

# McLean High School Spring Testing Tips and Information

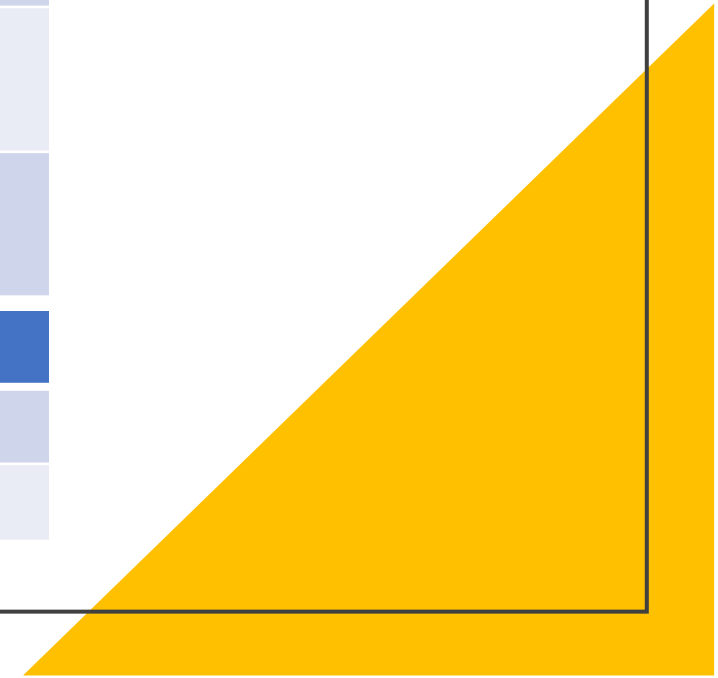
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# AP Exams- May 2- May 17th

- McLean will be giving 3080 AP exams this year!

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.
Monday, May 2	AP US Government and Politics	AP Chemistry
Tuesday, May 3	No AP exams today	No AP exams today
Wednesday, May 4	AP English Literature and Composition	AP Computer Science A
Thursday, May 5	AP Human Geography AP Macroeconomics	AP Seminar AP Statistics
Friday, May 6	AP United States History	AP Microeconomics

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Morning 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon 12 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, May 9</b>	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC	AP Computer Science Principles
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b>	AP Language and Composition	AP Physics C AP Physics E&M (2:00 pm)
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b>	AP Chinese Language and Culture AP Spanish Language and Culture	AP Biology
<b>Thursday, May 12</b>	AP French Language and Culture AP World History	AP Physics 1
<b>Friday, May 13</b>	AP German Language and Culture AP Music Theory	AP Latin
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Morning 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon 12 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, May 16</b>		
<b>Tuesday, May 17</b>	AP Environmental Science	AP Psychology



May 2nd AP Exam	Late Exam Date	Start time
Chemistry	May 18th	8:00 am
Spanish Literature	May 18th	12:00 pm
Japanese Language	May 19th	12:00 pm
US Government	May 20th	12:00 pm

## AP Exams and Religious Observation Day for Eid- May 2

### Requesting a late AP Exam due to May 2nd Eid Observance

- Students who are unable to attend May 2nd AP exams (Chemistry, Spanish Literature, Japanese Language, or US Government) at McLean HS due to the Eid religious observance need to contact Jennifer Beach, Assessment Coach ([jabeach@fcps.edu](mailto:jabeach@fcps.edu)) **no later than April 22nd** to request late testing. Late testing follows the [College Board Late Testing Schedule](#). The dates and times for the May 2nd late testing are listed in the table.



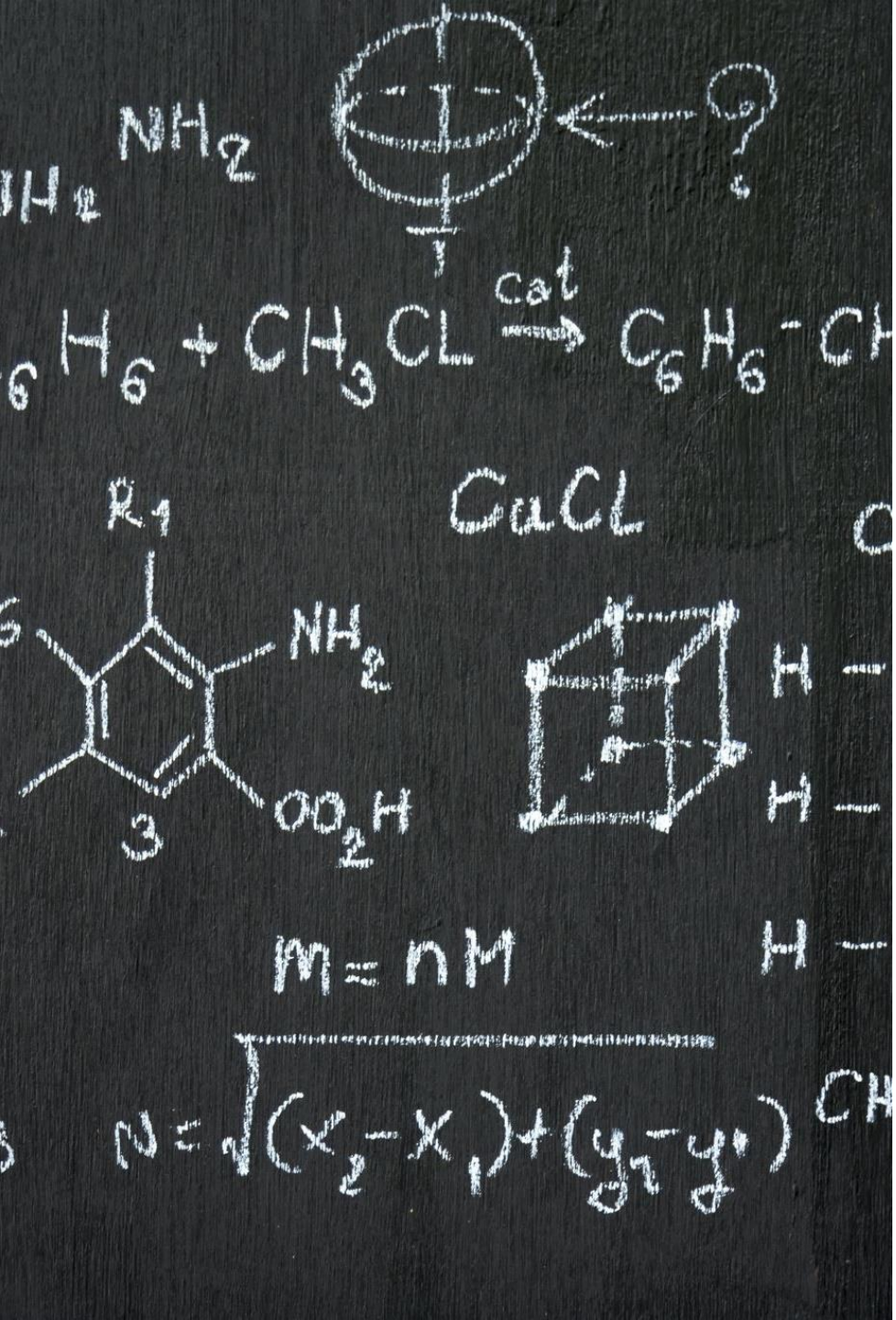
# AP Testing- Things to Know

- This year, College Board has pivoted back to 2019 testing practices.
  - No virtual options
  - No option to cancel exams up until the night before with no penalty
- AP Exams must start on time. No late-comers are admitted to the exam room.

# Materials: What to Bring

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- Sharpened number 2 pencils for multiple choice answer sheets.
- Good erasers
- Black or dark blue pens for free response questions
- Ruler or straight edge for AP Physics
- Their College Board SSD Eligibility Letter for Accommodations
- Up to 2 calculators for certain exams (with fresh batteries)



# Materials: Calculators

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- Biology, Calculus (AB/BC), Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, and Statistics
- Students may bring up to two permitted calculators to the exam. Graphing calculators must be on the approved calculator list.

Nice to  
Have:

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A non-smart watch that  
does not beep

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snacks for the break

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a drink with a sealing  
cap for the break

The score report will include the student's entire AP exam history.

# AP Exams- One Free Score Report to a College

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## Deadline: June 20



# AP Testing: Attendance Forms

Students have the option of a pre-arranged absence for the rest of the day on days when they take AP tests.

Forms will be provided that must be completed, signed by parents, and turned in by April 22.

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# Standards of Learning Testing



- Begins the last week of April and runs through May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Retakes for students who did not pass may be offered through May 27<sup>th</sup>.

# Standards of Learning and Graduation

## Verified Credits-

The state of Virginia requires five verified credits (one in each column below) as part of the graduation requirement. A verified credit is earned by passing the course and passing the related SOL test.

Math	Lab Science	Social Studies	Reading	Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Biology, Chemistry, Geosystems</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World History 1, World History 2, Virginia and US History</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taken during 11<sup>th</sup> grade</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taken during 11<sup>th</sup> grade</li></ul>

# Federal Participation

- Math
- Lab Science
- Reading

Students must take an SOL in each of these three subjects during their time at McLean to satisfy federal guidelines for public schools.

# SOL Regulation to Prevent Over-Testing

- Once a student achieves a verified credit and federal participation, they will not take more SOL tests in that subject.





# Testing Tips for APs and SOLs

# Planning for Testing

- Dress in layers in comfortable clothing (you never know what the room temperature will be!)
- Gather materials needed ahead of time to prevent stress on testing morning
- Prepare breakfast ahead of time for morning tests to grab and go.
- Two AP tests in one day? Best option is to pack a lunch, but cafeteria will also be available
- Of course, get a good night's sleep!

# Preparation Tips

- Review content from units this year a little at a time.
- Visualize your teacher telling you important information.
- Look over past tests and quizzes to see which areas you need to brush up on.
- Use resources provided by your teacher and the College Board for AP classes.



# Dealing with Testing Stress

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- Be prepared. Preparing ahead of time helps lessen stress on test day.
- Review materials in chunks rather than cramming the night before.
- Trust the preparation your teachers have planned all year.
- Fuel yourself with food and drinks that you know agree with you.
- Get to the testing room early.
- Read instructions carefully.
- Just start- don't psych yourself out staring at a blank page.
- Breathe and stretch.
- Visualize success.
- Develop a calming phrase or mantra to say in your head when you feel worried.



## AP Daily Videos

- Teachers assign these but students can also access all of them for review.
- They are found in AP Classroom and linked to each unit/skill needed for the exam.

# McLean High School Assessment Resources Google Site

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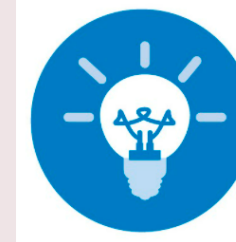
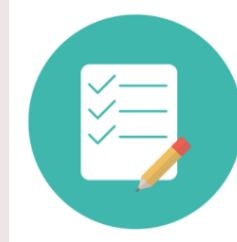
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## McLean High School Assessment Resources



<https://sites.google.com/fcpsschools.net/mhsassessmentresources/>

Includes review materials and practice test questions for SOL subjects and for the W!SE Financial Literacy and Workplace Readiness exams. Students must be logged into their school account to access it.



Overall, don't approach testing as something to be feared.