



McKinney ISD Parents:

The Texas Advanced Placement (AP) / International Baccalaureate (IB) Incentive Program and the Texas College Preparation Program together have supported the college-going culture in various capacities since 1993. One important piece of these initiatives has been to provide partial subsidy for all students who participate in AP examinations. To further leverage this funding stream, McKinney ISD has had a standing practice of fully absorbing the net difference in the cost associated with students taking these exams, thereby making AP testing for MISD students cost free.

Regrettably, due to reductions in state reimbursements, the district is no longer able to fully absorb these fees. During the 2011-12 school year the state education agency notified Texas school districts that a mid-year reduction was being imposed which meant no partial reimbursement would occur this year. However, the district decided to redirect funds and cover this deficit since students were already participating in our AP program. For the 2012-13 school year and thereafter, a student/parent contribution will be necessary.

Although the actual cost for an AP exam is \$94, MISD will continue to sponsor these college preparation tests and require a co-payment of \$30 per exam from families. The district also recognizes some families are experiencing financial hardships and is prepared to work with those individuals in need of assistance. All students have the right to participate in rigorous and challenging coursework towards college preparation. The value of AP participation far exceeds simple tuition savings but for many of our students they will begin their higher education pursuits with several credits already earned. A \$30 fee is truly a small investment when considering the potential cost savings that three hours of college credit could yield for those scoring at proficient levels.

For additional information regarding this notice, please see your school counselor for clarification.