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Overview of AP and IB

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® (AP)
- Administered by the College Board
- Nationally recognized
- College-level courses offered at the high school
- College credit earned primarily through exams
- Campuses may offer one or more courses depending on staffing, scheduling, and student interest

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE® (IB, DIPLOMA PROGRAMME)
- Administered by the IB Organization
- Internationally recognized
- College-level courses offered at the high school
- College credit earned primarily through exams
- Campuses must offer the entire Diploma Programme (suite of courses)
State: Texas Advanced Placement Incentive Program

  - $30 per AP/IB exam taken by economically disadvantaged students
  - Up to $450 per eligible teacher who attends AP/IB training for instruction (i.e., Teacher Training Reimbursements)

Federal: Advanced Placement Test Fee Program

- Authority: PL 107-110 I, Part G ESEA of 1965 as amended by NCLB
  - For economically disadvantaged students:
    - $16 per AP exam
    - $65 per AP Research and AP Seminar (AP Capstone) exam
    - $65 per IB exam
85th Texas Legislature, Article III, Rider 46, Texas Advanced Placement Initiative

- $7.3M for each fiscal year in biennium (i.e., FY18 and FY19)
  - AP/IB Exam Fee Subsidies
    - May 2018 exams: $24 exam fee subsidy for eligible students
    - May 2019 exams: exam subsidy amount to be determined
  - AP/IB Teacher Training Reimbursements (TTR)
    - 2017-2018 TTR: amount to be determined, up to $450 per eligible teacher
    - 2018-2019 TTR: amount to be determined, up to $450 per eligible teacher
Texas Education Code, §28.053(h)

An eligible student is one who demonstrates financial need as determined in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Texas State Board of Education. Texas students are identified as economically disadvantaged if they meet one of the following criteria:

- eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program;
- from a family with an annual income at or below the official federal poverty line; or
- eligible for other public assistance, including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).
Breakdown of Costs: Then and Now

**MAY 2016 AP EXAMS**

- Cost of AP Exam: $92
- School rebate: $9*
- College Board subsidy eligible students: $30
- USDE subsidy for eligible students: $16
- State subsidy for eligible students: $30
- Cost per exam for eligible students: $7

**MAY 2018 AP EXAMS**

- Cost of AP Exam: $94
- School rebate: $9*
- College Board subsidy eligible students: $32
- USDE subsidy for eligible students: $0
- State subsidy for eligible students: $24
- Cost per exam for eligible students: $29

*Rebates are used to pay for administrative costs to the school. Schools are expected for forgo the $9 rebate for eligible students.*
Implications for LEAs: Breakdown of Exam Costs

**AP Exams**
- $94 per exam
  - $29 per exam for eligible students

**AP Research and AP Seminar (AP Capstone) Exams**
- $142 per exam
  - $77 per exam for eligible students

**IB Exams**
- $142 per exam (cost varies by course subject)
  - Approximately $77 per exam for eligible students
How is ESSA involved?
ESSA: “Well-Rounded Education”

Accelerated programs and activities to raise student achievement, such as: **reimbursing low-income students for the costs of accelerated learning exams**, if students are enrolled in accelerated learning courses; increase availability of and enrollment in accelerated learning courses and exams, dual or concurrent enrollment, programs, and early college classes

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**TEA Guidance**

Title IV, Part A Funds may be used to subsidize AP/IB exam fees for low-income students

Historical federal funds covered

- $16 per AP exam
- $65 per AP Capstone exam
- $65 per IB exam

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Public Law (P.L.) 114–95, Sec. 4107 (Activities to Support Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities)
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*Must be identified as a need in the campus Comprehensive Needs Assessment and addressed in the Campus Improvement Plan. Campuses must comply with EDGAR federal regulations, district policies, and district procedures for ensuring appropriate use of these funds.

Public Law (P.L.) 114–95, Sec. 1114 (Schoolwide Programs) and Sec. 1115 (Targeted Assistance Schools)
Why did the exam fee assistance decrease significantly?

Are there any funds that can assist children of military or veterans?

Are there any other sources of funds my district can utilize for AP/IB exam fee reductions?
Timeline: AP and IB Program Activities

- **Fall:** LEAs determine budget and expected costs for AP/IB activities
- **Late Fall/Early Spring:** LEAs announce exam fees to students
- **Spring:** Final number of students taking AP/IB exams is determined
- **June-July:** Majority of AP/IB teacher PD/training takes place
- **May:** AP/IB Exams take place
Additional Information Available on the TEA Website
Takeaways

- Decrease in state subsidy to $24 per exam taken in May 2018

- Elimination of federal AP Test Fee Program

- ESSA Title IV, Part A may be used to cover exam fee subsidies for low-income students under “Well-Rounded Education”

- ESSA Title I, Part A may be used to cover exam fee subsidies and teacher professional development for eligible campuses/students
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