



Rockville Centre Union Free School District
SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear South Side Students and Families:

In holding the health and safety of students paramount, both the International Baccalaureate (IB) and College Board organizations have released notices of their decisions to not hold traditional examinations for the May 2020 examination session. Their decisions are as follows:

International Baccalaureate (IB):

- No exams will occur in May.
- Students will be awarded an IB Diploma or Course Certificate based on the student's coursework and assessments built into the program. For example, seniors in IB English 12 have already completed two written tasks and oral assessments, which have been submitted to the IB. Each IB course has one or more subject-specific assessments completed over the course of the year, in addition to the May exams.
- Full details and FAQs will be released by March 27, 2020 by the IBO.

College Board / Advanced Placement (AP):

- Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home. A computer, tablet or smartphone may be used.
- For each subject, there will be two different testing dates.
- A full exam schedule and additional details will be released by April 3, 2020 by the College Board. Visit collegeboard.org/ap-covid19-updates for additional information.

We are pleased both organizations have responded in a compassionate and timely way in the face of such adverse circumstances. Our teachers will continue to provide relevant and enriching instruction as we navigate our way through these difficult times. It is our hope that this news regarding the May exam session provides some relief and clarity as we move forward.

Regards,

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