

AP EXAMS

AP Exams will be administered between Monday, May 4 and Friday, May 15, 2009 in two, three-hour daily sessions—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Check with your AP teacher regarding dates & times for each individual test. **DO NOT ARRIVE LATE** for your test.



Interested in Summer School?

[See your Counselor for a summer school brochure.](#)

Location: Lake Highlands High School

Registration Dates: June 17
10 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; June 18
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Session I: June 22-July 3,
2009

Session II: July 6-July 17, 2009

Times: 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuition (In-District Student): 1
semester—\$150; 2 semesters—
\$300.

Sophomore Scoop



Note-Taking Strategies

How To Get Your Class Notes Into Shape

Getting the most out of high school and college means studying hard and using your time in class wisely. Make the most of your time in class and out with an effective note-taking strategy.

Stay Organized

It may seem obvious, but your class notes can only help you if you can find them. When you're taking notes be sure to:

- Keep all your notes for one class in one place.
- Date and number pages to keep them in order and make it easier to refer back to them.

Before Class

Review the materials assigned for that class period thoroughly. Bring a list of questions you may have from the reading and be sure to get answers.

During Class

Make the best use of your class time by having a note-taking method. The Cornell Note-Taking System is one that has been proven effective by countless high school and college students.

Start by using the main section of your notebook page to take down your notes during class. Be sure to leave space on the left side of the page and the bottom. Things to keep in mind:

- Get the speaker's main points. Don't write down every word you hear.
- Leave blanks in your notes to add explanations later.
- Organize as you write. Pay attention to cues such as repetition and emphasis.
- Indicate main points and supporting points as you go.
- Jot down key vocabulary, important facts, and formulas.
- Ask questions. If you're confused, it's better to ask while the material is fresh in your mind.

After Class

As soon as you can after class, review your notes and fill in any blanks. Underline, highlight, and use

symbols to sort through the information. If you don't understand something, get help from your teacher or classmates.

After you've reviewed all your notes from class, in the left-hand area of the page write down key words and questions your teacher might ask on a test.

At the bottom of each page, write a summary of the notes on the page. This helps you digest what you've learned, and will improve your memory of the notes in the long term, for tests down the road.

For Review

Once you've done all of the above, you'll find you've created your own personalized study guide. Cover the main section of the page and use the key words and questions in the left margin as a quiz.

Stick to It

Review your notes the day you take them, and all your notes once a week, and you'll hardly need to study when tests come around. You've been doing the work all along.

(Courtesy of collegeboard.com)



PASSING TAKS EARNS ME...

⇒ Control over my schedule for next year

By passing TAKS, I can choose my electives instead of having to take special courses to accelerate my mastery of the TAKS objectives.

⇒ Longer lunches

If I work hard to pass TAKS now, I'll get to have longer lunches instead of mandatory lunch tutoring next year.

⇒ Early Release (Juniors & Seniors)

Those who have passing TAKS scores can choose early release, instead of taking required TAKS remediation classes.

⇒ TAKS Test Dates

Math—April 28

Science—April 30

Social Studies—May 1

Attend TAKS Super Saturday Sessions for review.

CLASS OF 2011

COLLEGE 101

How To Get Accepted To College

Research shows there are a few things to take into consideration when applying to schools and getting accepted to the ones of your choice. This list of things should make your application process a little less stressful. However, some schools receive thousands of applications for only a small percentage of available openings. It will be your unique personality and goals which will set you apart from other applicants to help get you accepted to the college of your choice.

- ◆ High School Transcript: Include Advanced Placement classes to emphasize your strengths.
- ◆ SAT or ACT scores: Take this standardized test more than once for your own benefit.
- ◆ Extracurricular Activities: These will set you apart from other student applicants. It is important to express your well-rounded interests.
- ◆ Well-organized Application Essay.
- ◆ Strong Recommendations: Build good relationships with teachers that you may ask to write letters of recommendation for you in the future whether it's for a job, scholarship or college application.



Have you visited www.collegeboard.com? It is an excellent tool to search colleges, majors and sign up for Question of the Day.....great prep for the SAT!!



ATTENDANCE

Students may not miss over 9 days a semester to receive credit for classes. Good attendance is important.