



NC Advanced Placement Partnership Exam and Registration Fees Guidance, November 2016

In summer 2014, with SL2013-360 section 8.27, the General Assembly modified 115C.83.4A to enhance access and encourage participation in Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses by appropriating funds to pay for all AP and IB exams for public school or charter school students who are enrolled in the corresponding AP/IB courses. *This funding continues in the recurring budget.* Below is guidance regarding payment of 2016-17 AP/IB exam fees by NCDPI.

Are AP/IB exams mandated by NCDPI?

NO. AP and IB exams are not mandated for students by this legislation or SBE policy.

Do all AP/IB students have their test fees covered?

YES. All public school students, in traditional and charter schools enrolled in AP and IB courses who decide to take the appropriate AP/IB exams will have their exam and, if applicable, registration fees covered for the 2016-17 school year.

Can a student have more than one test fee covered?

YES. If one student takes four courses, then that student may have all four test fees covered. There is no limit to the number of test fees a student may have covered. The only condition is that the student must be enrolled in the corresponding course.

Which fees will be covered by NCDPI?

For Advanced Placement exams:

- NCDPI will cover the Used Exam Fees for each student.
- NCDPI will not cover College Board ancillary fees, such as late-testing fees and the unused exam fees.
- College Board will provide rebates to each school to help with implementation.

For International Baccalaureate exams:

- NCDPI will cover the following:
 - Subject Test and Core Test Fees (for the initial ordering window)
 - Diploma Programme Candidate Registration Fees
- NCDPI will not cover any other International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) fees, such as the late subject or appeal fees.

How will billing be handled?

For AP exam fees:

- College Board will bill NCDPI directly for the portion of the bill that NCDPI is responsible for paying. Any remaining costs will be billed to the school.
- AP testing coordinators at the school level must indicate the low-income reductions, generate, and submit their invoices through the AP exam ordering website by **June 2, 2017**. This will ensure that NCDPI can pay College Board effectively in this fiscal year.
- Pay close attention in recognizing low-income students. We want to take full advantage of the reduced rate for these students from College Board.
- College Board will release a training video in the spring to review the process. All schools **MUST** submit the invoices by the date or payment by NCDPI is not guaranteed.

For IB exam and registration fees:

- **CHANGE IN PROCESS:** This year, IBO will be directly billing NCDPI for IB Registration and Test Fees. NCDPI will pay IBO directly on your behalf for the covered test fees. Do not send invoices through your Finance Department for payment.
- **NOTE:** Additional fees that are not covered by NCDPI will remain the responsibility LEAs and Charter Schools.