

Copy of Dallas ISD College Credit in High School Comparison Chart

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What is it?	College-credit bearing classes that are more challenging and faster paced than traditional high school courses	College-credit bearing classes that have the rigor of a college course and allow a student to simultaneously earn high school and college credit.	College-credit bearing classes that focus on teaching students to think critically and independently with a focus on inquiry, logic, and international-mindedness	College-credit bearing classes where students are concurrently enrolled in a high school course and college course with a focus on self-regulated learning; allows students to earn a high school grade and college grade
Who teaches the course?	High school teacher who has received training through College Board	Dual credit teachers must be regularly employed faculty members of the college or meet the same or equivalent standards, including minimal requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC), and approval procedures used by the college to select faculty responsible for teaching the same courses to non-high school students at the college.	High school teacher who has received training through the International Baccalaureate Organization	High School course is evaluated and facilitated by an OnRamps certified high school teacher who delivers daily lessons. College course is evaluated and monitored by the college professor who works with high school teacher and provides assessments.
Where is the course taught?	On the high school campus	On the high school campus, college campus, or online	On the high school campus	On the high school campus
What grade levels can participate?	9th-12th	9th-12th	11th-12th	9th-12th
What is the curriculum?	Standards provided by the College Board with syllabus approved through the AP Audit process. Must also meet TEKS standards if End of Course STAAR Exam tested.	The college is responsible for the content. However, because the high school is also awarding credit, Dallas ISD is responsible for ensuring that the student has an opportunity to master the TEKS.	Standards provided by International Baccalaureate. Must also meet TEKS standards if End of Course STAAR Exam tested.	Standards provided by UT. Meets TEKS standards.
How do students qualify?	Meet high school prerequisites as noted in the course catalog	Meet high school and college prerequisites and demonstrate college readiness by meeting the TSI requirements.	Meet high school prerequisites as noted in the course catalog and be enrolled in the IB Diploma Programme	Meet high school and college prerequisites as noted in the course catalog
How do students enroll?	Indicate course choice on course selection sheet	The student and counselor work together to choose appropriate courses. Students complete the Dallas College application, and the counselor submits roster and enrollment forms.	Indicate course choice on course selection sheet	Indicate course choice on course selection sheet
How is credit awarded?	Students register for and take the associated AP exam. Exams are scored on a scale of 1-5. Credit is determined by individual colleges/universities, with scores of 3 or higher receiving college credit at Texas public colleges and universities per legislative rule.	All grades are entered into the college system and uploaded to the Dallas ISD PowerBI Dashboard. Dual credit grades will be auto-generated into the Student Information System (SIS=PowerSchool).	Students register for and take the associated IB exam. Exams are scored on a scale of 1-7. Credit is determined by individual colleges/universities, with scores of 4 or higher typically receiving college credit.	Students earn a high school grade based on all assessed activities in the course (tests, quizzes, homework and daily work), which is recorded on the high school transcript. Students earn a college grade based on the college exams, which is recorded on a college transcript. The grades awarded for high school and college may be different. The student has the opportunity to accept or decline credit before it is awarded on a college transcript. There is no penalty if a student chooses not to pursue the college credit.
Is the course weighted?	Yes, for core and world language courses	Yes, for courses counted for rank as per Dallas ISD .	Yes, for core and world language courses	Yes, all OnRamps courses are core courses
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How many courses can a student take?	Unlimited	Unlimited	Six each year, for a total of 12	Unlimited

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What are the associated costs?	AP exam cost is determined by the College Board and is approximately \$100 per AP exam plus a processing fee. Fee reductions and subsidies are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.	Dallas ISD approved dual credit courses are free.	IB exam cost is determined by the IB Organization. Registration fee is \$172 each year, and approximately \$119 per IB exam plus a processing fee. Fee reductions and subsidies are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.	If covered by the legislative appropriation, course cost will be \$149 per course with a subsidy available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. There are no additional textbook or resources costs, but there is a small processing fee.
How are textbooks handled?	Course resources are provided by the high school campus.	Course resources are provided by the district.	Course resources are provided by the high school campus.	Course resources are provided by UT and/or are open source.
When are courses available?	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule during the school year.	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule during the school year.	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule in 11th and 12th grade during the school year. It is a two year commitment.	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the student schedule during the school year.
What do colleges/universities accept?	Credit accepted at public state schools for scores of 3 or higher, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university	Credit transfer depends on the college or university. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies.	Credit accepted at public state schools for the full diploma, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university	Core credit guaranteed to transfer to any public state college or university, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university
What graduation regalia or special recognition might students receive?	AP+PLTW Recognition, AP Scholar Awards, AP Capstone Diploma cord, AP International Diploma, Performance Acknowledgement (earning a score of 3 or higher)		IB Diploma, IB Stole and Cord, Performance Acknowledgement (earning a score of 4 or higher)	UT OnRamps Cord, Performance Acknowledgement (12 or more credit hours earned with a grade of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0)
What are the advantages?	Widely-recognized by colleges and universities. Strong test-takers tend to do well. Students can pick and choose which course(s) they are interested in taking. Students who take AP classes are more prepared for college regardless of their performance on the AP exams.	High school students earn college credits before graduating from high school, making their transition to the collegiate campus smoother, and their likelihood of graduating college greater.	Comprehensive program across multiple subject areas. Extended essay component provides great material for college essays and scholarship applications.	Successful performance generates a University of Texas transcript which is accepted at almost all colleges and universities. Students do not have to meet TSI prior to enrollment. Students may get credit for the high school course without earning credit for the college course. All courses available are core courses.
What are the disadvantages?	College credit is dependent on a single exam score. Not all institutions accept credit. Credit may be granted for a college elective rather than core courses.	If the student does not pass the college course, they will not receive high school credit. College course grades remain on their college transcript permanently, and a dual credit course failure may also negatively impact future financial aid.	Exams are required for six subjects. Credit may be granted for a college elective rather than core courses.	The discovery learning format or self-directed learning format may not be a good fit for all students. Additionally, some students may not prefer digital resources and online assessments.
Additional Notes and Considerations	All Texas public colleges/universities are required to give credit for scores of 3 or higher. However, they can determine whether the course would count as credit for a core course or as an elective. What colleges and universities accept varies greatly nationally. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies. See https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/credit-policy-detail to look up specific institutions.	All Texas public colleges and universities are required to accept the Texas Core Curriculum. However, they can determine whether the course would count as credit for a core course or as an elective. Out of state and private universities vary and the student will need to confirm credit transfer policies.	The IB Diploma is accepted internationally. In Texas, a student earning the IB diploma is guaranteed at least 24 hours of college credit at Texas public colleges and universities. Institutions may grant credit for individual courses even when a student did not complete the full diploma. What colleges and universities accept varies greatly nationally. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies.	UT transcript generated. UT course credit is accepted at most colleges/universities, but will be reviewed by each institution. What colleges and universities accept varies greatly nationally. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies.
More Information	https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/credit-policy-detail	Dual Credit Program-Dallas College	https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/recognition-of-the-ib-diploma-by-countries-and-universities/	https://onramps.utexas.edu/