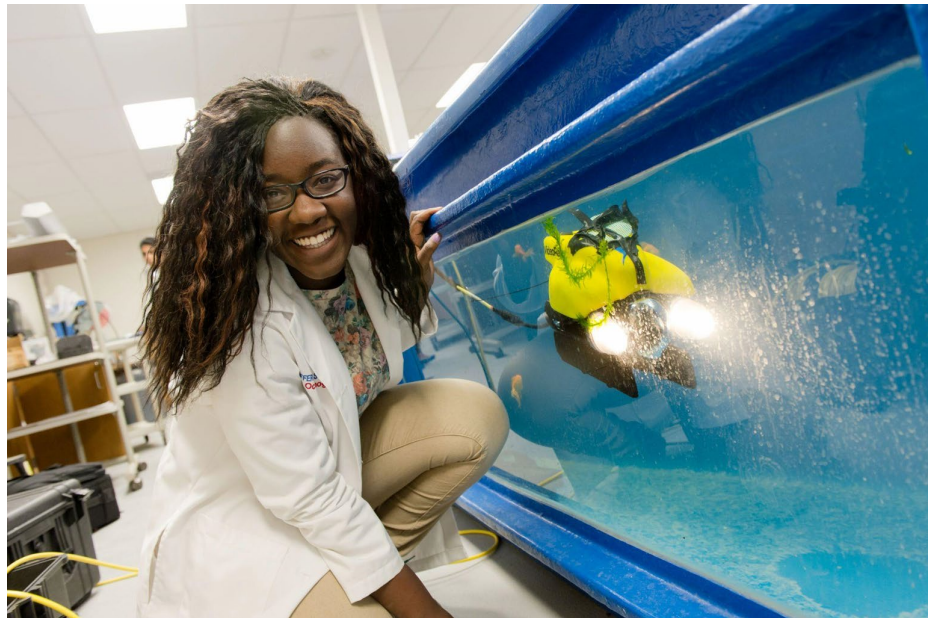

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and PSAT/SAT Testing in FCPS

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Why should students take AP or IB courses and exams?

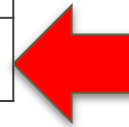


Students who enroll in AP and IB courses and participate in the program exams are more likely to graduate high school, enroll in college at higher rates, and save time and money while in college.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Performance in the AP programs rebounded after the pandemic. Exam numbers, mean scores, and percent passing increased between 2021 - 2022.

Year	# of exams	Mean Score	% passing
2019	37,234	3.47	77%
2020	36,080	3.4	75%
2021	33,483	3.17	68%
2022	35,223	3.32	72%



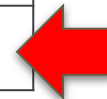
AP Exams are scored on a scale of 1-5, with a score of 3 considered passing.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams

IB exam numbers increased after a pandemic dip.

**In 2023, IB has returned to a full exam schedule.
IB score distribution has returned to pre-pandemic levels.**

Year	# of IB Exams	Mean Score	% Passing
2019	9,000	4.22	74
2020	9,153	4.4	78
2021	8,487	4.63	84
2022	8,848	4.23	73



IB exams are scored on a scale of 1-7, with a score of 4 considered passing.

AP and IB Test Fees and Administration

FCPS invests in opportunities to experience rigorous, college level exams for high school students.



- The first 6 AP and IB exams are funded for any student enrolled in an AP/IB course.
- Free and Reduced Meal students do not pay AP/IB Exam fees for any additional exams beyond the first 6.
- The College Board is starting to offer digital exam administration for certain tests and FCPS is piloting their use this month.

Overview of FREE PSAT and SAT School Day Testing in FCPS

Test Date for PSAT and SAT School Day:
Wednesday, October 11, 2023

	Test	Format
10th Grade	PSAT	Digital
11th Grade	PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)	Digital
12th Grade	SAT School Day	Paper/Pencil

PSAT & SAT Resources for Families



- Student Preparation Materials:
 - [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) (SAT, AP and IB review available)
 - [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.com)
 - [College Board Bluebook app](https://collegeboard.org/bluebook)
 - students can take a practice digital PSAT starting in spring 2023
- College Board Resources:
 - [SAT School Day](https://collegeboard.org/sat-school-day)
 - [PSAT/NMSQT](https://collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt)
- **Coming Soon** - Communication about process and timeline for applying for accommodations will be sent by high schools to parents/guardians of rising 10th through 12th grade students