

Advanced Placement Fees

Request from the Board: During a review of the ACPS fee schedule at the June 9, 2022 Board meeting, Board members requested information in regard to eliminating the fee for AP testing in Albemarle County Schools. This brief serves to provide pertinent data to the Board in regard to the cost of eliminating AP fees.

Cost

- Advanced Placement tests have a flat fee of \$88 per test. Students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch qualify for a reduced fee of \$53 per test.
- Currently, there are 3,763 total enrollments in Advanced Placement classes for the 2022-2023 school year. This equates to a **maximum cost of \$331,144** if all students were to take all AP tests without accounting for fee reductions.
- Not all students take all AP tests for which they are enrolled. Since the 2015-2016 school year, ACPS students took an average of 65.5% of eligible tests. Using this percentage, the cost of AP testing in ACPS for the 22-23 school year would be **approximately \$216,899**.

Demographics

- The table below outlines the demographics of students currently enrolled in at least one AP course for the 22-23 school year.

Total Unique AP Students	Asian	Black	White	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	Econ. Dis.	Students with Disabilities	English Learners
1,569	127	66	1175	124	75	151	36	37
	8%	4%	75%	8%	5%	10%	2%	2%

Funding

- ACPS currently allocates \$23,900 total to our four high schools to use for AP fee reductions for students in need.
- Other than this allocation, there is no identified funding source that can be used to eliminate AP fees for all students.

Timing

- The College Board requires students to submit a non-refundable deposit for AP tests in October. It is the recommendation of staff that any decisions that will impact the cost of this year's testing be made prior to this deadline.