



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Nonpublic School Administrators  
Route To: High School Principals  
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Division of Teaching and Learning Services

## 2022-2023 School Year Advanced Placement Test Fee (APTF) Program

In the 2022-2023 school year, the Advanced Placement (AP) test fee will be offset with support from the College Board and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for students enrolled in an AP class and who qualify as low-income. A low-income student is defined as a child, age 5 through 19, from a low-income family based on eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches under the *National School Lunch Act*.

For each 2023 **AP Exam**, except for AP Seminar Exams and AP Research Exams, taken by students who attend State's public and non-public schools, and who qualify for the College Board AP Exam fee reduction ("Fee-Reduced Exams"), as indicated by the applicable school's AP coordinator, the following will occur:

- i. College Board will provide a \$35.00 (thirty-five dollars) fee reduction per exam;
- ii. The applicable school will forego its \$9.00 (nine dollars) rebate per exam;
- iii. The State will pay \$44.00 (forty-four dollars) per exam to College Board; and
- iv. The student will pay \$9.00 (nine dollars) per exam.

For each 2023 **AP Seminar Exam** and each 2023 **AP Research Exam** taken by students who attend State's public and non-public schools, and who qualify for the College Board AP Exam fee reduction ("Fee-Reduced Exams"), as indicated by the applicable school's AP coordinator, the following will occur:

- i. College Board will provide a \$35.00 (thirty-five dollars) fee reduction per exam;
- ii. The applicable school will forego its \$9.00 (nine dollars) rebate per exam;
- iii. The State will pay \$92.00 (ninety-two dollars) per exam to College Board; and
- iv. The student will pay \$9.00 (nine dollars) per exam.

The College Board will bill the State directly, based on the number of Fee-Reduced Exams actually administered, as determined by each school and indicated by the applicable school's AP coordinator in the AP Registration and Ordering system.

**Other Federal Funding Sources (Title I-A, Title IV-A, and ESSER):** Finally, under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, districts are permitted to dedicate a portion of the Title I, Part A and/or Title IV, Part A funding they receive to defray the cost of AP and other advanced course or industry credential exams taken by low-income students. These costs are also allowable under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). For more information on allowable uses of ESEA funds, refer to the NJDOE's [ESEA District Guide](#).

If intending to use Title I, Part A, Title IV, Part A, or ESSER funds for this purpose, districts must ensure such costs are supported by their needs assessment and reflected in the budget section of their 2021-2022 ESEA Consolidated Application or their ESSER application, as applicable, in the NJDOE's Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff. If you have questions regarding the Advanced Placement Test Fee program, contact us at [APexams@doe.nj.gov](mailto:APexams@doe.nj.gov).

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