

# Fairview High School

## Advanced Placement Exam Registration

May, 2011



Information for students who will be taking AP exams during the Spring, 2011 exam session



## Fairview Honors Program Advanced Placement Registration Instructions for the May 2011 Exam Session

### Introduction

Fairview High School challenges motivated students with the broadest range of honors courses available in the Boulder Valley School District. With an emphasis on the development of the whole student, the honors program allows students to select among International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and other weighted courses to chart an individual path suited to their own goals and talents.

The ability to mix IB, AP, and traditional courses facilitates student success and maximizes the possibility of earning credit or advanced standing at many American colleges and universities.

### Why take an AP exam?

- Taking an official AP exam is a pinnacle event for many courses at Fairview. For those who have invested an entire year's worth of study into an advanced course, actually taking the associated AP exam is the finishing touch to the overall endeavor.
- Colleges and universities grant credit, advance placement, or both for qualifying AP exam grades. This provides you with more options in college.
- You might qualify for an AP Scholar distinction if you earn grades of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams.

### Combining AP with IB

Fairview's ability to deliver both of these programs gives students a great opportunity to get the best advanced preparatory college education available. The IB and AP programs do indeed have significant differences in curriculum and the manner in which their respective curriculums are delivered; however, the two programs also share some very important characteristics. Both programs have rigorous standards for students and faculty; both are devoted to educational excellence; both programs involve dedicated and creative teachers committed to their students, their disciplines, and their profession. Both programs attract highly motivated students who wish to excel academically and attend the most selective colleges and universities, and both programs teach students **how** to learn, promoting quality college experiences.

From a curricular standpoint, both programs have strengths and weaknesses. Over the last decade of simultaneously teaching IB and AP content to a wide range of students, Fairview faculty have identified and capitalized on the strengths and weaknesses of the respective programs, resulting in curricular pathways that maximize the best components of the two. For instance, in French language study, the IB curriculum emphasizes speaking ability and does less well in promoting written grammar skills; the AP curriculum is just the opposite (highlighting an important difference between the two in this subject). As a result, Fairview offers a combined IB/AP French course where students are challenged to excel in both speaking **and** writing, meeting the objectives of both programs. This has caused students to excel in their studies. Students and parents are encouraged to view the two programs as complimentary to promoting academic excellence.

### Get registered!

Taking AP courses at Fairview does **not** automatically register students to take official AP tests. In addition to diligently working through coursework, students must take the additional steps of **registering** for exams. The IB office will be administering tests for both AP and IB programs.

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## How to get registered

- The AP registration window is **December 1** to **December 17**.
- Go to the following website to begin the registration process; complete all the fields of the web-form. This will only take a few minutes. (Total Registration is a local company that is facilitating registration data collection for Fairview; personal data is protected and not shared with any outside entity.)
  - <http://www.totalregistration.net/AP/060118>
  - Print two copies of the completed web-form (one for the school and the other for your own records)
- Check that you do not have any scheduling conflicts with other AP exams, IB exams, or another event. If you identify a conflict, please contact the IB office as soon as possible (this is very important; in many cases a solution may be found). A combined AP / IB exam schedule is posted on the school IB website. Keep a copy of your exam confirmation for your records and mark your test date(s) on your calendar.

<http://bvsd.fhsib.org>

- The **deadline for registration is December 17, 2010**. Although changes in registration can be made after this date, AP fees are non-refundable. Students, please work closely with your teacher(s) for proper advisement on which exam(s) you should take.
- Deliver **total exam fee payment** along with a copy of the printed web-form to the IB office (check payable to Fairview High School - AP). The AP exam fee this year is \$87 per exam. The total exam fee is listed on the web-form and in a confirmation email you will receive shortly after you register. **Note:** If paying the fee is a financial hardship or if you qualify for free or reduced lunch, please contact the IB office for details on scholarships.
- Additionally, you will need to complete a Pre-Administration event. **You will not be permitted to take an AP exam if you have not completed the Pre-Administration.** More information on how to complete this requirement will be forthcoming.
- You may also find additional information about AP exams at the College Board website.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

**The registration process is not complete until you have submitted your registration confirmation along with payment or a scholarship form to the IB Office by 3pm on Friday December 17, 2010.**

Please contact the IB office with any questions you may have.

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