



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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2024-2025 School Year Advanced Placement Test Fee (APTF) Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) proudly announces its continued participation in the Advanced Placement Exam Fee Reduction program, increasing access to exams for students with financial need. In the **2024-2025 school year**, the Advanced Placement (AP) test fee will be offset with support from the College Board and the 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*.

The College Board Advanced Placement Exam Fee for school year 2024-25 is \$99.00.

For each AP Exam (except for AP Seminar Exams and AP Research Exams) taken by students who attend the 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:

- The College Board will provide a \$37.00 fee reduction per exam;
- The applicable school will forego its \$9.00 rebate per exam;
- The State will pay \$40.00 per exam to the College Board; and
- **The student will pay \$13.00 per exam.**

The College Board Advanced Placement Seminar Exam and/or the College Board Advanced Placement Research Exam Fees are \$147.00, for each.

For each AP Seminar Exam and/or each AP Research Exam taken by students who attend the 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:

- The College Board will provide a \$37.00 fee reduction per exam
- The applicable school will forego its \$9.00 rebate per exam;
- The State will pay \$88.00 per exam to the College Board; and
- **The student will pay \$13.00 per exam.**

The College Board will bill the State directly, **based on the number of fee-reduced exams administered in the 2024-2025 school year**. This is as determined by each school, and as indicated by the applicable school's AP coordinator in the AP Registration and Ordering system.

Other Federal Funding Sources (ESEA Title I-A and Title IV-A): 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. For more information on allowable uses of federal funds, refer to the NJDOE's [Unlocking Your Federal Funds Guidance](#).

If intending to use Title I Part A or Title IV Part A funds for this purpose, districts must ensure such costs are supported by their needs assessment and reflected in the budget section of their 2024-2025 ESEA Consolidated Application in the NJDOE's Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system.

Additionally, LEAs running a Title I-A Schoolwide Program must ensure these costs are articulated in their annual school plan (ASP) as this is a Title I-A requirement.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff. For any questions regarding the Advanced Placement Test Fee program, please contact APexams@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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