

ADVANCED PLACEMENT VS. DUAL CREDIT

	Advanced Placement	Dual Credit
Description	Allows students to take college-level courses and exams to earn credit or placement while still in high school	Allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by completing courses at their high school
Credit	Must pass College Board AP exam with a score of 3 or higher; credit may or may not be awarded, depends upon the college the student is entering	Guaranteed college credit upon successful completion of course(s) taught in Texas
Teachers/Instructors	Taught by high school teachers trained by the College Board	Taught by college instructors or high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation (check the policy at each college or university)	Accepted at <u>public</u> colleges and universities in Texas as well as many other colleges and universities across the nation (check the policy at each college or university)
Location	Taught at the high school	Taught at the high school, online, or at a TCC campus
Eligibility	Open to any student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be identified as 11th or 12th grader • Must have high school approval • Must meet TSI eligibility requirements for college-level course work
Cost	\$86 test fee/ Capstone \$134 (reductions or scholarships may be available)	Classes are usually 3 hours each for a \$192 total cost per class—grant funds may be available
Rigor	High rigor	Moderately high rigor
Timeline	Possible 3 hours college credit earned over one year	Possible 3 hours college credit earned in one semester
Payment	Pay for exam in Fall of year taking the class	Pay tuition prior to taking the class