

New Mexico Advanced Placement Reduced Fee Exams

The opportunity for New Mexico students to participate in Advanced Placement Reduced Fee exams is provided through funds from the State and Federal Government and from support through College Board and the district itself. Each year a Public Education Department staff member for AP writes a grant application for the federal Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reduction Program. Grant awards are based upon an estimation of the number of students who will be taking the next round of AP exams. No funds are allowed for administration.

The New Mexico State Legislature supports Advanced Placement through an appropriation. Part of those funds is used for the reduced fee exam administration through AP New Mexico, which is housed at New Mexico Highlands University.

<http://www.nmhu.edu/communityeducators/educators/apnewmexico/index.aspx>

- Students qualify for reduced fee exams through income guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture for free and reduced-price lunch programs.
- District staff members determine the students who are eligible for reduced fee exams and ensure that those students have the opportunity to take an exam or exams at the reduced fee.
- The AP exam fee is currently \$86.00 per exam.
- New Mexico state government contributes \$25.00 per reduced fee exam.
- The federal government contributes \$26.00 per reduced fee exam.
- College Board waives a \$22.00 fee per exam.
- The District waives an \$8.00 local fee per exam.
- Qualified students pay \$5 per AP exam, which may be waived by the district.

Table of Cost-Sharing 2009- 2010

<i>AP Exam Fee (set by College Board)</i>	<i>State Cost</i>	<i>Federal Cost</i>	<i>College Board</i>	<i>District Cost</i>	<i>Student Cost</i>
\$86.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$22.00 (waived)	\$8.00 (waived)	\$5.00 (District may waive.)