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## BULLETIN NO. 073-21 SECONDARY EDUCATION AND PATHWAY PREPARATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents

School District Superintendents School District Business Managers

**School Building Principals** 

School Counselors Public Charter Schools Tribal Compact Schools

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2021–22 Test Fee Program for Dual Credit Program Exams

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## PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Test Fee Program provides funds to cover the cost of annual Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International (CI) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams taken by students who qualify as low-income in public and private schools.

Continuing test fee support for the 2021–22 school year:

- State funds continue to be provided by the legislature to subsidize the cost of AP/CI/IB exams taken by low-income students.
- There are no co-pays for the students who qualify. The subsidy covers 100 percent of the test fee.
- A student is considered low-income and eligible for the subsidy if the student is eligible
  via any of the methods listed under the "AP Test Fee Waiver Program" tab on the Office
  of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) Dual Credit webpage at:
   <a href="https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/dual-credit-programs/exam-based-dual-credit">https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/dual-credit-programs/exam-based-dual-credit</a>.

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- Advanced Placement coordinators will follow the procedures to participate in the program as outlined by the College Board. For more information, please go to <a href="https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/ordering-fees/exam-fees/reductions">https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/ordering-fees/exam-fees/reductions</a> to learn more about the process to request fee reductions.
- International Baccalaureate and Cambridge International coordinators will follow the procedure for reimbursement through the iGrants system (release in Spring 2022).

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, until OSPI hires a new Dual Credit Program Supervisor, please contact Kim Reykdal, Program Supervisor Lead for Secondary School Counseling, at <a href="mailto:kim.reykdal@k12.wa.us">kim.reykdal@k12.wa.us</a> or 360-725-6168. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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