



## Updates to Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams Announced

On February 4, 2021, both the College Board (AP) and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) announced changes to spring 2021 exams.

1. **AP Exams:** College Board has announced that there will be three available testing windows for each exam. The first window, from May 3 to May 17, will be a traditional paper/pencil administration under traditional proctoring. The two additional windows, May 18-May 28 and June 1-11, will offer a combination of paper/pencil and digital/online testing, with either in-school or at-home options for the digital/online exams. More information [here](#). In the coming weeks, AACPS will review the available options, gather feedback from internal stakeholders, and develop a districtwide plan for AP test administration in spring 2021. In the meantime, no action is necessary for schools, teachers, or students in regards to selecting an exam option.
2. **IB Exams:** This year's IB exams will have two options: 1) traditional paper/pencil exams during the May exam session in addition to submission of Internal Assessments and IB coursework, or; 2) Submission of Internal Assessments (IAs) and IB coursework to be awarded the IB Grade, still allowing students the opportunity to earn the IB Diploma and college credit. School systems may offer **only one** option to **all** of their IB students.

AACPS has been approved to proceed with the second option, submission of Internal Assessments and IB coursework. This will allow for all students to earn their IB scores. **There will be no indication on the certificates and transcripts of the awarding route which was used.** Universities worldwide have honored the 2020 results and will honor the 2021 results as well. Thus, all IB students will be able to earn an IB credential and receive college credit based upon their performance.