



## AP/Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment: What's the Difference?

Knowing the difference between Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and Dual Enrollment courses will assist you in planning for both high school and college courses.

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)	Dual Enrollment (On Ramps/Tarleton Today)
<b>Description</b>	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 Weatherford College (WC) courses.	Dual Enrollment allows students to earn high school, and potentially earn college credit while still in high school, by taking courses designed by the University of Texas at Austin and/or Tarleton State completing a specialized college-curriculum.
<b>GPA and Rank</b>	AP courses count as Category 1 5.0 scale	DC courses count as Category 2 4.5 scale	OnRamps courses count as Category 2 4.5 scale
<b>College Credit</b>	College credit is granted when students pass the AP exam. <b>Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant college course credit and placement.</b>	College credit is awarded by Weatherford College when the student passes the course.	Students receive high school credit when they successfully complete the course. Students also can receive college credit if they qualify for and pass the college portion of the course.
<b>Teachers/Instructors</b>	Courses are taught by high school teachers using a curriculum approved by The College Board.	Taught by WC instructors who come to AHS and teach the course.	Taught by high school teachers in collaboration with university faculty.
<b>College/University Acceptance</b>	Accepted throughout the nation. Requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam in Tx. <b>Contact individual college/university for their AP policy.</b>	Accepted at public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions. <b>Check with individual college/university for academic requirements.</b>	Guaranteed to be accepted at any public university in Texas. Accepted at most private universities. <b>Check with individual college/university for academic requirements.</b>
<b>Location</b>	AP courses are taught at DNG and AHS.	Dual credit courses are taught on the AHS campus .	Dual Enrollment courses are taught on the AHS campus.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Open to any student. Students are expected to have the skills and knowledge from prior Pre-AP or Advanced courses, and be motivated to work outside the school day on college level material.	Students must qualify by taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test, or by having a college ready score on PSAT/SAT/ACT. The TSI test is offered at AHS.	Open to any student. Students will regularly use technology and work in a collaborative environment. Students will experience college-level course, and can expect to work outside of the school day on college level material.
<b>Cost</b>	AP courses are free. There is a fee for the corresponding AP exams. This fee is reduced for students who qualify for the free/reduced lunch. Roughly \$100 per exam or \$30 for F/R lunch.	Tuition fees can vary and subject to change. They are published on the college website. On average 1 course cost is about \$170. That does not include textbook. Free/Reduced lunch students are free.	Dual Enrollment cost is \$149 per student per course (semester) FREE for Free/Reduced students! This is subject to change by institution.
<b>Textbooks</b>	Provided by the school	Prices vary. Free for F/R lunch students.	Provided by the school and campus staff.