

## AP Credit Policy – Press Release Template

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### **[STATE] Colleges and Universities to Honor College Credit for 2020 AP Exams**

*[STATE SYSTEM] supports College Board AP Exam changes in response to coronavirus, and promotes acceptance of AP credit at [STATE] colleges and universities*

[City, State]— [STATE SYSTEM] Today, the [STATE SYSTEM] announced that [STATE] colleges and universities will honor all existing transfer credit articulation for spring 2020 Advanced Placement Exams on which 3, 4, or 5 are earned, assuring students that their hard work in AP this school year will be rewarded.

In response to school closings, the College Board is helping all AP students worldwide complete their AP coursework through free, daily online courses on YouTube. At the request of an overwhelming majority of students, the College Board has also developed AP Exams that can be taken online this year, on any device a student has access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone.

“[STATE SYSTEM] fully supports the changes to the AP Exam made by the College Board,” said [SPOKESPERSON]. “We understand [STATE] students need flexibility at this time of crisis and we are committed to honoring the AP credit they earn. The online courses are rigorous and the exam results will be valid—as we always count on them to be.”

“It is gratifying to see support for this year’s solution to AP Exams,” said Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and Instruction at the College Board. “Nationwide, students have worked hard in their AP courses all year, and they deserve the chance to earn college credit. We are living in extraordinary times with many challenges, yet these students are showing great resilience.”

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## **AP Credit Policy – Sample Website Content**

In response to school closings due to the impact and ongoing threat of COVID-19, the College Board has developed AP Exams that can be taken at home, online this year from May 11-22, 2020. Free online AP classes and review sessions are available at [youtube.com/advancedplacement](https://www.collegeboard.org/advancedplacement) to help students prepare for the 45-minute exams.

[SYSTEM NAME] recognizes both the need for these changes and the effort that students have already made in these challenging courses. [SYSTEM NAME] remains committed to granting students academic credit for the successful completion of 2020 AP Exams and our current policy for awarding credit [LINK TO POLICY] will remain in effect for students who test in 2020. We appreciate students' efforts to do their best under the difficult circumstances.

## **AP Credit Policy – Sample Social Media Posts**

The @CollegeBoard is taking steps to ensure AP students have access to at-home exams and free resources to help them finish the school year strong. Students, go get the college credit you have worked so hard for all year! <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>

[STATE SYSTEM] is maintaining our current AP credit policy in fall 2020 to ensure that students can earn the credit they have been working toward all year. @CollegeBoard has free resources to help them get ready for this year's online AP exams. <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>

Now that students can take AP exams online and at home, they have the opportunity to earn the credit they have worked so hard for, despite school closings. AP students, we encourage you to take advantage of @CollegeBoard's free resources and finish strong. <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>