

DATE:	October 30, 2025
SUBJECT:	2025-26 Texas AP/IB Fee Subsidy
CATEGORY:	State Subsidy
NEXT STEPS:	Share with AP and IB Coordinators

This correspondence is to inform school systems that the AP-IB exam state subsidy for the **spring 2026 administration will be \$27** for each AP and IB exam taken by a subsidy-eligible student.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has provided subsidies for students taking AP and IB exams since 1993, when the Advanced Placement Incentive Program was enacted. TEA is committed to ensuring AP and IB exams remain affordable for low-income students.

Eligible Student

All students enrolled in a Texas public school may be considered for a Texas AP-IB exam fee subsidy. However, each student's eligibility must be confirmed using the published criteria available on the [Fee Reduction Eligibility Criteria webpage](#).

The criteria to qualify for a Texas exam fee subsidy are the same for both AP and IB students, and the subsidy applies to every AP and IB exam taken by an eligible student.

AP/IB Exam Subsidy Reimbursements

- AP exam fee subsidies will be granted as a discount on the AP Program Invoice to be paid by the school, on or before June 15, 2026.
 - The College Board will invoice TEA for the 2025 AP exam fee subsidies credited on each campus AP Program Invoice.
 - After reconciliation of the State invoice, TEA will reimburse the College Board's AP Program for AP exam fee subsidies granted to districts on their June 2026 invoices.
- IB exam fee subsidies will be managed by each school and/or district. Each school or district may submit an IB exam fee reimbursement (subsidy) application after all 2025 IB exams have been administered.
 - The IB exam fee subsidy application will be available on [TEA's IB webpage](#) by May 15, 2026.
 - The completed application will be due to TEA by June 30, 2026.

Planning for the 2025-2026 School Year

- The [2025 AP exam fee is \\$99](#). The College Board will provide a \$37 fee reduction per AP Exam taken by an eligible student with financial need. In addition, schools are expected to forgo their \$9 rebate for these students. With the Texas subsidy of \$27, the resulting cost of an AP exam taken by an eligible student will be \$26.
- AP exams will be ordered through the online AP Classroom. **The preferred AP exam ordering deadline is October 4, 2025**, with the final order deadline of **November 15, 2025**.

- A Texas IB exam subsidy will be reimbursed for each eligible student exam submitted through the 2026 IB Student Exam Fee Subsidy Reimbursement Application. The subsidy should be applied to IB exams, as published on the [Assessment Fees and Services webpage](#).

Contact Information

If you have questions or need assistance, please visit TEA's [Advanced Academics](#) website or email advancedacademics@tea.texas.gov.