

AP Calculus BC Exam, 2026: Monday, May 11, 2026 (morning session)

College Board uses a hybrid digital format for the AP Calculus BC Exam.

You need to bring your school-issued laptop to the AP Exam, fully charged plus your charger.

- For the Multiple-Choice (MCQ) portions of the test, the AP Exam will display the questions on your laptop and you'll record your answers on your laptop as well.
- For the Free-Response (FRQ) portions of the test, the AP Exam will display the questions on your laptop but you'll write your answers in a test booklet with space for each part of each question.

Try out the BlueBook example test!

AP Calculus BC Exam Format

Section	Question Type	Number of Questions	Exam Weighting	Timing
I	Multiple-choice questions			
	Part A: Graphing calculator not permitted	30	33.3%	60 minutes
	Part B: Graphing calculator required	15	16.7%	45 minutes
II	Free-response questions			
	Part A: Graphing calculator required	2	16.7%	30 minutes
	Part B: Graphing calculator not permitted	4	33.3%	60 minutes

Each section is worth 50% of the exam points

Each of the 4 parts must be completed within its allowed time, and once a part has ended, it is not possible to go back and continue working on previous parts.

How difficult is the AP Calculus BC Exam?

You don't have to get 90% of the exam correct for a 5, but this exam is challenging.

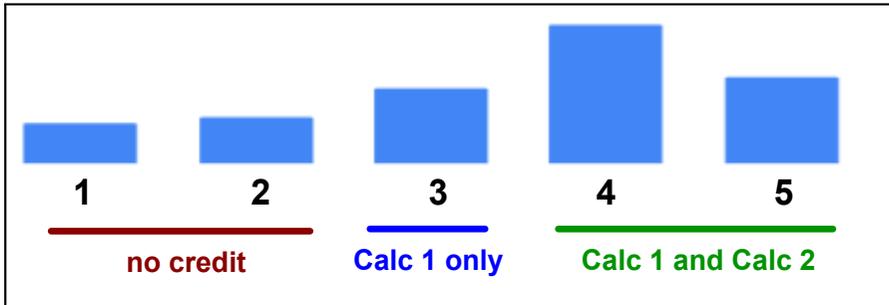
Explore these websites to learn more...

 **<https://test-ninjas.com/ap-calculus-bc-score-calculator>**

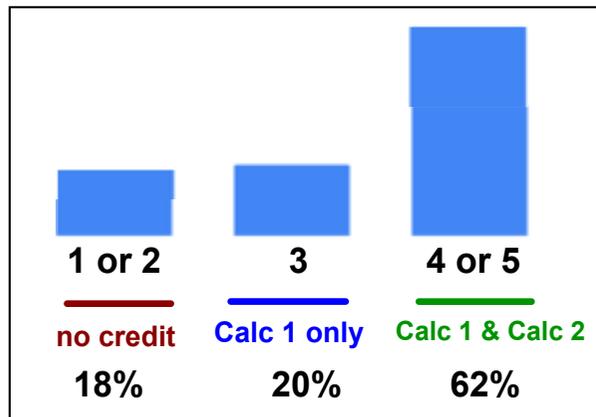
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How difficult is the AP Calculus BC Exam?

Last year's DV score distribution on the AP Calculus BC exam:



Most students do well, but don't underestimate the difficulty of this exam.



Doing well requires significant personal review effort.

Our plan for reviewing for the AP Calculus BC Exam

During class...

- About half of the days, we will be working in randomly assigned groups on 14 FRQs selected from previous AP Exams for being the most commonly encountered topics and formats to give you practice with AP format and insight into how they grade. I'll give a paper copy of the problem (which we recommend you keep in a folder to review later) and you'll write your solution on a piece of printer paper I will give you.
- After 15-20 minutes work time (average time per FRQ on the AP Exam is 15 minutes) I'll have you turn in your solution, which I will grade for completion and return to you the next day. When I return your solution to you, we'll go over the scoring rubric in class so you can see how AP grades, and score your own.
- Once we are done with an FRQ, I'll post a link to a PDF with selected additional FRQs that cover similar topics so you can continue reviewing if you wish at home.
- Some days, instead of working another FRQ, we'll have time for you to ask questions.

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Homework...

- In place of unit homework packets, we will have required [AP Classroom MCQ quizzes with AP-style problems](#) selected to match the types of questions most frequently encountered on AP Exams.
- With the AP Classroom MCQ homework, [you'll complete and submit the MCQs answers online and also show written work on paper to turn in.](#)
- These will have due dates (approximately one week per AP Classroom MCQ HW quiz), but [I will only check them for completion](#), and I'll set them up so you can check answers and re-work problems until you get them correct.

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Tests...

- Since we have no Unit tests, **we will instead have 5 tests which each have 2 FRQs along with some MCQs which cover topics from anywhere in the course.**
- Each will be in AP-style and include topics covered previously by our in-class FRQs and homework MCQs (meaning that **all students, even those not taking the AP Exam, will need to become adept at dealing with AP-format if you want to maintain a good course grade).**
- **We won't give out any reviews or practice for these assessments.** Your practice is completing the in-class FRQs and AP Classroom MCQ HW Quizzes.

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At home review...

- Since there is no longer a daily homework assignment, your homework time should be devoted to:
 - Completing the current AP Classroom MCQ HW quiz by its due date.
 - If you weren't confident about an FRQ when we did it during class groupwork, use the links to additional similar FRQs for more practice.
 - Using the [large AP Study Guide \(available online\)](#) and the [Compact Review](#) to memorize all formulas and drill/test yourself on AP exam topics.
- Due to copyright issues, all materials from College Board will not appear on the www.mrfelling.com site, but instead only in a module called 'AP Review' in Canvas.

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Saturday review sessions...

- We will be hosting Saturday review sessions between now and the date of the AP Exam, where students work together on FRQ questions (different from those we will do in class) and dig in to the details of how things are scored.
- C-105, 9:00AM to Noon. (You may need to enter campus through the teacher parking lot)
- Although these are most effective if you can be there for the entire time, the sessions are drop-in...you can come and go as needed :)
- Relaxed atmosphere with snacks :)
- On two Saturdays (April 4 and April 25) we will host full mock-AP Exams.

Saturday sessions schedule

(C105 - 9:00AM to Noon - a little later on mock exam days)

3/28/26: FRQ Review week 1

4/4/26: Practice AP Exam (full 3.5-hr exam experience - see what it is like to take an AP Calc BC Exam. When you leave, we'll give you a key so you can score your own exam.

4/11/26: FRQ Review week 2

4/18/26: FRQ Review week 3

4/25/26: Practice AP Exam (full 3.5-hr exam experience - see what it is like to take an AP Calc BC Exam. When you leave, we'll give you a key so you can score your own exam.

5/2/26: FRQ Review week 4

5/9/26: Open review day for any last minute questions

Monday, 5/11/26: ** The AP Calculus BC Exam **

Things to do now to prep for the AP Calculus BC Exam...

- Work on the AP Classroom MCQ HW Quiz #1 (due next Monday) and also submit the Unit 5 FRQ Review from AP Classroom (due this Friday)
- Use the AP Calculus BC Study Guide and Compact Review to really start memorizing formulas and reviewing concepts.
- Tomorrow and Thursday, we'll do the first two in-class FRQs. If you weren't able to solve them easily, use the additional similar FRQs PDF posted for additional practice. These FRQ topics will be on the first assessment which is next week Friday.
- Try to attend the Saturday sessions if you can: 9AM-Noon beginning this Saturday. Bring your calculator and a pencil :)
- Really try to take at least one of the two Saturday mock AP Exams: Students universally reported that this was one the main reasons they got a 4 or a 5 on the actual AP Exam.
- Ask questions about things when you encounter things you can't figure out: Mr. Cook, Mr. Walton, and I are available before and after school for additional help!

