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QUESTION:

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Respond to the Churchill Cluster's concern regarding the risk of losing AP certification if adequate funds are not available for science materials to perform the labs that the College Board requires for AP status.

ANSWER:

Funds for the necessary materials to teach Advanced Placement (AP) courses will be available to all schools. While course-related fees may not be charged for items such as science laboratory supplies, beginning in school year 2009–2010, the recommended FY 2010 Operating Budget realigns \$1.5 million to support implementation of the new course fee guidelines. The College Board does not certify AP programs, but audits AP courses based on course syllabi provided by individual teachers. The College Board expects laboratory experiences to be a key component of AP science courses. Montgomery County Public Schools is committed to providing a wide variety of classes and programs that engage students in rigorous learning experiences, including AP science courses that prepare them for the challenges of higher education and employment.