

Navigating
**DUAL ENROLLMENT
& DUAL CREDIT**



The Vocabulary of **SUCCESS**



DUAL CREDIT *the "both" model*

A course that simultaneously earns the student high school graduation credit AND college credit.



COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL (CHS) *the "internal" model*

A specific form of dual credit where the course is taught in our building by our own teachers who have been vetted as professors by a partner university.



DUAL ENROLLMENT *the "external" model*

Students enroll directly in a college and take courses (online or on-campus). These usually earn college credit.

COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

What We Offer



CARLOW UNIVERSITY

CHS Acting & Theatre Performance
CHS Accounting III
CHS Ceramics
CHS Child Development: Birth to 9 Years
CHS Zoology



UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

CHS American Politics
CHS Chemistry w/Lab
CHS Physics
CHS Webpage Design & Development



ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY

CHS Business Law
CHS International Relations



SETON HILL UNIVERSITY

CHS Precalculus
CHS Public Speaking
CHS/AP English Literature
CHS Spanish 4
CHS/AP Spanish



Students remain in a **familiar environment** with high school **support structures** while earning a transcript from a major university at a **fraction of the standard tuition cost**.

The Advantage **COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL**

Why Dual Enrollment **BENEFITS & OUTCOMES**

ACADEMIC MOMENTUM AND SUCCESS

- Cultivates time management, self-discipline, college-preparedness, and academic stamina
- More likely to maintain higher GPAs in their first year of full-time college due to "academic acclimation"

THE FINANCIAL "ROI"

- Tuition savings; reducing overall post-secondary costs and avoiding further student debt
- Time-to-degree; getting a head start, POTENTIALLY graduating earlier

ADMISSIONS SIGNAL

- Demonstrates rigor, strong work ethic, college readiness
- Boosts college applications

Dual Enrollment GUIDELINES & TRANSFERABILITY

- **Grade Matters:** A grade of 'C' or higher is usually required for credits to transfer, making success vital.
- **Research is Key:** Before enrolling, students (with parent guidance) must check transfer policies with their intended future colleges.
- **Transfer Varies Widely:** Credits might transfer to a state university but not a private one, or count for electives but not major requirements.
- **Balanced Course Load:** Many colleges limit high school students to a maximum of two college courses per semester.



Special Topic

AP OR DUAL ENROLLMENT?

A *strategic choice* rather than a "which is better" scenario.

FEATURE	AP	DUAL ENROLLMENT
CREDIT BASIS	High-Stakes Exam: Credit depends on a single score (usually 3, 4, or 5).	Course Grade: Credit is earned by passing the class (usually with a C or better).
CURRICULUM	Standardized: Same curriculum nationwide, managed by the College Board.	Localized: Follows the specific syllabus of the partner college/university.
INSTRUCTOR	High school teacher.	College professor or vetted HS teacher.
ADMISSIONS PERCEPTION	Viewed as the "Gold Standard" for national/international rigor. AP courses are preferred by selective universities over dual enrollment classes because AP exams are standardized. This allows colleges to more easily compare your results vs. others in the applicant pool.	Viewed as strong evidence of "College Readiness" and maturity.
TRANSFERABILITY	Widely accepted by private and out-of-state "highly selective" schools.	Most seamlessly accepted by in-state public and regional institutions.

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Pro Tips



RIGOR/PERCEPTION

AP proves you can pass a national test, while Dual Enrollment proves you can pass a college course. Both are evidence of rigor, but they measure different types of student maturity.



PERMANENT RECORD WARNING

Dual Enrollment creates a 'paper trail.' Unlike an AP score which you can choose not to send, a Dual Enrollment grade is part of your permanent collegiate GPA from day one. This is a high-stakes opportunity for a high-reward student.



THE HYBRID STRATEGY

Taking AP and DE benefits students by enhancing college readiness and application appeal. AP offers standardized rigor, while dual enrollment provides affordable college credits. This combination demonstrates student ambition, offers flexibility, and allows exploration of diverse subjects, saving time and money on future degrees.

Next Steps **STUDENTS & PARENTS**



**CONSULT PROGRAM
OF STUDIES**



**SCHEDULE A MEETING
WITH SCHOOL COUNSELOR**



**STRATEGIZE & VERIFY
TRANSFERABILITY**

Thank You

