

Dear Advanced Placement Students and Parents:

As part of the curriculum in the Advanced Placement classes, students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will take the tests given by the College Board in the first two weeks of May 2006. Additionally, students have the opportunity to take any AP exam offered, even if they are not in the class or a class is not offered at this time. Results from these exams are sent to designated colleges and may earn college credit for the student, depending on the individual college and the score attained. It is very important that students check with the college/university (universities) they are interested in attending to verify policies on granting credit.

These tests must be ordered and fees submitted in March. To help reduce the financial burden for individual families, our school district has agreed to pay a portion of the test fees for students enrolled in AP courses in which they will be testing. In addition, the state helps defray the cost. Consequently, this year's students will need to pay only \$35 for each test they take. Students who qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches qualify for additional reductions and the cost for each test will be \$13. Students wishing to take exams for which courses are not offered will need to pay \$52 per test. We do have limited scholarship funds available for students with sincere financial aid through our Academic Booster Club. Any students needing assistance should speak with Mrs. Shires, AP Coordinator, as soon as possible.

Because we are required to pay so far in advance, **these fees must be received no later than February 10, 2006**. We understand that many students will be taking multiple exams in May. In an effort to help families pay for these exams, we are offering a payment plan. Parents can make payments from November to February. Cash is acceptable, and checks should be made payable to Samuel Clemens High School. Please write the student's name and the tests they wish to take on the 'memo' line of the check. Please attach the payment along with the completed registration form and return to Mrs. Shires. Once we order these tests, we will not be able to honor requests for full refunds.

We sincerely believe that the benefits derived from these tests will justify the costs incurred. To help us to plan the test arrangements, please indicate which exams you currently plan for you son or daughter to take by completing the attached registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Shires, AP Coordinator, at 945-6111 or sshires@scuc.txed.net.

Advanced Placement Exam Registration

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Student ID Number: _____ English Teacher: _____
Home Address: _____

_____(City and zip)
Home Phone Number: _____

Parent Name : _____
Point of Contact (phone): _____
E-mail Contact: _____

- My son/daughter qualifies for the free/ reduced lunch (test cost \$13)
 We have a sincere financial need. Please contact us at the number listed above.
 We do not qualify for reduced exam fees, but we would like to offer a donation to the Academic Booster Club to help another family.

Please place a check or an 'x' by the test that your son/daughter will be taking in May 2006. Submit payment with this registration form and return no later than February 15, 2006.

- AP English Language & Composition (11th grade course)
 AP English Literature & Composition (12th grade course)
 Calculus AB
 Calculus BC
 World History
 Computer Science A
 Computer Science AB
 Spanish Language
 German Language
 French Language
 United States History
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics B
 Psychology
 US Government & Politics
 Macroeconomics*
 Microeconomics *
 Statistics *
 Music Theory *

* Exams offered but course not currently available at Clemens. For more options see www.collegeboard.com