



W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL

FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

9525 Main Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

April 13, 2016

Dear Doug Oberle,

Below you will find pertinent information concerning AP exam administration.

Exam Information:

EXAM	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Computer Science A	May 3	Morning	AUX Gym

Exam Timing:

EXAM	SECTION I	BREAK	SECTION II
Computer Science A	1 hr. 30 min.	10 min.	1 hr. 30 min.

Exam Changes:

Beginning with the 2016 exam, the multiple-choice section of the AP Computer Science A Exam will be 1 hour 30 minutes, an increase of 15 minutes from the 2015 exam. The free-response section will be 1 hour and 30 minutes, a decrease of 15 minutes from the 2015 exam. The standard total time for the exam will remain at 3 hours.

Report Times/Staging Areas:

For morning exams, students are asked to meet in **Cafeteria A** by **7:45**. Students with afternoon exams should meet in the **Auditorium Lobby** by **11:45**. *While buses may arrive after 7:45, students are advised to report immediately to the staging area after visiting their locker. Students will then be dismissed in groups to their assigned testing location of either CAV Hall or the AUX Gym. Once an exam has begun, no student will be allowed to enter the exam room, and the College Board will not grant requests for late testing. Missing an exam means that a students will not receive the related GPA bump for the course as well.

Teacher Number:

For all courses, teachers have been assigned an AP teacher number alphabetically. Your teacher number for **Computer Science A** is: **1**. Even though teacher numbers will be posted in testing locations and provided with proctor materials, please inform students of your number ahead of time.

Authorized Materials (Standard):

Students must bring a few No. 2 pencils (with erasers) and a pen with black or dark blue ink.

Authorized Materials (Other):

A watch (no beeping or alarms, no smartwatches), approved calculators (Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Physics C, and Statistics only), ruler/straightedge (Physics C only), and College Board Accommodations Letter (if taking an exam with approved accommodations).

Unauthorized Materials:

Books, compasses, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, notes, mechanical or color pencils, protractors, scratch paper, reference guides, and food or drink.

Food/Drink:

We will be providing tables outside of Cavalier Hall as well as the Auxiliary Gym for students to house snacks or drinks that they may access either during the designated break between sections or between morning and afternoon exams. Students with afternoon exams are encouraged to eat prior to testing, so they are not in need of a snack during the exam. Students should ensure their snack and drink items are properly labeled with their name and that these items can withstand sitting at room temperature for up to 3 hours. Woodson is not responsible for the oversight of these items during the testing window. Students may not bring any food or drink into the testing location itself. Note: These tables are provided for food and drink only. No other items will be permitted.

Designated Break:

Students may not consult textbooks, notes, teachers, or other students during the break between Sections I and II of an exam and must have permission to use the bathroom or access food or drink from the designated tables. In addition, students may not use any electronic devices or leave the building during this time. *Students may use the bathroom at any point during an exam, however additional time will not be granted.

Electronics:

It is imperative that all students understand that absolutely no electronics will be allowed in the testing rooms, nor will they be stored by proctors in or outside of the room. Electronics include any phone, smartwatch, tablet, laptop, MP3 player or recording device, camera or anything that can connect to the internet. Students observed with any of these devices out or heard on their person during an exam or a scheduled break will be dismissed from the exam, his/her scores will be canceled, and he/she will not receive the GPA bump associated with taking an AP course. Please advise your students they should leave all electronics in their locker or car prior to reporting to the staging area.

Exam Security/Decorum:

Students are not permitted to disclose the questions on an exam or leave the testing site with any testing materials or lined scratch paper. Student scores will be deemed invalid if issues of plagiarism, discrepant handwriting, or unusual answer patterns arise. Students may not open the exam booklet before the exam begins, give or receive assistance of any kind, disturb other students, work on the wrong section of an exam, or work longer than the time permitted for the exam. Such infractions will cause a student to be dismissed and their scores canceled. *AP teachers are prohibited from entering the exam room, proctoring their own exam, communicating with students during testing/authorized break, or reviewing any content of an AP exam. AP teachers are prohibited from discussing unreleased multiple-choice questions with students. AP teachers may only discuss free-response questions IF those specific questions were released on the College Board website two days after the exam administration. This policy also covers student to student communication.

Scheduling Conflicts:

Students may request late testing if they have three (3) or more exams scheduled on the same date OR two (2) exams on the same date and time. Late testing is also available for students who encounter a serious injury, illness, or family tragedy. Precedence will be given to larger exam groups or exams that require technology to test on their first testing date. Please remind students that late testing is limited and is prescribed by the College Board not by Woodson. To request late testing, students must notify Erle' Nielsen in Student Services as soon as possible. Note: Late testing is not available for World Language exams.

Testing Accommodations:

Students who have requested accommodations from the College Board are asked to check in with their counselor in late April to make sure they have been approved and must bring their accommodation letter to the testing site for each exam.

Scores/Reports/Services:

Please remind students that their exam scores will be released online (only) at [apcentral.collegeboard.org](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/apcentral/scores). Students should safeguard their AP number card so they can access their scores in July. If students don't have a College Board account, they must create one (using the email address provided on their registration sheet), provide their AP number or FCPS ID number, and enter all identifying information just as it appears on their registration sheet. Creating an account will allow them to access scores and send results to colleges. If students already have a College Board account, they are already set up to receive their scores and access score reporting services.

Students can request reporting services at: apstudent.collegeboard.org/services. They will need to print and complete the appropriate form and send it to AP Services by mail or fax.

Each AP exam score is a weighted combination of the student's score on the multiple-choice section and on the free-response section.

The final score is reported on a five-point scale:

- 5 (extremely well qualified)
- 4 (well qualified)
- 3 (qualified)
- 2 (possibly qualified)
- 1 (no recommendation)

For most AP subjects, an exam score of 5 equates to a grade of A+ or A, a score of 4 equates to a grade of A-, B+, B, and a score of 3 equates to a grade of B-, C+, C in college.

AP Bulletin:

Please remind students to read the 2015-2016 *Bulletin for AP Students and Parents* to become familiar with exam procedures, the importance of identifying their exam materials with AP number labels, and overall exam security. Students received this Bulletin at their AP Pre-Registration session, however additional copies are housed in Student Services should they need it.

After reviewing this information with students, please post this to Blackboard.

If there are any questions regarding testing, please feel free to contact me. Good luck to you and your students in May!

Sincerely,

Ryan W. Brown