP students and teachers will complete a short digital activation process at the start of the school year which will provide access to new classroom resources such as a question bank, unit guides, personal progress checks, and a performance dashboard.

With the introduction of the new student and teacher resources, the College Board is also moving the AP exam registration and ordering timeline from the spring to the fall for the 2019-2020 school year. **Therefore, students enrolled in an AP course who want to participate in the AP exams in May 2020 will register, pay, and commit to taking the exam in October 2019.** There will be additional fees for each exam ordered after the final deadline in the fall and for any exam that is ordered, but not taken.

School administrators will order exams following the new fall deadlines and based on the rosters created through the online registration. School administrators will also receive personalized AP ID registration labels that will be used to connect students' exam materials with their registration information. This eliminates bubbling information circles on the exam and pre-administration sessions.

Why the change? According to the College Board, early commitment to take an AP exam will focus learning on the long-range outcome. Moving the decision to take the exam toward the start of the school year will benefit students and boost the learning culture in AP classrooms. When students commit to the exam from day one, they invest themselves in their classes, partnering with their teacher and classmates to do the daily work necessary to earn a score on the AP exam that qualifies for college credit and/or placement.

PYLUSD students enrolling in AP courses for the 2019-2020 school year should be prepared for the new October 2019 registration and payment with early commitment to participate in the May 2020 exams.

Be on the lookout for additional information regarding AP courses and exams from your respective high school in Summer 2019. If you wish to learn more in the meantime, please visit the College Board's AP Central online at <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org>.