



About APA

The American Planning Association provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing our members with the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change.

OUR MISSION AND TAGLINE

Creating great communities for all

OUR VISION

APA advances planning through leadership in education, research, advocacy, and ethical practice.

About APA Chapters

APA's 49 chapters allows for continued growth on the local level for our members. Chapters provide opportunity for professional development, continuing education, networking and so much more.

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Brand Family

The APA brand family includes the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the APA Foundation. APA Chapters are also included in our family of brands (The Alabama Chapter lockup is used as an example below and throughout this document).



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American Institute of Certified Planners

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Branding the Organization

The American Planning Association Chapter Brand Guidelines will show you all of the elements that make up the APA Chapter graphic identity and the specifications for using this identity consistently across all platforms.

The APA Chapter lockups (logo, association name, chapter name, and tagline) are the most commonly used elements for Chapter brands These marks are the first reference to the Chapters in all their communications.

The APA Chapter logo (which is a part of the lockup) stands as a second reference to the chapter.

APA Chapter Lockups

Each chapter lockup has four parts: logo, association name, chapter name and tagline. Each comes in three configurations. The scale and position of the parts in these configurations have been carefully defined. Do not attempt to build these lockups for reproduction; use the provided files. They have been designed to offer you variety and flexibility in your layouts.

We consider these marks to be a **first reference** to the chapter identity. One of the APA lockups—three options below—should be used prominently online and in print for both internal and external audiences.

Stacked



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Centered



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Horizontal



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The APA lockups are available in three color options: (positive—which is the chapter chosen color, black, and reversed (white).



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*Color libraries with PMS, CYMK, and HEX/RGB specifications are on pages 13–15

APA Chapter Logo

One component of the Chapter graphic identity is the Chapter logo. Use the logo on **second reference** or when space dictates that the full lockup cannot be used.

For electronic use, the Chapter logo is preferred for social media, or when it will link directly to the Chapter website, as is the case for electronic ads. This is considered second use.

If the lockup is used in a mailing panel, the logo can be used elsewhere in the same document to support the brand.

APA Logo



The APA lockups are available in three color options: (positive—the chosen chapter color, black, and reversed (white).







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Lockups and Logos | Minimum Sizes

For good legibility, do not reproduce the Chapter lockups and logos smaller than the sizes noted below.

In electronic use, the logo must be 40 pixels wide or wider. In print use, the logo must be larger than .375" (2.25 picas, or 27 points) wide.

Electronic

40 pixels



Print

.375"



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Lockups and Logos | Free Space

Sometimes type, photos, or other graphic elements are positioned close to the Division lockup in a design. In such cases, do not crowd the lockup with other graphic elements; maintain a minimum amount of white space around it.

The diagram below shows the minimum amount of "free zone" you must maintain around any lockup at any size.

This measurement on each side is half the dimension of the Division logo.



Fonts | Primary | Sans Serif

Myriad Pro is the primary sans serif font. Myriad Pro is the preferred choice for titles, headlines, and body text in documents and communications when fonts will be embedded or document will be printed.

Myriad Pro Light

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (";;!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Semibold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Light Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (,;;!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Semibold Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (";:!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (";:!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Regular Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Myriad Pro Bold Italic

Fonts | Secondary | Sans Serif

Verdana is the secondary sans serif font choice for any materials that will be shared with others including email, Word docs, Powerpoints, where the reader may not have the primary fonts installed, or in any digital media.

Verdana Pro Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Verdana Pro Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Verdana Pro Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Verdana Pro Bold Italic

Fonts | Primary | Serif

Janson Text is the primary serif font for APA, AICP, and the APA Foundation. Janson Text is an option for titles, headlines, and body text in documents and communications when fonts will be embedded or document will be printed.

Janson Text Roman

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (..;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Janson Text Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Janson Text Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Janson Text Bold Italic

Fonts | Secondary | Serif

Georgia is the secondary serif font choice for any materials that will be shared with others including email, Word docs, Powerpoints, where the reader may not have the primary fonts installed, or in any digital media.

Georgia Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Georgia Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Georgia Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 (.,;:!?/@#\$%&*)

Georgia Bold Italic

Colors | Primary

The primary color for the APA brand identity is APA blue. It is used for all APA lockups; it is also used extensively in APA documents and communications. Complementing APA blue, is AICP red.

APA Foundation green is the third of the primary APA colors.

Chapters were able to choose a color from our color palette when we developed the Chapter brands. Those colors are specific to each chapter and are the primary colors associated with each individual chapter.

APA Blue	

PMS Color 647
Process
C96 M53 Y5 K24

HEX #165788 R22 G87 B136



PMS Color 180
Process
C0 M90 Y100 K10

HEX #d83a1f R217 G59 B32



PMS Color 384

Process
C26 M4 Y99 K35

HEX #6e7645
R110 G118 B69

Colors | Secondary

APA created the secondary color palette below to foster creativity and unique expression. These colors complement our primary color palette. The specifications listed will ensure consistency across media. Under each Pantone coated-color swatch you will find the Pantone Matching System (PMS) number and specs for process color, Hex code, and RGB. These specs do not include uncoated specs; check conversions for this color choice should you need it.

Each chapter and division derives its lockup and logo color from this palette. APA created the artwork for all chapter and division lockups and logos.



PMS Color 376
Process
C54 M0 Y100 K0

HEX #84BD00 R132 G189 B0



PMS Color 556 Process C54 M8 Y47 K14

C54 M8 Y47 K14 **HEX #6FA287** R111 G162 B135



PMS Color 569
Process
C90 M9 Y60 K15
HEX #00816D

R0 G129 B109



Process C76 M3 Y100 K18

HEX #4C8C2B

R76 G140 B43



Process C14 M2 Y100 K15

HEX #BFB800 R191 G184 B0



PMS Color 5763 Process C37 M13 Y71 K35





PMS Color 617
Process
C11 M6 Y64 K13

HEX #C0B561 R192 G181 B97



PMS Color 5825 Process C45 M39 Y91 K14

HEX #D38235 R137 G128 B60



PMS Color 606

Process C0 M6 Y100 K16

HEX #CFB500 R207 G181 B0



PMS Color 109

Process C0 M9 Y100 K0

HEX #FFD100 R255 G209 B0



PMS Color 7405 Process C0 M11 Y97 K2

HEX #F2CD00 R242 G205 B0



PMS Color 7408

ProcessC0 M29 Y100 K0

HEX #F6BE00 R246 G180 B0



PMS Color 7412

Process C2 M58 Y96 K10 HEX #D38235 R211 G130 B53



PMS Color 117

Process C6 M27 Y100 K12 HEX #C99700

R201 G151 B0



PMS Color 152

Process C0 M66 Y100 K0

HEX #E57200 R229 G114 B0

Colors | Secondary (continued)



PMS Color 1525 Process C2 M77 Y100 K9

HEX #B94700 R185 G71 B0



PMS Color 7424
Process
C0 M90 Y9 K0

HEX #E24585 R226 G69 B133



PMS Color 187 Process

C7 M100 Y82 K26 **HEX #A6192E**R166 G25 B46



PMS Color 200

Process C3 M100 Y70 K12

HEX #BA0C2F R186 G12 B47



PMS Color 506

Process C19 M86 Y38 K57

HEX #84344E R132 G52 B78



PMS Color 266 Process C76 M90 Y0 K0

HEX #753BBD R117 G59 B189



PMS Color 268

Process C82 M98 Y0 K12

HEX #582C83 R88 G44 B131



PMS Color 7447

Process C77 M85 Y6 K18

HEX #5D4777 R93 G71 B119



PMS Color 5497

Process C38 M9 Y23 K32

HEX #829995 R130 G153 B149



PMS Color 542

Process C47 M32 Y13 K0

HEX #829995 R123 G173 B211



PMS Color 535

Process C43 M25 Y3 K8

HEX #8E9FBC R142 G159 B188



PMS Color 7467

Process C97 M0 Y30 K0

HEX #00A3AD R0 G163 B173



PMS Color 632

Process C93 M2 Y15 K7

HEX #0093B2 R0 G147 B178



PMS Color 634

Process C100 M13 Y10 K41

HEX #005F83 R0 G95 B131



PMS Color 655

Process C100 M79 Y12 K59

HEX #002554 R0 G37 B84

Lockups | Applications

When placing the lockup or logo on a color background we recommend using the positive or black version on a light background, or using the reversed version on a black or other dark color.

Choose background colors carefully. Placing the logo or lockup on a very similar color will make it unreadable.









Lockups | Misuse

Do not alter the Chapter lockup. The examples below are not acceptable uses for any mark in the APA Brand Family.



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Do not alter the color of the logo or any element of the lockup.



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Do not alter the font choices or font sizes.



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Do not change the spatial relationships within the lockup.



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Do not condense or distort the shape of the lockup in any way.



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Do not outline the lockup or any element within it.



Do not rotate the lockup.

Lockups | Photos

When using Chapter Logos or Lockups be sure to make sure the marks are readable when placed on top of an image, illustration, or other graphic.

It is accepable to use drop shadows and outer glow special effects to make the marks readable when placed on a photo.







Try using different lockup color options to determine which is most readable. When an image is darker, the reversed out version will work best, however, in the example at the left, the reversed out version is unreadable.

Working with different color options of the Chapter marks will allow for the best combination of colors and effects to get the best readability. In the case on the left, the outer glow effect changes the readability of the background image and is not preferred.

Drop shadows may help readability when the lockup is against a busy background. In the case on the left, the shadow created allows the white type to be visible against the background. This level of readability is preferred.

Naming Style Guidelines

Use standard APA language when referring to your Chapter.

Consistent language is an important part of the APA brand. Incorporating this language into your electronic, print, and verbal communications solidifies the brand.

Chapter Nomenclature

Correct

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association

Florida Chapter of APA

APA Florida

Incorrect

FAPA

APAFL

Florida APA

Florida Planning Association

Chapter Family of Lockups



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American Planning Association **Alaska Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Arizona Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Arkansas Chapter**

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American Planning Association California Chapter

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American Planning Association **Colorado Chapter**

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American Planning Association Connecticut Chapter

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American Planning Association **Delaware Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Florida Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Georgia Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Hawaii Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Idaho Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Indiana Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Iowa Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Kansas Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Kentucky Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Louisiana Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Maryland Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Massachusetts Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Michigan Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Minnesota Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Mississippi Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Missouri Chapter**

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American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter

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American Planning Association **Nebraska Chapter**

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American Planning Association Pennsylvania Chapter

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American Planning Association **Texas Chapter**

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American Planning Association **West Virginia Chapter**

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American Planning Association **New York Metro Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Ohio Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Rhode Island Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Utah Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Western Central Chapter**

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American Planning Association **New York Upstate Chapter**

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American Planning Association **Oklahoma Chapter**



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American Planning Association **South Carolina Chapter**

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American Planning Association Virginia Chapter

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American Planning Association **Wisconsin Chapter**

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