

To: AP Students

From: ACPS Chief Academic Officer

Regarding: AP Final Exam Questions

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Please review the following information regarding the AP final exams.

- 1- Will teachers provide the students with the topics for the writing component of the final AP classroom exam(s)?

Answer- The exact topics will not be given. A purpose of the final exam is to simulate the College Board AP exams and students will not know the exact topics on the AP exam.

- 2- What type of writing will be required on the final classroom exam?

Answer- Students should have already had a sample of writing tasks and should have familiarity with the types of questions and responses required for each content area. Students should have also examined the AP Public Release items from the College Board.

- 3- Why is a 2 on the AP final exam only worth 60%?

Answer- Regardless of an assessment, there will always be a cut-off score. The AP exam website has a breakdown for AP exam scores if a college course grade equivalent were to be assigned. ACPS is being more than fair in assigning a score of 100% to the final exam for anyone scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on the final exam. There is also a calculator on the website that shows students how many questions and points are needed to earn a score of 3 or higher. Please consider reviewing this information. If we were to increase the score for a 2, then we would also have to change the score for a 3 or 4 to less than a 100%.

- 4- Why are we having the AP classroom final exams so early? We need more time in class to learn the material for the College Board AP exam.

Answer- AP final exams are designed to provide students with another opportunity to practice taking a condensed version of the College Board AP exam, as well as provide the teacher with an opportunity to provide feedback to students regarding their results on the final exam (s). In addition, AP students are expected to spend several hours outside of class each week preparing for the AP exam(s).

- 5- Will the teachers provide what types of short responses or examples that will be required on the final exam(s)?

Answer- At this point in the year, AP students should be well aware of what is expected regarding the various types of questions and written responses. AP students also have access to a number of AP resources, including Barron's AP Test Prep books, the Albert AP Online Test Prep, and past AP Public Release exams.