



# COMPARING ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND DUAL CREDIT

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

Program	Dual Credit	Advanced Placement
<b>Description</b>	College-level courses taken to receive college and high school credit at the same time	College-level courses offered in high school designed by committees of college faculty members and AP teachers
<b>Courses</b>	Academic & Workforce Courses	Academic Courses
<b>Instructor</b>	Course taught by college faculty or college-approved high school instructors meeting the same standards and requirements of regularly employed college faculty	Course taught by high school-approved teachers meeting AP course evaluation and professional development requirements
<b>Location</b>	Courses may be taught in one of the three methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On MISD campus</li> <li>• On LSC campus</li> <li>• Online</li> </ul>	Courses are taught on the high school campus
<b>Exam</b>	Approved College Placement exam*	College Board exam
<b>Cost</b>	\$26 per credit hour students must pay fees and textbooks	Payment for College Board exam - \$97
<b>Impact on High School GPA</b>	Courses are weighted in the high school GPA	Courses are weighted in the high school GPA
<b>Credit</b>	Credit automatically applied to college transcript	Apply for credit with an advisor
<b>Criteria to Receive College Credit</b>	<p>Student receives credit and a grade reflective of their class performance</p> <p>Academic courses that fulfill the core curriculum are guaranteed to transfer to any other public institution of higher education in Texas. However, these courses may not count toward a specific degree program or transfer to an out-of-state university. See individual colleges for their policy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.tccns.org/">https://www.tccns.org/</a></p>	<p>Passing score on exam, typically a 3 or higher</p> <p>Many institutions of higher education, including nationwide, accept credit. However, colleges dictate the minimum AP score acceptable for credit at their institution and the specific course credit awarded for the tests taken. See individual colleges for their policy.</p> <p><a href="https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies">https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies</a></p>
<b>Transferability</b>	Most academic courses will transfer to any public Texas college or university when a student earns a "C" or better	Acceptance of credit depends on the institution and exam grade
<b>Academic Benefit</b>	Earn Performance Acknowledgements on high school diploma and transcript with grade equivalent of 3.0 or higher	Earn Performance Acknowledgements on high school diploma and transcript with a score of 3 or higher on College Board advanced placement examination
<b>Employment Benefit</b>	Some skills applicable to work	Some skills applicable to work
<p><i>*Scores must meet Dual Credit Eligibility and/or Texas Success Initiative standards. Refer to the Lone Star College Dual Credit Placement Qualifications chart for details.</i></p>		