

2017 AP[®] EXAMS

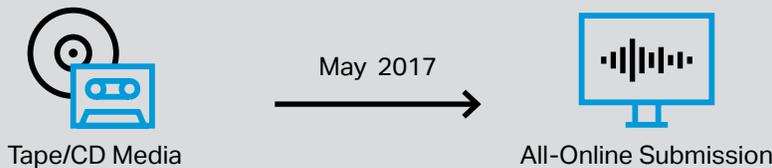
Transitioning to All-Digital Recordings/ All-Online Submissions

Is your school ready?

Beginning with the May 2017 AP[®] Exam, cassette recorders will no longer be an option for recording students' spoken free-response tasks.



In addition, tape/CD media will be replaced by online submission.



AP[®] Exams Affected:

- AP French Language and Culture
- AP German Language and Culture
- AP Italian Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Music Theory

Do you use cassette recorders/tapes to record student spoken tasks?

NO No need to change your recording technology, transition to online submission.

YES Make plans to select a digital audio recording technology (see below).

Options for All-Digital Recording*



Handheld Digital Recorders

Acquire single-purpose recording device—simple to use



Computers with Free MP3 Recording Software

Install free MP3 recording software on computers in existing computer labs or laptop testing computers (PC or Mac)



Digital Language Labs

Leverage classroom-based digital language lab and enable AP Exam audio recording

*A new tablet-based recording app will be available for Music Theory in 2017. See the 2016-17 AP Coordinator's Manual and www.collegeboard.org/ap-dac for more information.

Benefits of All-Digital



Higher-quality recordings



Student-savvy technology that can be incorporated into instruction



Reduced risk of exam day issues—no cassette recorders that might fail or tapes that might break



Simpler and easier online submission process—no mailing tapes or burning CDs

Recommended Next Steps

- Meet with your school or district IT/technology staff.
- Assess if your school/district has existing and available technology and facilities that can be used for AP testing.
- Assess the level of technical support available before and on exam day.
- Consult *AP Coordinator's Manual* for administration options (shift/staggered).
- Apply for a grant if funding is an issue (donorschoose.org and others).

For More Information

TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:

collegeboard.org/ap-audio-2017

collegeboard.org/ap-audio-record

COMMUNITY Q&A:

apcommunity.collegeboard.org/web/apcoordinators

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POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS:

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