

The AP Computer Science Principles Exam

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Total Score: 5

Total Testing Time: 3 hours

Big Ideas

Big Idea #	Title	Weight
Idea 1	Creative Development	10-13%
Idea 2	Data	17-22%
Idea 3	Algorithms and Programming	30-35%
Idea 4	Computer Systems and Networks	11-15%
Idea 5	Impact of Computing	21-26%

Sections and Timing

Section	Percent Weight	Questions & Time Limit	Breakdown
I: Multiple-Choice	70%	70 questions 2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57 single-select questions • 5 single-select with reading passage about computing innovation • 8 multiple-select (select 2 answers)
II: Performance Task	30%	2 questions 60 minutes Performance Task is 10% of the total score Written Response Questions are 20% of the total score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These 2 questions will revolve around the Performance Task that the student will have spent time creating in class before the exam • Written Response 1: Program Design, Function, and Purpose • Written Response 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2A: Algorithm Development ○ 2B: Errors and Testing ○ 2C: Data and Procedural Abstraction <p>This section is scored out of 6 points (see below for details).</p>

Scoring Details:

([LINK to Zinkerz Score conversion to come](#))

Performance Task Scoring:

- See the rubric for scoring [HERE](#).

FAQs:

- **When is the exam administered?** Once a year in May.
- **How long does it take to get the scores back?** Scores are typically released around July 5th.
- **For how long are the scores valid?**
 - Whether APs are taken in Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12, the AP score will remain valid until the student starts college.
 - If a student's last AP Exam was more than four years ago, the scores are archived and cannot be viewed in the CollegeBoard score reporting system. However - they can still send these scores to a college, university, or scholarship program, or get a score report sent to themselves, by submitting a form by mail or fax
- **Is there a reference sheet?** Yes, [AP CSP Reference Sheet](#).
- **Is the AP exam adaptive?:** No. The AP CSP exam is not adaptive. The difficulty level of the content does not change based on performance as the test taker progresses through the exam.

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