

Dear Parents of 10th, 11th & 12th Graders:

As you may or may not know, Living Word Academy gives Advanced Placement exams to our high school students. These exams, which are offered by the College Board, are given in May, and, through them, it is possible for students to receive college credit while still in high school. This letter is both to inform you about this opportunity and to describe Living Word Academy's policy concerning the exams.

We began giving AP exams approximately seven years ago. Since then many of our graduates have received college credit for successfully passing the exams.

It is important to note that while we give AP exams, Living Word Academy, unlike public schools, does not offer Advanced Placement courses. In public schools, students of high academic achievement are placed in AP courses where teachers prepare them specifically for the test. Due to our constraints in faculty and building size, we do not offer courses at this time. Instead, we ask interested students to prepare for the exams by independent study. All major book stores in the area stock many AP preparation books, which are excellent resources. In addition, our teachers are able and willing to help the students with the problems they may have with self study. They can also find information online at www.apcentral.collegeboard.com.

The fee for each AP exam is \$78.00 this year (e.g. two exams will cost \$156.00 etc.). Some families, however, may receive a fee waiver depending on income. (See the informational chart on the back of this letter) The money for the exam, or the proper form for fee exemption, is **due when we order the exams on Friday, March 19th. The fee is nonrefundable.** If you order the test, your son or daughter is required to take it. In previous years, Living Word Academy returned many exams. It was an embarrassment to our office staff and a bad testimony for the Lord. We will not do it again.

Advanced Placement is a wonderful opportunity for many of our students. Please talk to your son or daughter about how it will help him or her get a head start in college. Please contact the school if you have any questions about the program.

Thank you,

Brother Phil Mastroleo