



Advanced Placement vs. Dual Credit

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

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)
Description	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and exams, and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by completing courses at their high school.
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.
Teachers/Instructors	Taught by high school teachers trained by The College Board.	Taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors.
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation. See individual college for their policy.	Accepted at public college and universities in Texas. Check with individual college for your intended major's academic requirements.
Location	AP courses are taught at Bellaire.	Dual Credit courses are taught at Bellaire.
Eligibility	Open to any student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be currently attending high school and be in 10th, 11th, or 12th. • Must have parent/guardian approval. • A PSAT score of 55 in Math, 50 in Reading, at least totaling 107. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An SAT score– min 500 in both Math and Reading, and must total 1070. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the TSI placement test at HCC. www.hccs.edu/tsi
Cost	If student is currently taking the AP course at Bellaire, the corresponding AP test is free of cost.	Free of charge
Textbooks	Provided by the school	Possible textbook purchase required, depending on the class and teacher.
Impact on High School GPA	5.0 class	4.0 class

Please ask your Counselor if you have any other questions.

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