

# Understanding Washington's Dual Credit Programs

	<b>Concurrent Credit</b>	<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	<b>Running Start</b>
<b>Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught at the high schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught at the high schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught on a college campus</li> </ul>
<b>Student eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies; subject to qualifications set by high school and college/university</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies; some high schools may enroll students beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 11-12</li> <li>• Same placement requirements as other college students</li> </ul>
<b>Cost to student</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school course is free</li> <li>• Additional concurrent credit fee set by the college/university</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school course is free</li> <li>• Fee for exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student pays transportation, books and fees and may be responsible for tuition</li> </ul>
<b>Type of course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College-level courses taught in high school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College-level courses taught in high school to prepare students for AP exams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College curriculum</li> </ul>
<b>Taught by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school teachers who have been approved by the college</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school teachers selected by the high school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College instructors</li> </ul>
<b>How high school/college grades and credit are earned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students earn grade and college credit upon completion of the course; student receives college transcript with grades and credits earned</li> <li>• High school credit and grade is earned upon completion of the course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College credit may be awarded based on AP exam scores; colleges &amp; universities typically give credit for scores of 3-5; some give credit only for scores of 4 or 5; some colleges don't award credit for some or all AP exams</li> <li>• High school credit and grade is earned upon completion of the course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students earn grade and college credit upon completion of the course; student receives college transcript with grades and credits earned</li> <li>• High school credit and grade is earned upon completion of the course</li> </ul>
<b>Pros</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students experience college-level courses at their high school</li> <li>• May reduce the cost of college</li> <li>• Can accelerate the timeline, resulting in earlier college graduation or ability to double-major</li> <li>• Provides a more gradual introduction to college life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students experience college-level courses at their high school</li> <li>• May reduce the cost of college</li> <li>• Can accelerate the timeline, resulting in earlier college graduation or ability to double-major</li> <li>• Provides a more gradual introduction to college life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May reduce the cost of college</li> <li>• Can accelerate the timeline, resulting in earlier college graduation or ability to double-major</li> </ul>
<b>Con</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College credit determined by each post-secondary institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College credit based on single test score and is determined by each post-secondary institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students miss out on the atmosphere and experiences that make your school unique</li> <li>• Not all credits may transfer to four-year colleges</li> <li>• Students attend class with students of all ages</li> </ul>