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Description	The AP Program offers college level, national curriculum and exams; the exam scores could possibly receive advanced placement or course credit at colleges and universities.	College in High School, sometimes referred to as Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment, allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by completing courses at their high school.
Program Validation	College faculty and AP teachers develop curriculum and exam questions. High school administrators and teachers are approved through an AP Course Audit process. Using college-level standards, the AP exams are scored by professors and teachers.	CHS courses are equivalent to their courses taught on campus. Faculty members review and approve the credentials of CHS teachers and may oversee the curriculum, delivery, and grading of CHS courses.
Credit Transfer	College credit can be awarded if students take the AP exams and earn a score of 4 or 5 . In some instances, credit is given for a score of 3 . Individual programs/majors within colleges might not accept AP transfer credits. Visit the college or university website for their AP Credit Policy .	Most colleges and universities give transfer credit for grades of C or better . Students should visit their interested college or university website to find out whether CHS credits will transfer and how they will be applied to their proposed program of study through their Transfer Credit Policy . Furthermore, some websites contain their own transfer credit tool. CHS official transfer grades are documented and accounted for on a college or university transcript.

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Assessment Method & Grading	Student scores are based on one exam .	Students may be evaluated through one, several examinations and/or assignments, or determined by the high school requirements throughout the year. The college or university grade is determined by the standards of the academic department while the high school grade is determined by the policies of the high school. These grades may be different.
Location	AP courses are taught at SV. Some courses are taught traditionally (in-person), through the Academy of Choice (cyber), or taught as a blended model.	CHS courses are taught at SV. Some courses are taught traditionally (in-person), through the Academy of Choice (cyber), or taught as a blended model in collaboration with several local colleges and universities.
Eligibility	Open to SV students who meet SV's prerequisites and/or co-requisites.	Open to SV students who meet SV's prerequisites and/or co-requisites. Some courses may have placement testing requirements that will determine credit eligibility.
Student Cost	SV AP courses are free; however, the 2025-2026 cost for each exam is \$105.00 .	SV CHS courses are free; however, there is a cost to pursue college credit and these fees vary by institution. Course costs for the 2025-2026 school year varied from \$225.00-\$250.00/three credit course .
Impact on High School GPA	Add-on in GPA calculation: 0.08 for full year/0.02 per quarter	Add-on in GPA calculation: 0.08 for full year/0.02 per quarter.