

North Carolina

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) will pay for AP Exams for two categories of public school students enrolled in an AP course who then take the respective AP Exam. Please note that NC DPI will not pay for AP Exams taken by private school students, homeschooled students, or students who were not enrolled in the AP course.

Category 1 students are those students who qualify for the College Board fee reduction of \$32 per exam. For eligibility criteria, visit [AP Exam Fee Reductions](#). For these students, the state of North Carolina will pay:

- \$53 per AP Exam, except AP Seminar and AP Research Exams
- \$101 per AP Seminar Exam and AP Research Exam

The final fee for any AP Exam (including AP Seminar and AP Research Exams) for Category 1 students is **\$0**.

Category 2 students are those public school students who do not qualify for the College Board fee reduction. For these students, the state of North Carolina will pay:

- \$94 per AP Exam, except AP Seminar and AP Research Exams
- \$142 per AP Seminar Exam and AP Research Exam

The final fee for any AP Exam (including AP Seminar and AP Research Exams) for Category 2 students is **\$0**.

North Carolina Rebate

The fee for each AP Exam is \$94, or \$142 per AP Seminar Exam and AP Research Exam, with the school normally retaining \$9 of that fee as a rebate to help with administrative costs. Given that NC DPI pays for all AP Exams fees, public schools in NC no longer collect this fee from students. Therefore, NC DPI has agreed to pay for the \$9 rebate per exam for students not qualifying for the College Board fee reduction. In September 2019, your school will receive a rebate check from the College Board equal to the number of your non-low-income used exams multiplied by \$9 per exam. For example, if you enter that your school had 10 exams qualify for the additional North Carolina State Fee Reduction (Option 2), your school will receive a rebate check in September 2019 for \$90.

What Schools Must Do

Your school's AP coordinator takes the following steps.

(Note: If your school is participating in the 2018-19 AP Implementation, follow the instructions in Part 2 of the AP Coordinator's Manual: 2018-19 AP Implementation about indicating students' fee reduction status and accessing your final invoice.)

Before the exams:

- Determine the total number of students in your school eligible for fee reductions for low-income students.
- Determine the total number of exams they'll take.
- Enter these numbers on the AP Exam Ordering website before ordering exams.

After the exams:

- Collect fees and pay for exams for any homeschooled students, private school students, or students who were not enrolled in the corresponding course.
- The AP coordinator at each school must ensure that the "Option 1" circle is filled in on the registration answer sheet for all Category 1 students.
- When generating your invoice online, enter the total number of exams that qualify for each category of fee reduction. You must generate and submit your invoice by **May 31, 2019.***

*At the completion of your AP Exam administration, you must generate and submit an invoice online, print a hard copy, and mail the completed invoice with any payment due to the AP Program (late test fees, etc. not covered by NCDPI) by **May 31, 2019**. It is not necessary to mail a copy to NC DPI. Even though the published deadline for AP coordinators in other states to submit invoices is June 15, 2019, North Carolina has an earlier deadline of **May 31, 2019**, which must be met. If you fail to submit a copy of your invoice online by **May 31, 2019**, NCDPI will not be able to cover test fee costs, and you will be billed for the full cost of the exams.

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