

FY 2009

BUDGET INFORMATION FORM**School Board Member Requesting Information:** Kaye Kory**Answer Prepared By:** Patrick K. Murphy**Date Prepared:** Wednesday, January 23, 2008**Question:**

Please provide the date of the last time we proposed to cut AP/IB fees. Was there a drop in enrollment in AP/IB courses as reflected in test-takers? (KK01 – Murphy)

Response:

The number of AP and IB tests and the number of students taking them are reported below for school years 2001 through 2007. In 2003 and 2004, FCPS charged students \$25 for one test (AP or IB) and \$50 for two or more tests. In the other years (2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2007), FCPS paid the fees associated with taking the AP and IB tests.

Overall, the number of tests taken and the number of students taking them increased between 2001 and 2007. However, there was a small decrease in the number of AP students between 2002 and 2003 and in the number of IB students between 2003 and 2004. There was also a small decrease in the actual number of IB tests taken between 2003 and 2004.

AP Tests

2007 – 13,856 students and 28,598 tests
 2006 – 12,561 students and 25,984 tests
 2005 – 11,694 students and 23,724 tests
 2004 – 10,557 students and 21,200 tests
 2003 – 10,164 students and 20,688 tests
 2002 – 10,306 students and 20,256 tests
 2001 – 8,845 students and 17,560 tests

IB Tests

2007 – 2,146 students and 5,488 tests
 2006 – 2,036 students and 5,092 tests
 2005 – 2,011 students and 5,061 tests
 2004 – 1,913 students and 4,735 tests
 2003 – 1,990 students and 4,988 tests
 2002 – 1,635 students and 3,751 tests
 2001 – 1,398 students and 2,982 tests

The FY 2009 Proposed Budget includes charging students for the full cost of the test with no cap on the total amount paid per student. Consideration is being given to charge a single fee for both AP and IB tests. Currently, the actual cost of the AP exam is \$84 to the public. FCPS has negotiated a contract with College Board to provide all AP tests at \$74 for this year. (It goes up about \$1 a year.) There is no reduction from College Board in the rate for our students on free and reduced lunch. The IB fees are more complicated. There is a registration fee of \$123 and then each test costs \$84. An IB diploma student takes 6 subject exams, Theory of Knowledge, and the extended essay for a total of 8 assessments at \$84 each, plus the registration fee, for a total of \$795. The cost for a student who takes only one IB exam is \$207.