

Supporting Student Learning During School Closure

A QUICK REFERENCE SHEET FOR AP TEACHERS

Some communities have already taken strong action or will need to act in the coming days and weeks to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, including temporarily closing their schools.

To support communities that experience substantial disruption or school closures, we're providing flexible testing options¹ and instructional supports for teachers. Students should have every opportunity to earn the college credit and placement benefits they've worked so hard for throughout the year.

AP Classroom

AP Classroom is a free, online platform that AP teachers can use to provide students with practice and feedback on every topic and skill that's tested on an AP Exam. Both AP teachers and students can access AP Classroom from any phone, tablet or computer with an internet connection – using their College Board usernames and passwords.

Whether closed schools adopt virtual instruction through approved course-authorized online providers, offer remote instruction through videoconferencing services, such as Google Hangouts or Zoom, or provide student-directed instruction through reading assignments and problem sets from textbooks, AP teachers can use AP Classroom to check student understanding and ensure students are well prepared for their AP Exams.

AP teachers and students already have access to **AP Classroom**. Here's how AP teachers can use it to assess learning while students are at home:

STEP 1

Download the **AP Course and Exam Description** to identify the course topics and skills that students still need to learn.

- The **Course at a Glance** is a visual overview of the course topics. Use it to make a quick list of all the topics that are left to teach. Be sure to note the unit of each topic so that you can more easily locate topics within your course and exam description.
- The **Topic Pages** describe the required content for each topic and will help you focus instruction on key concepts. Use the topic pages to identify learning objectives, essential knowledge, and suggested skills to pair with the content.

STEP 2

Deliver instruction – whether it's virtual, remote, or student-directed.

AP teachers are banding together to support AP students at the growing number of schools experiencing temporary closure. Beginning in early April, free online video lessons will be available for the AP topics and skills typically taught in the final weeks of each AP course. Watch the videos at [youtube.com/advancedplacement](https://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement)

STEP 3

Assign **Topic Questions** as you teach, and then use student results to correct any misunderstandings. Topic Questions

¹ Learn more about flexible testing options at collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update

assess specific content-skill pairings so you can pick the topic questions that have been developed for the content and skills you're teaching. You can assign topic questions:

- Before you teach a topic, to assess prior knowledge
- While you're teaching a topic, to get immediate feedback on student learning
- After you teach a topic, to get data on what students know and are able to do

Once all students have completed the assignment, be sure to turn on Let Students See Their Results so that students get automatic feedback on correct and incorrect answers.

STEP 4

Unlock **Personal Progress Checks** after you've finished teaching a unit and use the results to help students identify where they should focus their review.

- The Personal Progress Checks assess student understanding of all the topics and skills within a unit.
- After students complete a Personal Progress Check, use the class report to develop lesson plans for re-teaching and help focus student review.

Once all students have completed the assignment, be sure to turn on Let Students See Their Results so that students get feedback on their answers and see the topics and skills they should continue practicing.

You can also use AP Classroom to help your students prepare for their AP Exams:

- Use the **Question Bank** to give students practice with the topics and skills they've already learned. You can create custom assignments or quizzes on any topic or skill of your choosing. Here's how to do it:
 - ♦ Search and use filters to find multiple-choice and free-response questions on the topics and skills you'd like your student to practice.

Once all students have completed the assignment, be sure to turn on Let Students See Their Results so that students get automatic feedback on correct and incorrect answers and any feedback on free-response questions that you provide.

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