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Dear AP Students and Parents/Guardians:

For the 2017-18 school year, important changes have occurred regarding funding for AP testing. The state of Georgia will now assist with the payment of specific AP STEM exams. For any student, regardless of economic status, enrolled in an AP STEM course, one AP STEM exam will be provided at no cost. The STEM courses include the following:

AP Biology	AP Environmental Science
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics 1
AP Calculus BC	AP Physics 2
AP Chemistry	AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
AP Computer Science A	AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Statistics

In addition to this change, students eligible for free and reduced lunch will no longer receive financial aid from the state of Georgia for AP testing. In the past, students who qualified for free and reduced lunch received their first exam at no cost and paid a reduced cost for any additional exams. The Georgia Legislature redirected this funding to support only STEM courses (see above) regardless of economic status.

Currently, Forsyth County Schools is exploring funding options to assist free and reduced students who are taking AP courses. Forsyth County Schools does not anticipate that this funding will match the funding that was provided in previous years. At this time, an accurate count is needed to determine the number of students who would possibly qualify for AP exam fee assistance. If you are currently receiving free and reduced lunch and are taking an AP course, please submit a copy of your Free and Reduced eligibility approval letter to your AP coordinator by November 1, 2017. Please see the [county website](#) for information for free and reduced lunch qualifications and the application.

Due to the changes that were made by the Georgia Legislature, Forsyth County Schools will open and close AP testing registration earlier. South Forsyth's AP exam registration will be open December 1, 2017 through February 12, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact your AP Coordinator.

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