



# Dual Credit vs. Advanced Placement



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

	<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	<b>Dual Credit (DC)</b>
<b>Description</b>	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and exams, and to earn college credits while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows high school students to earn high school and college credit by completing college courses at their high school or on the college campus.
<b>Credit</b>	Students must earn a 3 or higher to be eligible to receive credit. Students seeking credit through their AP exam scores should note that individual college and universities, not the College Board, the AP Program, or the high school grant, course credit and placement.	Credit is awarded when the student passes the course. Students must pass a DC class with a C or higher to remain in the dual credit program.
<b>Teachers/Instructors</b>	Courses are taught by high school teachers trained by the College Board.	Courses are taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors.
<b>College/University Acceptance</b>	AP courses are accepted throughout the nation. Students must see individual colleges/universities for their policy.	DC courses are accepted at public colleges and universities in Texas. Students must check with the individual colleges/ universities for their intended major's academic requirements.
<b>Location</b>	AP courses are taught at the high schools.	DC courses are taught at the high school and on the college campus.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Open to all students. Students must meet eligibility requirements in some core courses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must be currently enrolled 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li>• Must have parent/guardian approval</li> <li>• 4000+ on the English II/ English III STAAR EOC exams.</li> <li>• 4000+ on the Algebra II STAAR EOC exam</li> <li>• SAT - 480 on the EBRW portion</li> <li>• SAT – 530 on the math portion</li> <li>• ACT – 19 on the English/Math with a 23 composite score</li> <li>• TSIA – 351 on Reading/Writing</li> <li>• TSIA – 350 on math</li> </ul>
<b>Textbooks</b>	Provided by the campus	Textbooks for two classes are provided by the campus during the fall/spring semester and may be checked out in the library
<b>Impact on high school GPA</b>	AP courses are ranked on a 6.0 scale.	Dual credit courses are ranked on a 5.75 scale.

Please ask your counselor/academic advisor if you have any additional questions.