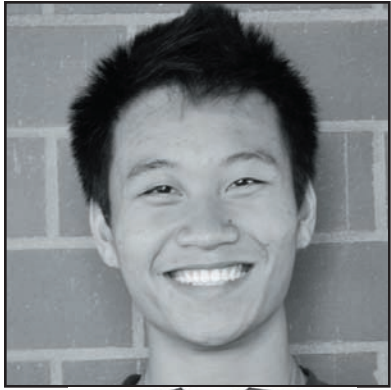




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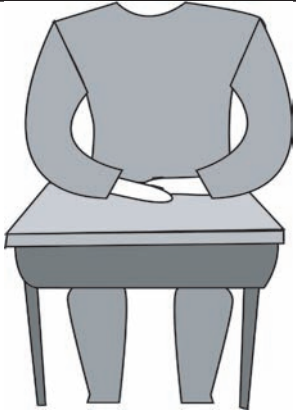
How do you feel about the new scoring rules for Advanced Placement (AP) exams?

The College Board is no longer enforcing its “guessing penalty,” which previously subtracted a quarter point for each wrong multiple-choice answer.



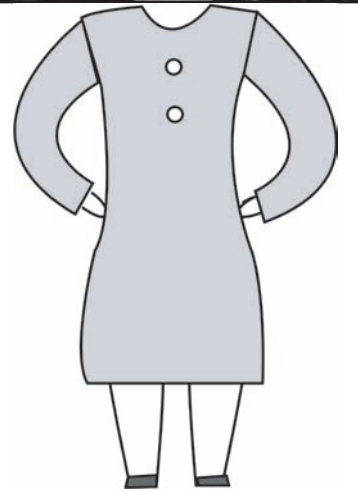
“It’s pretty weird that College Board decided to make these changes all of a sudden. It’s starting to make their tests seem a lot easier than [they] should be, since the SATs still deduct points.”

-Herrick Duong, senior



“Students will psychologically feel better, but the scores won’t change much—you either know it or you don’t. However, the new scoring system seems fair because it’s consistent with how the free-response questions are scored. They only look at what you do correctly. Since both the multiple-choice and the writing portions share the same function—to test what you know—it’s fair to grade them the same way.”

-Ms. Padilla, English Language and Composition AP teacher



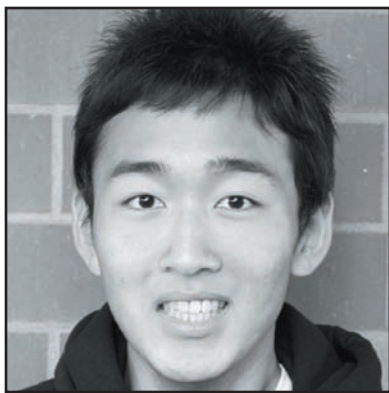
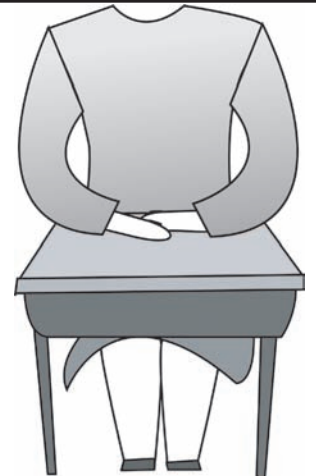
“The College Board says the change won’t make any difference because many tests already have ‘distracter’ answers that are obviously wrong, which make the questions easier. Keep in mind that though College Board is a ‘non-profit’ organization, it is a business. The more that people do well on the tests, the more people will take it. College Board sells success, and they want you to buy it.”

-Ms. Mitchell, World History AP and Art History AP teacher



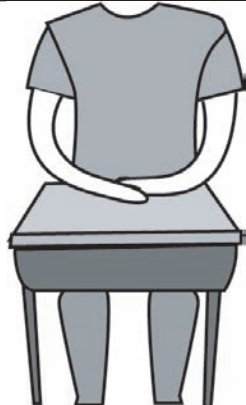
“The new scoring system sounds fair because students have a greater opportunity of scoring higher. The AP tests are already hard, so getting rid of the guessing penalty will make students feel better.”

-Ana Ledesma, junior



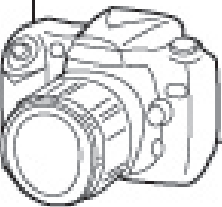
“It’s a good idea because we won’t be limited by the scoring system. With no penalties, there is potential to get more points and earn higher scores.”

-Rick Bai, senior



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