

PURPOSE:

To request that the MSMS Foundation provide financial assistance to cover the remaining cost of AP exams for students who demonstrate financial need.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SENATE:**SECTION ONE (REASONING):**

Advanced Placement (AP) exams are valuable opportunities for students to earn college credit and demonstrate academic rigor on college applications. While the College Board does offer a fee reduction for students with financial need, students are still required to pay approximately \$60 per test, which can become a barrier—especially for those taking multiple exams.

Many MSMS students come from low-income backgrounds and already depend on the school's support systems. Providing additional help through the MSMS Foundation would make these exams more accessible, reduce stress, and support academic advancement for all students regardless of income. Supporting AP access aligns with MSMS's mission to prepare talented students for future success.

SECTION TWO (RESPONSES):

I took a poll and had received about 102 responses and here are the statistics:

- 50% of students are in this academic year are taking 2 or more AP classes
- About 63.7% of students are not taking 2 or more AP tests
Meaning there is about a 13.7% difference of students not able to take their 2nd or more AP tests.
- ~~And~~ In response about 78.4% of students felt more inclined to enroll in more AP classes knowing if one test would be paid for.

SECTION THREE (PROPOSED CHANGE):

The MSMS Foundation will offer supplemental AP exam funding for students who qualify for the College Board's fee reduction. This funding would cover the remaining cost—up to \$60 per exam—so that students with demonstrated financial need can take their AP tests at no out-of-pocket cost. Students must submit a simple request form through the Office of Academic Affairs to receive this support.

SECTION FOUR (APPENDIX)

~~POINTS OF NOTE~~

To discuss if students would have this paid for in October or if the students would be reimbursed.

As well as many ideas have been presented, such as maybe half the school pay for a test and if a student passed the exam would be reimbursed for the other half.

Or students would be reimbursed for exams they passed if there is no university alternative, this would help incentivize students to complete their AP curriculum.

The concern from administration now is if students who sign up for a test without repercussion if they do good or not on the test.