

College Credit Options - Comparison

	Advanced Placement AP	Dual Credit	Dual Enrollment
What is it?	College-level classes that are more challenging and faster-paced than traditional high school courses. The students will have the opportunity to test for college credit by taking the AP exam. This credit is recognized internationally, depending on the scoring requirements of universities.	Classes that have the rigor of a college course and allow a student to simultaneously earn high school and college credit, depending on the credit acceptance guidelines of universities.	Classes where students are concurrently enrolled in a high school course and college course with a focus on self-regulated learning; allows students to earn a high school grade and college grade.
Who teaches the course?	High school teacher who has received certification through the College Board's 30-hour training, understands the needs of high school students, and can guide them through the challenge. Coursework is designed, delivered, and assessed by the teacher.	College professor or high school teacher who also serves as an adjunct professor for the college. (Master's degree in the field required)	The course is evaluated and facilitated by a certified high school teacher who delivers daily lessons. The college course is evaluated and monitored by college staff, who works with the high school teacher and provides assessments.
Where is the course taught?	On the high school campus	On the high school campus, college campus, or online	On the high school campus
What grade levels can participate?	9-12	9-12	10-12
What is the curriculum?	Standards provided by the College Board with syllabus approved through the AP Audit process. Must also meet TEKS standards if End-of-Course STAAR Exam administered	Standards provided by the partnering college. The student is still responsible for the associated End of Course STAAR Exam where applicable (i.e. US History)	Standards provided by college that also meet TEKS standards.

How are students eligible to enroll?	Students must meet high school prerequisites as noted in the course catalog	Students must meet high school and college prerequisites as noted in the course catalogs, and meet the associated TSI requirements	Students must meet high school and college prerequisites as noted in the course catalog
How is credit awarded?	Students register for and take the AP exam that is associated with the course. Exams are scored on a scale of 1-5. Credit is determined by individual colleges/universities, with scores of 3 or higher receiving college credit at Texas public colleges and universities per legislative rule.	High school and college credit is awarded. Students receive a college grade which is recorded on both the high school and CTC transcript. The high school credit is awarded with a grade of a C or better, although college credit may be granted with a D.	Students earn a high school grade based on all assessed activities in the course (tests, quizzes, homework and daily work), which is recorded on the high school transcript. Students earn a college grade based on the college exams, which is recorded on a college transcript. The grades awarded for high school and college may be different. The student has the opportunity to accept or decline credit before it is awarded on a college transcript. There is no penalty if a student chooses not to pursue the college credit.
Is the course weighted?	Yes, see course guide	Yes, see course guide	Yes, see course guide
Does it count in GPA and class rank?	Counts in GPA and rank	Counts in GPA and rank	Counts in GPA and rank
How many courses can a student take?	Unlimited	Unlimited, but no more than 2 are recommended unless ECHS student	Unlimited, but no more than 2 are recommended
What are the	AP cost is determined	No costs are incurred	Each course is \$149.

associated costs?	by the College Board and is approximately \$100 per AP exam.MFISD will incur part of the AP exam cost for students. Students on free and reduced lunch will pay \$10 per AP test. Students not on free and reduced lunch will pay \$70 per AP test.	by ECHS students. Other students may qualify for free tuition through the FAST program based on family income. Students may need to purchase a college textbook or resources which will cost \$100-\$200.	Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch pay \$99 per course. Students who qualify through FAST may be eligible for tuition free classes. There are no extra textbook costs. Course fees are subject to change based upon FAST enrollment by the college.
Current pricing is subject to change. Students may qualify for a scholarship. See counselor for more details.			
What do colleges and universities accept?	Credit accepted at public state schools for scores of 3 or higher, and internationally at the discretion of the college/university.	Credit accepted by public state schools in Texas, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university.	Core credit guaranteed to transfer to any public state college or university, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university.
What is the experience like for students?	Advanced Placement is college-level work requiring college-level study loads and habits (and a lot of reading). Students experience learning environments that offer challenge, failure/critical feedback/revision opportunities, collaborative learning, problem solving, and authentic connections between content, themselves, and the world. Teachers coach their students in developing ownership of learning, agency in	The Dual Credit experience is just like attending a college course. Students are expected to attend lectures and complete individual readings and assignments outside class. Grades are fewer than a high school course and are dependent on midterm and final exams to comprise the majority of the student grade.	Dual Enrollment students are exposed to the academic and social expectations of a college classroom and the high-quality educational experiences to better prepare them for college success.They are empowered to take on the role of college student at a low risk, due in part to the option to decline the college credit. The course curriculum is developed by UT and prepares students for

	action and work ethic, and refined thought processes.		a 4 year university. The coursework is rigorous.
When are courses available?	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule during the school year.	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule.	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule during the school year.
Can the student drop the class?	A course can be dropped after 4 weeks and at semester.	A course can be dropped or withdrawn according to the partner college calendar. Proper forms are required.	This course is designed to build resilience and students are highly encouraged to complete the entire course. A course can be dropped at semester.