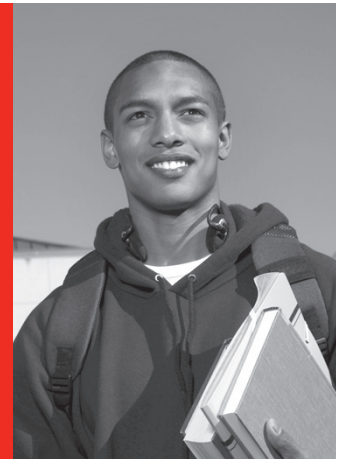




# Changes in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs within CMS High Schools 2011-2012



## Policy Changes

Effective with the 2011-2012 school year, students will only be granted an AP or IB fee waiver if they apply and are accepted to the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program (formerly the free-and-reduced price lunch program). As a result of a change in the NC Department of Public Instruction policy, eligible students who do not apply for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program will not be granted an AP or IB fee waiver.

Child Nutrition provides National School Lunch and Breakfast Program application forms to all schools at the beginning of each school year. Applications are mailed in August to all households of students who are registered in CMS. Students may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year.

## Payment Information and Options

All fees for AP and IB tests may be paid through the online credit card payment system, check, or money order. NO CASH will be accepted. Checks need to be made out to the high school. There will be a small convenience fee for paying online. The online payment system may be accessed through the CMS website, on the Advanced Studies, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate pages. Fees should be paid at each student's high school for both AP and IB. Fee waiver forms are due to the high school on the same date payments are due.

## International Baccalaureate

All entering IB Diploma students will owe a flat fee of \$145. This is the exam registration fee required by the International Baccalaureate Organization. This is to be paid no later than Friday, October 14, 2011.

Each exam is an additional \$100. Exam fees are due by Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Students will be notified by their school of the exact amount that needs to be paid by each student. Students who do not meet these deadlines will not receive a test.

## Advanced Placement

All Advanced Placement examination fees need to be paid no later than Friday, February 17, 2012. The amount owed will vary from student to student based on the amount of exams being taken. Each individual exam is \$87. Fees must be paid online or at the high school. Students who do not meet these deadlines will not receive a test.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

CMS strongly encourages students to seek out sponsorships from the community to help pay for AP and/or IB examination fees. A tip sheet and sponsorship form may be found online on the CMS AP and IB homepages. A sponsorship form must be filled out and turned in with payment if receiving a sponsorship.

For questions or concerns please contact the IB or testing coordinator at your high school.

