Dual Credit Program Comparison

Dual credit programs allow high school students to take courses that will apply towards both high school and college credit. The programs offered at Mount Si HIgh School, along with a side by side comparison, are as follows:

College in the High School	Running Start	CTE Dual Credit	AP Exam
High school class content equivalent to college-level class in rigor & content	Student attends class on college campus or online	High school class content equivalent to college-level class in content	Student attends high school AP class and may choose to take the exam.
High school teacher possesses the same academic credentials as college instructor	College class taught by college instructor	High school teacher	High school teacher possesses credentials to teach AP class
Class is transcripted as a college class	Class is transcripted as a college class	Class is transcripted as a college class	Class appears on the high school transcript
WA 4-year public colleges will accept the credits	WA 4-year public colleges will accept the credits	Transferability of credit to four-year colleges depends on the receiving institution.	Variances among receiving institutions, including minimum score necessary for credit & maximum number of AP credits accepted
Student attends class at the high school campus with their peers	Student attends class at college campus with general public (Individual transportation)	Student attends class at the high school campus with their peers	Student attends class at the high school campus with their peers
High school books are used	Student pays for college text (average $80-$175/class)	High school books are used	High school books are used
Lab or materials fees are not charged	Student pays for all fees (parking, lab, online, hybrid, fitness center, etc.)	Lab or materials fees are not charged	Lab or materials fees are not charged
Fee is $40-65 per credit hour.	Student pays no tuition for class(es)/credits within state legislative allotment	$50 consortium fee per school year/unlimited classes	Student pays $105 per exam
Selection of classes is limited to high school offering	Larger variety of options	Selection of classes is limited to high school offering	Selection of classes is limited to high school offering