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**AP VS. CHS: WHICH ONE SHOULD I CHOOSE?**



# 5 WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

1. **Advanced Placement (AP)**
2. **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**  
<https://clep.collegeboard.org/>
3. **Dual Enrollment/College in High School (CHS)**
4. **International Baccalaureate (IB)**
5. **Summer Classes**

# SV ACADEMICALLY ADVANCED COURSES

Add-on weighted value for the following courses (no weighted divisor):

- 23 Advanced Placement (AP) - 0.08 for full year
- 39 College in High School (CHS) - 0.08 for full year
- 39 Honors - 0.04 for full year

Can take as many weighted classes for which you qualify, but the weight obtained each year will be capped: **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 0.26 cap; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 0.34 cap; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 0.48 cap; 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 0.48 cap**

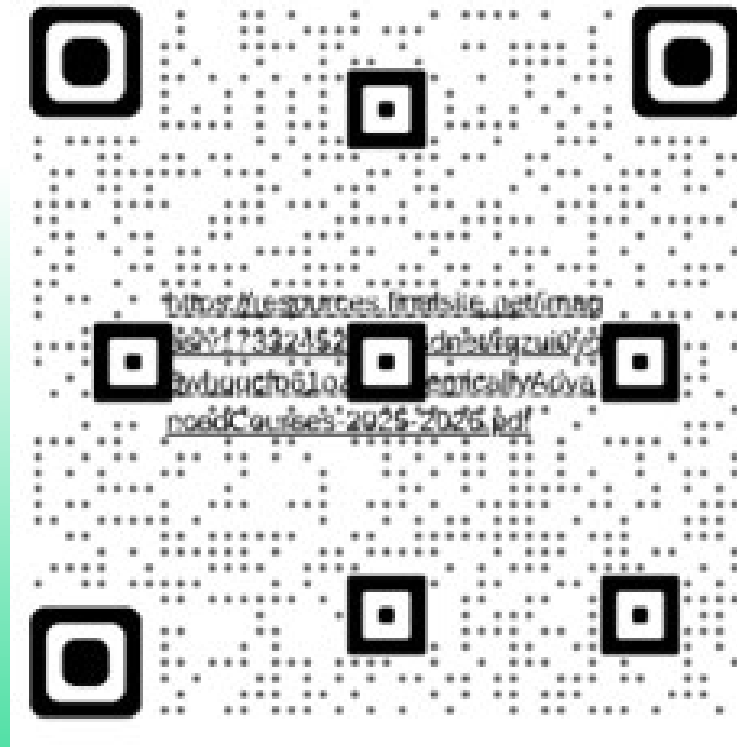
Must obtain a "C" grade (70%) or better and must complete the course *to earn the weighted add-on* for the course

# SV ACADEMICALLY ADVANCED COURSES

Review list of **Academically Advanced Courses** in Program of Studies or Guidance

Website:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1733245227/svsdnet/rqzui0yq5whqqc61pz/AcademicallyAdvancedCourses-2025-2026.pdf>



# NACAC'S STATE OF COLLEGE ADMISSION: FACTORS IN THE ADMISSION DECISION FACT SHEET

PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN  
ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2023

	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
High school grades in college prep courses	185	76.8	15.1	4.9	3.2
Total high school grades (all courses)	185	74.1	18.9	5.4	1.6
Strength of high school curriculum	185	63.8	22.7	10.3	3.2
Positive character attributes	184	28.3	37.5	18.5	15.8
Essay or writing sample	185	18.9	37.3	26.5	17.3
Student's interest in attending	185	15.7	27.6	25.4	31.4
Counselor recommendation	185	11.9	40.0	27.6	20.5
Teacher recommendation	185	10.8	40.5	28.1	20.5
Extracurricular activities	185	6.5	44.3	30.8	18.4
High school class rank	183	5.5	22.4	43.2	29.0
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	185	4.9	25.4	38.9	30.8
Portfolio	185	4.9	10.8	24.3	60.0
Interview	185	4.3	8.6	32.4	54.6
Work	185	2.2	30.8	40.0	27.0
State graduation exam scores	185	1.6	6.5	18.4	73.5
Subject test scores (AP, IB)	185	1.1	22.2	25.9	50.8



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

AP classes provide opportunities to earn college credit by achieving certain test scores on the Spring AP exam each school year

Decision to register to take the AP exam is facilitated with the **SV classroom teacher**:

Students must order the exams

Students must create a **my AP** account with College Board

College Board AP website: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>



# COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL (CHS)

Classes provide opportunities to pursue college credit while attending SV:

**Butler County Community College (BC3)**

**Carlow University**

**La Roche University**

**Point Park University**

**Robert Morris University**

**University of Pittsburgh (Pitt)**

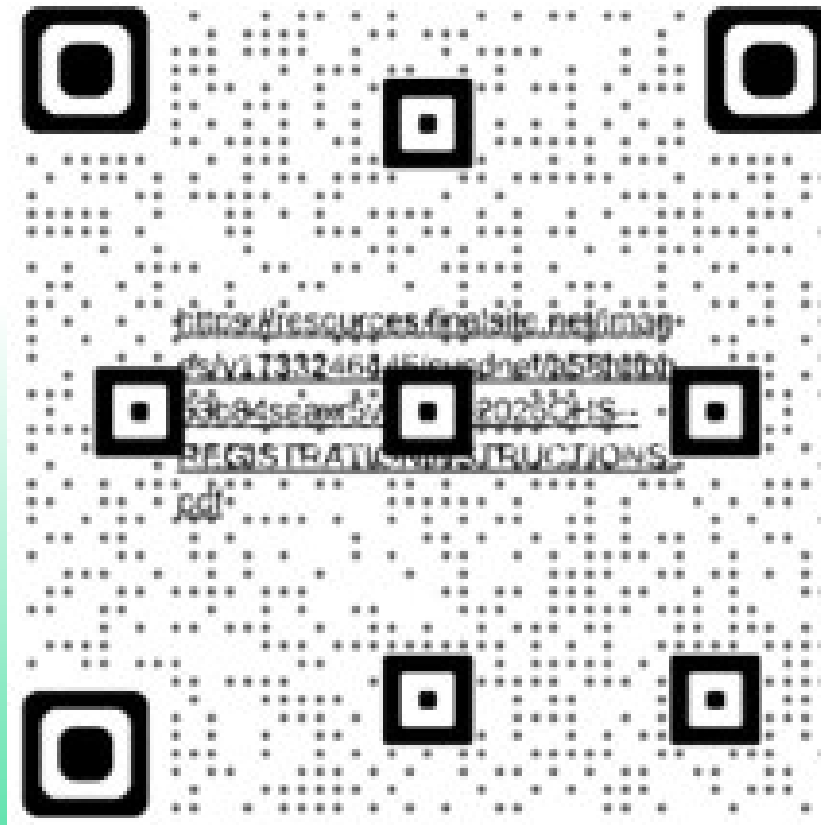
Decision to pursue college credits is made with the **SV classroom teacher:**

Application required/Fees for credits vary per institution and are subject to change

# COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL (CHS)

2025-2026 CHS Courses with Registration Instructions:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1733244986/svsdnet/vbylz9cvauoetwtsnrmp/APvsCHS2025-2026.pdf>



## AP VS. CHS

DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM VALIDATION

CREDIT TRANSFER

ASSESSMENT METHOD & GRADING

LOCATION

ELIGIBILITY

STUDENT COST

IMPACT ON GPA

## AP vs. CHS

[https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1733244986/svsdnet/vbylz9cvauoetwt\\_snrmp/APvsCHS2025-2026.pdf](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1733244986/svsdnet/vbylz9cvauoetwt_snrmp/APvsCHS2025-2026.pdf)





# BENEFITS OF BOTH AP & CHS:

- Challenge yourself in high school and develop higher level skills
- Stand out to colleges
- Earn college credit and/or advanced placement
- Boost your high school GPA
- Save money & time towards earning the degree in less than 4 years





**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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