

# Ways to Earn College Credit While Still in High School

## Advanced Placement (AP)

Certain advanced courses in the high school program are designated Advanced Placement (AP). The AP examinations given each May, on a standardized national test day, are scored by the Education Testing Service. Each examination receives an overall score on a five-point scale:

- 5 points = extremely well qualified
- 4 points = well qualified
- 3 points = qualified
- 2 points = possibly qualified
- 1 point = no recommendation

Each college decides which AP examination scores it will accept. Some colleges accept scores of 3 or better and give the student credit as if that person had taken one or more basic courses in the subject tested. In some cases, credit is not given, but the necessity of taking basic courses is waived. Students can check individual college AP credit policies by using the College Search on the College Board website.

It is recommended that college bound students consider taking one or more AP courses. Research shows students completing one or more AP courses, regardless of their grade, do better in college than those never taking AP courses. The current cost for most AP exams is \$98.

## Dual Credit Enrollment

**JCCC:** The College Now program for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors is offered in cooperation with Johnson County Community College. A student must complete a JCCC application, placement tests or qualifying ACT/GPA and provide payment for tuition. A high school transcript may be required for placement purposes at the time of enrollment. College Now classes are aligned with the curriculum at JCCC, but are taught in the high school classroom. For more information, go to [www.jccc.edu/collegenow](http://www.jccc.edu/collegenow).

**Baker University:** Baker Concurrent Credit Classes are college classes taken by qualified high school students that concurrently count toward high school graduation and college degree courses. Partner high schools work with Baker to seek approval for particular instructors and courses within the school. Baker and the high school both transcript the students' grades. Students from a partner high school district who are in an approved Concurrent Credit Class and have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to earn Baker credit. Eligible students must be recommended by their high school counselor. [www.bakeru.edu/concurrent-credit/](http://www.bakeru.edu/concurrent-credit/)

**Wichita State:** Courses are offered in the area of engineering through Wichita State for course-by-exam credit. Students who are in the engineering pathway will be provided information from their instructors to earn college credit. <https://www.wichita.edu/admissions/undergraduate/concurrent.php>

**KCKCC TEC:** Course are offered in technical education. Students can earn college credits and certifications upon completion of the program. <https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/divisions/technology-workforce-development/index.html>. Many of these programs qualify for Excel in CTE (free tuition).

**JCCC Excel in CTE:** Johnson County Community College and USD 232 have a CTE partnership that provides students with the opportunity to earn credits towards various certifications. Excel in CTE provides free college tuition. <https://www.jccc.edu/admissions/early-college/career-pathways/>

## Quick Step

Quick Step is for high school students who want to enroll in classes on the Johnson County Community College campus. 10th - 12th graders may enroll in JCCC courses. Students interested in the Quick Step program should contact their counselor for procedures.

| Advanced Placement vs. Dual Enrollment Credit                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                                          | Advanced Placement Credit                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JCCC College Now Credit                                                 | Baker University                                                        |
| <b>Cost</b>                                                                                                              | \$98 per exam                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$97 per credit hour                                                    | \$118 per credit hour                                                   |
| <b>Transferring Credit</b>                                                                                               | Accepted by almost all US colleges & universities including highly selective schools. The way the credit reflects on the transcript varies by institution. Can earn a letter grade, credit only or advancement to the next level. | Transfers to most state schools in and outside of Kansas.               | Check transfer credit policy of the institutions you are interested in. |
| <b>How Credit is Earned</b>                                                                                              | Achieving a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam in May. Check individual courses credit policy at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org/ap/creditpolicy">www.collegeboard.org/ap/creditpolicy</a>                                   | Check transfer credit policy of the institutions you are interested in. | Check transfer credit policy of the institutions you are interested in. |
| <b>Amount of Credit Earned</b>                                                                                           | Can depend on the score. Higher scores can earn more credit.                                                                                                                                                                      | The credit hours assigned to the course. Usually 3 or 5 credit hours.   | The credit hours assigned to the course. Usually 3 or 5 credits.        |
| *Important – Students should check individual college credit policies for the institutions in which they are interested. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                         |

## GPA Calculation and Weighted Grades

USD 232 implements a weighted grading system to recognize and reward academic work in selected Honors, AP, and approved Dual Credit courses. To compute grade point average, the total number of points earned is divided by the total number of credits attempted (not the total credits earned). Averages are figured cumulatively, that is, the total points for all semesters of schoolwork are divided by the total number of credits attempted for all semesters.

Students transferring into USD232 will receive weighted grade credit only for courses designated as weighted courses by USD 232.

The weighted grading system will be used to determine USD232 student honors and distinctions, including class rank. Transcripts will reflect both weighted and unweighted grade point averages.

Note: the weight of each course is identified in the course description heading and course information table.

| Letter Grade | Standard GPA | Honor Courses:<br>Partial Weight (PW) | AP & Dual Credit Courses:<br>Full Weight (FW) |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| A            | 4.0          | 4.5                                   | 5.0                                           |
| B            | 3.0          | 3.5                                   | 4.0                                           |
| C            | 2.0          | 2.5                                   | 3.0                                           |
| D            | 1.0          | 1.0                                   | 1.0                                           |
| F            | 0            | 0                                     | 0                                             |