

Advanced Placement & Dual Credit

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AP or DC?

What's the
difference?

What is Dual Credit?

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Partnership with LSC

CFISD and Lone Star College have an agreement allowing students who meet specified criteria to earn both high school and college credit for specific high school courses.



Availability

Dual credit is available primarily to juniors and seniors, but the state of Texas has made Dual Credit available to all grade levels. Students must meet high school and college prerequisites to access Dual Credit courses.



01

Earn High School and College Credit at the same time

03

Gain college experience in a supportive high school environment and have a more challenging and rewarding high school experience

05

Accepted at public colleges and universities in TX and many private institutions throughout the nation *

**Requires a "C" or above to transfer. Student MUST verify with the specific college/university for academic requirements*

02

Shorten the time needed to obtain a college degree

04

Enhance high school GPA – most DC courses count as 7.0 for an "A"

06

Research shows that students who complete just one DC course double their chances of completing college

01
See your Dual Credit Team
or grade-level counselor

See your Dual Credit team or grade-level counselor to discuss your interest in Dual Credit

02
Apply

Complete a Lone Star College application through Apply Texas

03
Meet Criteria

Demonstrate “college readiness” through meeting specific criteria



04
Register for
classes

Register for courses following the campus process

05
Pay for classes

Pay your fees

06
Remain up-to-date
on course work

Stay up-to-date on course work and ask for assistance and attend tutoring when needed

Dual Credit Eligibility

OVERALL AVERAGE

The student must have an overall average for all courses of at least “80,” or the student must have an average of at least “80” in the last course taken in the general subject-area of the college-level course.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

The student must have successfully completed prerequisite courses as identified by district guidelines.

PLACEMENT TEST SCORES

The student must have acceptable scores on college placement exams or alternative assessments.

APPROVAL OF CAMPUS AND GUARDIAN

The student must have completed a Lone Star College admissions application and received prior approval from a member of the campus dual credit team or grade-level counselor and parent or guardian.

APPROVAL OF COLLEGE

The student must have received approval for college admission through the admission process completing all enrollment paperwork required by the college.



EARNING CREDIT



PASS WITH A “C” OR ABOVE

Credit is awarded when the student passes the course.

**Transfer institutions typically require a grade of “C” or higher to award credit.*



TRANSCRIPT

The grade is included on the college transcript upon completion.

Individual colleges and universities grant college course credit and placement.



TRANSFER CREDIT

Credit transfers to all Texas public universities and most public and private universities across the nation.

MUST verify with the individual college/university for academic requirements.

WHAT IS THE COST OF A DUAL CREDIT COURSE?

There is no cost for tuition; however, students must pay applicable fees. Currently, the fee is \$120 for a three-hour college course.

Students who enroll in courses at the college location or online will be responsible for the cost of the textbooks.

Students receiving services for free and reduced lunch may qualify for tuition assistance.

Please view the Dual Credit page on the CFISD district website or contact the Dual Credit team or grade-level counselor at the campus for additional information.

Who and Where?



INSTRUCTORS

DC courses are taught by LSC instructors and/or high school teachers who are credentialed as adjunct professors with LSC.

LOCATION

DC courses can be taught at the high school, on the Lone Star College campus or online.



What is Advanced Placement?

WHAT IS ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

01

Allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam to potentially earn college credit in high school.

02

Advanced Placement exams take place each May and are scored on a scale of 1 to 5.

03

There are 38 AP courses offered in multiple subject areas. Districts and schools choose which courses they offer.

04

Many colleges grant credit or advanced placement or both for qualifying AP exam scores.

Benefits of Advanced Placement



- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills.
- Students are presented with the opportunity to earn valuable college credit and placement in college. *Students MUST verify with the individual college or university for academic requirements.*
- Students are able to move to upper-level college courses sooner.
- AP courses provide students with a challenging and rewarding academic experience.
- AP courses enhance HS GPA as AP courses count as 7.0 for an “A”.



STEPS TO BECOMING AN AP STUDENT

01

AVAILABILITY

Open to any student who meets the criteria in the CFISD course catalog

02

MEET CRITERIA

Must maintain a 75 or higher in the previous year's spring semester K/AP/DC level course

OR

Must maintain an 85 or higher in the previous year's on-level course

How do I earn college credit for an Advanced Placement course?



COLLEGES GRANT CREDIT

College credit is earned when the student passes the AP exam.

Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board, nor the AP program grant college course credit and placement.

Accepted throughout the nation by most colleges and universities.



MUST VERIFY WITH SPECIFIC COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY

Typically requires a “3” or higher on AP exam in TX.

Student **MUST** verify with the individual college/university for their AP policy.

WHAT IS THE COST OF AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE?

There is no cost for enrollment in AP courses; however, there is a fee for the corresponding AP exam(s).

Currently the fee was \$102 per test last year.

Students receiving services for free and reduced lunch may qualify for tuition assistance.

Please contact your grade-level counselor at the campus for additional information.

Who and Where?

INSTRUCTORS

AP courses are taught by specially trained high school teachers using a curriculum approved by the College Board .



LOCATION

AP Courses are taught at the high school campus.

| | ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) | DUAL CREDIT (DC) |
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| Description | The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam to potentially earn college credit while still in high school. | Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing Lone Star College CyFair (LSC) courses. |
| GPA and Rank | AP Courses count as 7.0 for an A. | DC courses count as 7.0 for an A. |
| College Credit | College credit is granted when students pass the AP exam. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant college course credit and placement. | College credit is awarded when the student passes the course and is included on the college transcript upon completion. Individual colleges and universities grant college course credit and placement. Note: Transfer institutions typically require a grade of “C” or above to award credit. |
| Instructors | Courses are taught by trained high school teachers using a curriculum approved by the College Board. | Courses are taught by LSC instructors and/or high school teachers who are credentialed as adjunct professors with LSC. |
| Location | AP courses are taught on the high school campus. | Dual Credit may be taught at the high school, at the Lone Star CyFair campus or online. |
| College or University Acceptance | Accepted throughout the nation. Required a score of 3 or higher on AP exam in TX. Must verify with the specific college/university for their AP policy. | Accepted at public colleges and universities in TX and many private institutions throughout the nation. Requires a “C” or above to transfer. Must verify with the specific college/university for academic requirements. |
| Eligibility | Open to any student who meets criteria in the course catalog: Maintains a 75 or above in the previous year’s spring semester K/AP/DC course OR maintains an 85 or above in the previous year’s on-level course. | Must be a high school student. Must meet college placement scores. Must have parent/guardian and counselor approval. |
| Cost | AP courses are free. There is a fee for the corresponding AP exam(s). Each test was \$102 this past year. This fee is reduced for students who qualify for the free/reduced meal program. | No tuition; however, students must pay fees and those enrolled in courses held at the college or online are responsible for textbooks. Fees are reduced for up to one course per semester for students who qualify for the free/reduced meal program and who apply and are approved. |
| Textbooks | Textbooks provided by the school. | Textbooks provided by the school; however, textbook purchase required when taking the course online or on LSC’s campus. |

For additional information, please view the College and Career Readiness page on the district website: www.cfisd.net or contact the Dual Credit team or your grade-level counselor at your home campus.





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