

Advanced Placement vs. Dual Credit

Knowing the difference between an Advanced Placement and Dual Credit course will assist you in planning for both high school and college courses

Advanced Placement (AP)		Dual Credit (DC)
<p>The AP program allows students to take college-level courses and exams and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 tuition • \$0 textbooks • \$15 refundable deposit per AP exam (district subsidizes cost) 	Description	<p>Dual Credit allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by completing courses at their high school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 tuition (district pays tuition) • \$0 textbooks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted/Talented-certified • College Board trained • Syllabus approved by College Board • State-certified and Highly-Qualified 	Instructor Credentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master’s degree required • Credentialed as a college instructor • State-certified and Highly-Qualified
<p>First-time enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥80 in prior course • Passed state assessment <p>Continued enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of prior course • Passed state assessment 	Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 10th, 11th or 12th grade • Must have parent/guardian approval <p><i>Score Requirements (must meet 1)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOC Eng II ≥4000 (SS & Eng courses) Alg I ≥4000 & C avg Alg II (Coll Alg/Eco) • ACT : Composite Min 23 English ≥19 Math ≥19 • SAT: EBRW ≥ 480 Math ≥530 • TSI Reading ≥351 Math ≥350 Writing ≥363/writing sample 4 or 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must take the AP Exam in that course to earn college credit • AP scores are accepted throughout the nation • Eff. May 1, 2016, HB1992 requires Texas public colleges/universities to accept scores of 3+ • See individual colleges for their credit policy 	College Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houston Community College (HCC) credit is awarded when the student passes the course • DC hours will transfer to a <u>public</u> colleges/universities in Texas with a grade of “C” or better • Check with individual colleges for your intended major’s academic requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weighted GPA (5.0) • Distinguished Achievement Plan (DAP) with AP exam score ≥3 • Performance Acknowledgement with AP Exam score of ≥3 	Graduation Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weighted GPA (5.0) • Distinguished Achievement Plan (DAP) with grade average ≥80 • Performance Acknowledgement with 12 hours (3.0 or higher)