



Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) 2008 Fee Reduction Policy

Purpose: The College Board provides a \$22 fee reduction per exam for students with acute financial need. For each exam taken with a fee reduction, the school forgoes its \$8 rebate, resulting in a cost of \$54 per exam for the student.

Additionally, more than 40 U.S. states and territories use federal and/or state funds to supplement the College Board's fee reduction. State-specific fee reduction information will be sent to each AP Coordinator in the spring of 2008 and will be available on apcentral.collegeboard.com/coordinators.

Criteria: **Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches at your school** (under the National School Lunch Act), **qualify for the \$22 College Board fee reduction on all AP Exams that they take in a given year.**

(Alternative criteria for determining whether a student qualifies for the College Board fee reduction is on the reverse side of this document.)

Procedure: AP Coordinators need to follow the two steps below to obtain fee reductions for qualified students. AP Coordinators should keep a list of the students who qualify for fee reductions and the titles of the AP Exams they will be taking. Coordinators may use the Fee Reduction Worksheet that appears in the back of the *AP Coordinator's Manual* for this purpose.

Step 1: On the qualifying student's registration answer sheet, AP Coordinators must fill in the "Option 1" or "Option 2" fee reduction oval. The *AP Coordinator's Manual* contains instructions for properly marking the answer sheet so that your school will be billed at the reduced rate.

Step 2: Coordinators must indicate the total number of exams with fee reductions when generating their invoice online and return this invoice by mail to the AP Program.

The counts you supply in steps 1 and 2 must match in order for your school to be billed accurately. Inconsistencies in these counts will result in billing problems for your school that often stretch across the summer and into the following fall.

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**Alternative
Criteria:**

If your school would prefer to use another method for determining which students qualify for AP Exam fee reductions, **any** of the following criteria are allowed by the U.S. Department of Education:

- The student's family receives assistance under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.
- The student is eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act.
- The student is a member of a family whose taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level as established by the U.S. Census Bureau. The table below lists annual family incomes, by family size, at 150 percent of the poverty level. If the AP student's family income did not exceed the amount listed in the appropriate row and column, he or she qualifies for a College Board fee reduction.

Size of Family Unit	Annual Family Income*	Annual Family Income* for Alaska	Annual Family Income* for Hawaii
1	\$15,315	\$19,155	\$17,625
2	\$20,535	\$25,680	\$23,625
3	\$25,755	\$32,205	\$29,625
4	\$30,975	\$38,730	\$35,625
5	\$36,195	\$45,255	\$41,625
6	\$41,415	\$51,780	\$47,625
7	\$46,635	\$58,305	\$53,625
8	\$51,855	\$64,830	\$59,625

*The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the U.S. Census Bureau for determining poverty status. These levels were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 72, No. 15, January 24, 2007, pp. 3147–3148.

For family units with more than eight members, add the following dollar amount for each additional family member: \$5,220 for the 48 contiguous U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and outlying jurisdictions; \$6,525 for Alaska; and \$6,000 for Hawaii.