

Advanced Placement

&

Dual Credit

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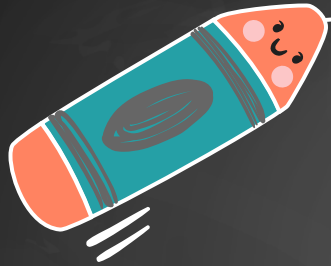


AP or DC?
What's
the
difference?



What is Dual Credit?

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Partnership with LSC

CFISD and Lone Star College have an agreement allowing students who meet specified criteria to earn both high school and college credit for specific high school courses.

Availability

Dual credit is available primarily to juniors and seniors, but the state of Texas has made Dual Credit available to all grade levels. Students must meet high school and college prerequisites to access Dual Credit courses.

What are the benefits of Dual Credit?



- Earn high school and college credit at the same time.
- Shorten the time needed to obtain a college degree.
- Gain college experience while still in a high school supportive environment.
- Enhance high school GPA as most dual credit courses count as a 7.0 for an "A."
- Credit transfers to all public colleges or universities in Texas and most public and private colleges across the nation. * *Students MUST verify with the individual college or university for academic requirements.*
- Dual Credit courses provide students with a challenging and rewarding high school experience.
- Research shows that students who complete just one DC course double their chances of completing college.

What are the steps to becoming a Dual Credit student?



01 See your counselor/CCS

Talk to your counselor or College and Career Specialist about your interest in Dual Credit.

02 Apply

Complete a Lone Star Application through Apply Texas.

03 Meet Criteria

Demonstrate "college readiness" through meeting specific criteria.

04 Register for classes

Register for courses following the campus process.

05 Pay for classes

Pay your fees.



Dual Credit Eligibility

Overall Average

The student must have an overall average for all courses of at least "80," or the student must have an average of at least "80" in the last course taken in the general subject-area of the college-level course.

Prerequisite Courses

The student must have successfully completed prerequisite courses as identified by district guidelines.

Placement Test Scores

The student must have acceptable scores on college placement exams or alternative assessments.

Approval of Campus and Guardian

The student must have completed a Lone Star College admissions application and received prior approval from a member of the campus dual credit team and parent or guardian.

Approval of College

The student must have received approval for college admission through the exceptional admission process completing all enrollment paperwork required by the college.



How do I earn credit for Dual Credit Courses?



Pass with a “C” or higher

Credit is awarded when the student passes the course.

**Transfer institutions typically require a grade of “C” or higher to award credit.*



Transcript

The grade is included on the college transcript upon completion.

Individual colleges and universities grant college course credit and placement.



Credit Transfer

Credit transfers to all Texas public universities and most public and private universities across the nation.

MUST verify with the individual college/university for academic requirements.


What is the cost of a Dual Credit course?



There is no cost for tuition; however, students must pay applicable fees. Currently, the fee is \$120 for a three-hour college course.

Students who enroll in courses at the college will be responsible for the cost of the textbooks.

Students receiving services for free and reduced lunch may qualify for tuition assistance. Please view the Dual Credit page on the CFISD district website or contact the Dual Credit team at the campus for additional information.



Who are the Dual Credit instructors?

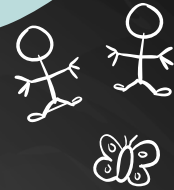
Instructors

DC courses are taught by LSC instructors and/or high school teachers who are credentialed as adjunct professors with LSC.



DC courses can be taught at the high school, on the Lone Star campus or online.

Location



The background is a dark grey chalkboard with a white chalk-like texture. In the center, the text "What is Advanced Placement?" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The text is surrounded by various decorative elements: a blue cloud in the top left, a smiling sun behind a blue cloud with eyes, a red heart-shaped balloon with a face and a white string, and several white exclamation marks. There are also some colorful abstract shapes in the corners: a teal shape in the top right, an orange shape in the bottom left, and a pink circle with a white dot in the bottom left. A white wavy line is drawn below the text.

What is Advanced Placement?

Advanced Placement...

Allows students to take college-level courses and the related exam to potentially earn college credit or placement while still in high school.

Advanced Placement exams take place each May and are scored on a scale of 1 to 5.

There are 38 AP courses offered in multiple subject areas. Districts and schools choose which courses they offer.

Many colleges grant credit or advanced placement or both for qualifying AP exam scores.



What are the benefits of Advanced Placement?



- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills.
- Students are presented with the opportunity to earn valuable college credit and placement in college. *Students MUST verify with the individual college or university for academic requirements.*
- Students are able to move to upper-level college courses sooner.
- AP courses provide students with a challenging and rewarding academic experience.
- AP courses enhance HS GPA as AP courses count as 7.0 for an "A".

What are the steps to becoming an Advanced Placement student?



01

Availability

Open to any student who meets the criteria in the CFISD course catalog

02

Meet Criteria

Must maintain a 75 or higher In the previous year's spring semester K/AP/DC level course

OR

Must maintain an 85 or higher In the previous year's on-level course



How Do I Earn College Credit in an Advanced Placement Course?

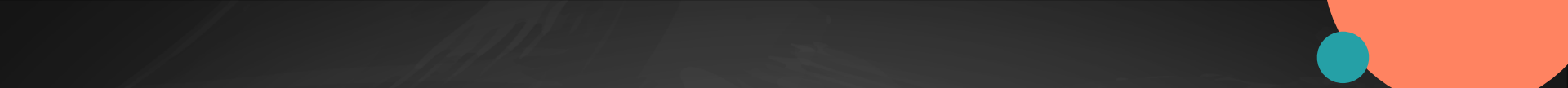
Colleges grant
credit

College credit is earned when the student passes the AP exam.
Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board, nor the AP program grant college course credit and placement.
Accepted throughout the nation by most colleges and universities.

MUST verify with
individual
college/ university

Typically requires a "3" or higher on AP exam in TX.
MUST verify with the individual college/university for their AP policy.





What is the cost of an Advanced Placement course?



There is no cost for enrollment in AP courses, however, there is a fee for the corresponding AP exam(s).

Currently, the fee was \$102 per test this year.

Students receiving services for free and reduced lunch may qualify for tuition assistance. Please contact your counselor or College and Career Specialist at the campus for additional information.



Who are the Advanced Placement instructors?



Instructors

AP courses are taught by specially trained high school teachers using a curriculum approved by the College Board .



AP courses are taught on the HS campus.

Location



Quick Comparison Chart

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)
Description	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam, to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing Lone Star College CyFair (LSC) courses.
GPA and Rank	AP courses count as a 7.0 for an A.	DC courses count as a 7.0 for an A.
College Credit	College credit is granted when students pass the AP exam. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant college course credit and placement.	College credit is awarded when the student passes the course. Included on college transcript upon completion. Individual colleges and universities grant college course credit and placement. <i>Note: Transfer institutions typically require a grade of "C" or higher to award credit.</i>
Teachers/Instructors	Courses are taught by trained high school teachers using a curriculum approved by The College Board.	Courses are taught by LSC instructors and/or high school teachers who are credentialed as adjunct professors with LSC.
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation. Requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam in TX. Must verify with the individual college/university for their AP policy.	Accepted at public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions and colleges throughout the nation. Requires a "C" or better for transferability. Must verify with the individual college/university for academic requirements.
Location	AP courses are taught on the HS campus.	Dual Credit courses can be taught at the high school, on Lone Star's CyFair campus or online.
Eligibility	Open to any student who meets the criteria in the course catalog: Maintain a 75 or higher in the previous year's spring semester K/AP/DC level course OR maintain an 85 or higher in the previous year on-level course.	Must be a high school student. Must meet college placement scores. Must have Parent/Guardian and counselor approval.
Cost	AP courses are free. There is a fee for the corresponding AP exams. Each test was \$102 this year. This fee is reduced for students who qualify for the free/reduced meal program.	No tuition; however, students must pay fees and those who enroll in courses at the college will also be responsible for textbooks. The fees are reduced for up to one course per semester for students who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program and who apply and are approved.
Textbooks	Provided by the school .	Provided by the school, however, textbook purchase required when taking the course online or on LSC's campus.

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a bright yellow long-sleeved shirt and a brown leather watch, is smiling broadly. Her hands are raised in a questioning gesture, with three yellow question marks floating above them. The background is a blurred classroom or office setting. On the left, there is a large orange speech bubble containing the text 'What questions can we answer?'. A dashed orange line with a paper airplane icon at the end curves around the speech bubble. There are also some small orange and blue circles at the bottom left.

What
questions
can we
answer?

For additional information,
please view the College and
Career Readiness Page on the
district website at

www.cfisd.net

or contact the Counselor or
College and Career Specialist
at your home campus.

Thanks for your participation!



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