Which is best for me? Comparing AP, IB, and CCP Courses

When making scheduling decisions, one of the most asked questions is: "Which one is better - AP, CCP, or IB?" This question does not consider the simple fact that students are all different. Whether it's the student's goals, interests, passions, or abilities that make up the differences, there can never be a single "right" approach to a student's individual growth and development. If there was one best option, that would be the only option for our students.

Please take the time to review and consider the obstacles and opportunities of each program in each content area. Mixing course formats may be a better choice than all of one or another. Choose a path that is as unique as you!

College Board Advanced Placement (AP)	**International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)**	**College Credit Plus (CCP)**
Why? Completion of AP courses with qualifying exam grades are accepted for credit, accelerated placement, or both by most colleges and universities.	Why? Completion of the IB Diploma Program is recognized as an admissions credential in more than 102 countries. Course credit and/or accelerated placement is awarded at over 1000 US colleges and universities. IB Graduates are prepared to excel in a wide variety of higher education settings.	Why? Completion of CCP courses allows students to earn transcripted college credit toward a degree or career certification during high school, and is accepted by most colleges and universities.
What? A challenging academic program designed to provide motivated high school students with college-level academic courses. Year-long courses are offered in six subject areas.	What? A rigorous, two-year pre-university program noted for its holistic focus and international perspective. Options exist for students to earn the prestigious IB Diploma or enroll as course candidates in specific classes. Courses are offered at both Higher Level (HL) and/or Standard Level (SL) in six subject areas.	What? An opportunity to take college courses and earn both high school and college credit. Semester-long courses are offered in four subject areas on Westerville's high school campuses.
When? AP courses are typically available to students at the sophomore, junior, and senior levels.	When? IB courses are typically available to juniors or seniors but Westerville South also offers preparation for these courses in Pre-IB classes offered during students' freshman and sophomore years.	When? CCP courses are available to any student in grades 7-12 who meets the admission requirements of participating colleges or universities.
Where? Most courses are offered at all high schools, but some may only be offered at specific buildings.	Where? IB courses are offered only at Westerville South High School, but this program is available to ALL Westerville students. Students who live outside of Westerville South's attendance area can apply for administrative placement at South.	Where? Courses noted below are offered in at least one high school; other courses can be taken on college campuses.
Assessments Optional exam at the end of each year-long course	Assessments Required at the end of the entire two-year course; one-year in some cases	Assessments At the end of each college or university semester

Courses Offered in Westerville City Schools

College Board Advanced Placement (AP)	International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)	College Credit Plus (CCP)
English AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition	**English (2-year course)** IB English Literature HL	**English** Composition I Composition II
Math AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics	**Math (2-year courses)** IB Mathematics SL Students can earn AP Calculus AB credit after year 1 IB Mathematics HL Students can earn AP Calculus BC credit after year 1 IB Math Studies SL	**Math** Calculus 2 Calculus 3
Science AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C: Mechanics	**Science (2-year courses)** IB Biology SL or HL IB Chemistry SL IB Physics HL IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL	**Science** Basic Concepts in Health Care Introduction to Medical Coding and Reimbursement Laboratory Theory for Health Industries Medical Terminology
Social Studies AP Comparative Government and Politics AP European History AP US Government and Politics AP US History AP Psychology AP World History	**Social Studies** IB History of Americas HL 2-year course IB Psychology SL 1-year course	**Social Studies** Introduction to American Government
Business AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles	**Business** IB Business Management SL 1-year course IB Business Management HL 2-year course	**Business** Computer Concepts and Applications Fundamentals of Business & Administrative Services Customer Service and Sales Branding Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship Personal Finance
World Languages AP Spanish Language	**World Languages (2-year courses)** IB Spanish ab initio SL IB Spanish SL or HL IB French SL	**World Languages** None currently offered
Visual and Performing Arts None currently offered	**Visual and Performing Arts (2-year courses)** IB Music SL IB Music Theory IB Theater SL IB Visual Arts SL or HL	**Visual and Performing Arts** None currently offered