



Guide for Families: Supporting AP Success with an Adjusted Calendar

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to address questions about our modified calendar. Due to campus construction projects, students will have 15 fewer school days before AP exams in the spring.

While the timeline is different, we are confident our students will be successful. Our teachers have adjusted their courses and planned carefully for the year ahead. This guide explains how we will support students and how families can help.

1. How can my student be successful on a college-level exam with 15 fewer days of instruction?

AP exams are not simply about memorizing information. They assess students' understanding of key concepts and their ability to apply what they have learned.

We have adjusted our approach to ensure students have the support and resources they need to be successful. Students will have access to AP Classroom before school begins, allowing them to become familiar with key concepts and course expectations. This gives teachers more time to focus on discussion, analysis, labs, problem-solving, and other activities that help students develop a deeper understanding of the content.

2. Will teachers have to rush through the course material?

No. Our goal is not to move faster. Our goal is to use our time effectively.

Teachers have reviewed their courses and made adjustments where needed. They are focusing on the most important concepts and skills within each course. Students will also use AP Daily videos and other College Board resources to build background knowledge before topics are discussed in class.

This approach allows teachers to spend class time answering questions, addressing misconceptions, and helping students apply their learning. Teachers will also use AP Classroom progress checks to identify areas where students need additional support.

3. What is the school doing to support my student?

We are providing several supports for AP students throughout the year.

Early Access to AP Classroom

We are completing our annual PowerSchool rollover in late July so students can access their College Board accounts before school begins.

Study Skills Support

Success in AP courses requires strong study habits. Teachers will help students develop strategies for organizing their work, preparing for assessments, and managing their time effectively.

4. What is AP Classroom?

AP Classroom is the College Board's online platform for AP students. It includes instructional videos, practice questions, progress checks, and other resources designed specifically for each AP course.

In previous years, students did not gain access to AP Classroom until school started. This year, students will receive access in July so they can begin exploring course resources before the first day of school.

5. How can I support my student at home?

Encourage an Early Start

When students receive access to AP Classroom, encourage them to log in and explore the resources available to them.

Support Consistent Study Habits

A short amount of focused study time each day is often more effective than trying to study large amounts of material at once. Encourage your student to establish a regular routine.

6. Our school year starts on September 8. Will starting after other schools put students at a disadvantage?

No. Many successful schools across the country begin classes around the same time. Students can be successful in AP courses regardless of when the school year starts.

What matters most is the quality of instruction, access to resources, and the effort students put into their learning. We are confident that our students will have the support they need to be successful.

7. What should my student do now?

AP Webpage

Visit our AP webpage on the Mundelein High School website. We will continue to provide updates and resources. Information about AP Classroom Join Codes will also be located [here](#).

Review Foundational Skills

Students enrolled in AP math or science courses may benefit from spending a few hours reviewing algebra, graphing, and data analysis skills before school begins.

Watch for AP Classroom Information

Families and students should watch for an email in July with AP Classroom join codes and directions for accessing the platform.

We are excited for the year ahead. Our teachers are prepared, our students are capable, and we look forward to supporting them throughout their AP journey.