

An Introduction to Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Offerings at Bullard High School

We believe access to rigorous coursework such as Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit can play an important role in your success.

Dual Credit

Dual Credit at Bullard High School is offered through Tyler Junior College. We are contracted with TJC to offer specific classes. Dual credit courses are scheduled into the students' regular school day. Some courses may be taught face-to-face with our own teachers acting as adjunct TJC faculty. Other courses may be taught online by TJC faculty while their classroom here is managed by a proctor from our staff. Proctors stay in contact with the professors throughout the course.

English: ENGL 1301, 1302 (Can be taken as English 3 or 4)
ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333 (Count as English 4)

Social Studies: HIST 1301, 1302 (Count as US History)
GOVT 2305 (Counts as Government)
ECON 2301 (Counts as Economics)

Math: MATH 1314 (College Algebra)
MATH 1342 (College Statistics)

Fine Arts/Humanities: MUSI 1306 (Music Appreciation)

TSI Requirements

English 2 EOC—4000 minimum to be exempt for dual credit purposes. If you are only taking DC Math courses at this time, you just need a score on file.

Algebra 1 EOC—4000 minimum to be exempt for dual credit purposes. If you are not taking DC Math courses at this time, you just need a score on file.

**If you do not have the required EOC scores, you will need to arrange to take the TSI exam at TJC and make the cut score to qualify for the courses.

Cost: Each semester dual credit course is \$275 payable to TJC. Financial assistance for students on free/reduced lunch.

Advanced Placement

AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school

- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take AP Exams at the end of the upper level AP courses, measuring their mastery of college-level work. Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

Cost: The exam fee for 2021 is \$95 per exam. Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need. *Exam fees are reimbursed to the student upon PASSING the exam.*

- A score of 3 or higher (on a scale of 1-5) on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response

Honors and AP Courses to Be Offered at BHS 2022-2023

Arts: AP Studio Art Drawing, Music Theory AP

English: Honors English I and II, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition

History and Social Sciences: Honors World Geography, AP World History, AP Human Geography, AP United States History, AP United States Government and Politics, AP Macroeconomics

Mathematics: Honors Algebra I, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB

Sciences: Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology

Foreign Languages: Honors Spanish 3 and 4

Myth	Reality
Advanced courses are for students who always get good grades.	Advanced courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
Advanced courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that advanced courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking advanced courses could hurt my GPA.	Pre-AP and dual credit courses are weighted by .5 GPA points. AP courses are weighted by 1 GPA point. Taking advanced courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take advanced courses because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an advanced course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

The biggest MYTH—I have to make an A in my advanced class or it's not worth taking. These courses are HARD, *but there is great value in hard work.*

Unlike middle school, B's can be a very good thing in advanced courses. You will not be put on probation or kicked out for B's or C's.

However, when a student actually fails a course for a grading term (not progress report), the student will be moved to the on-level class. For dual credit, course grades are only released at the end of the semester. Failing a DC course will result in not being able to register for the next course.

Eligibility—Advanced courses are exempt from UIL's No Pass, No Play. However, it's a REALLY bad idea to fail...