

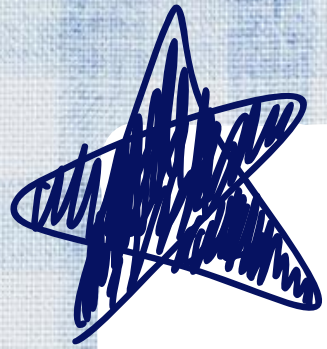
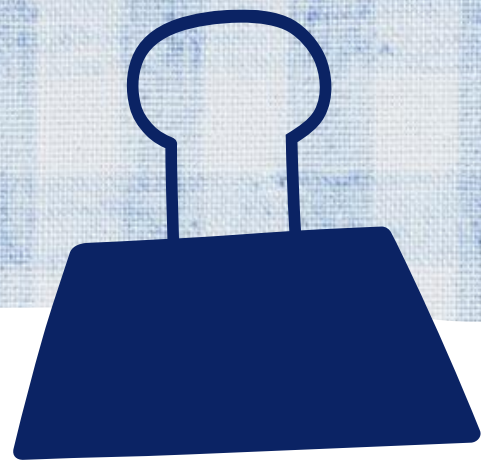


PATHS TO COLLEGE CREDIT

Presented by OTHS School Counselors:

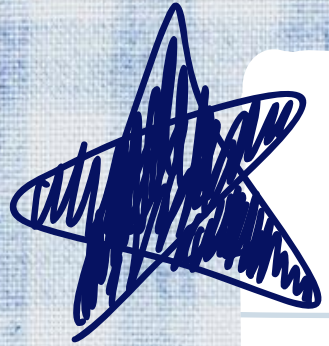
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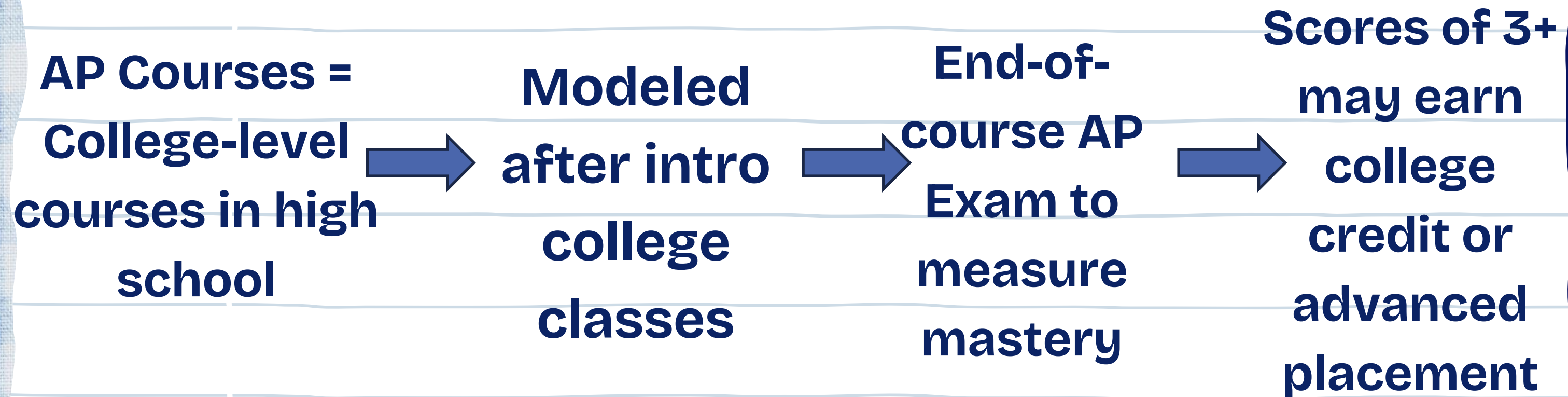


OVERVIEW

- Advanced Placement
- St. Louis University 1818 Advanced College Credit Program
- Southwestern Illinois College Dual Credit Program
- AP vs. Dual Credit

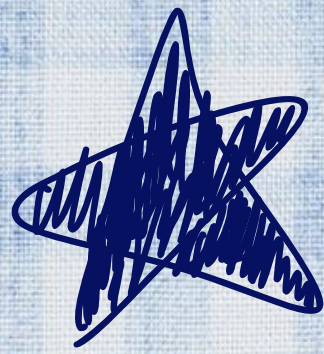


WHAT ARE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES?



Erika Schreffler, School Counselor
Advanced Placement Coordinator





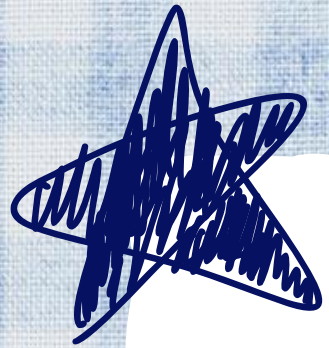
ADVANCED PLACEMENT @ OTHS



OTHS Full Year AP Classes



- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Art & Design
- AP 3D Art & Design
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Statistics
- AP Precalculus
- AP United States History
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP German Language and Culture
- AP European History

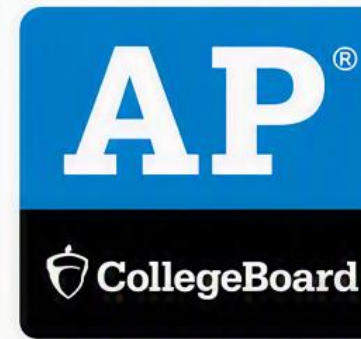


SEMESTER AP CLASSES

- AP Music Theory - Semester 1
- AP Macroeconomics - Semester 2
- AP Psychology - Semester 2

OTHS

AP Participation at
OTHS...



2027 AP EXAM OVERVIEW

Everything you need to know about the
2027 AP Exams.



2026 RECAP

- ✓ Last Year: 254 students took 496 exams
- ✓ Exams covered over 20 subjects
- ✓ Another record high year

2027 AP EXAM DATES



Dates: Monday, May 3 to
Friday, May 14



Start Times: 8:00 am or 12:00 pm



Length: 2.5 – 3.5 hours



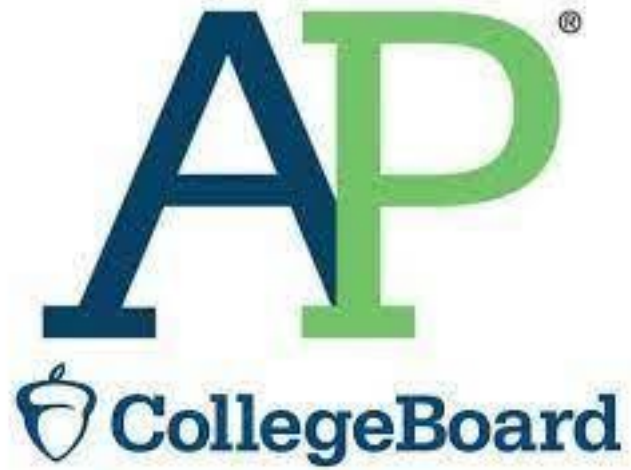
HELPFUL LINKS



[AP Exam Schedule](#)



[OTHS AP Information](#)



Importance of Taking AP Exams

1. AP Exams Build Resilience

- Builds college readiness through challenging coursework
- Demonstrates dedication by showing up and trying your best

2. Higher Scores in Future AP Exams

- Students earning 1-2 often improve on later exams

3. College Success

- AP students more likely to attend and graduate college on time
- Even a score of 2 shows stronger performance in similar courses
- 90% of students with a 2 report doing well in college

PUBLIC ACT 099-0358

Click here for
more info:



AP COLLEGE CREDIT OVERVIEW

Everything parents need to know
about AP credit in Illinois.



PUBLIC ACT 099-0358

- ✓ Earn a 3 or higher on an AP Exam
- ✓ Receive course credit at Illinois public colleges and universities
- ✓ Opportunity to start college with credits already earned



HOW AP CREDIT IS APPLIED

Illinois colleges determine whether
AP credit applies toward:

- 📖 General Education Requirements
- ✍ Elective Credit
- 🎓 Major Requirements



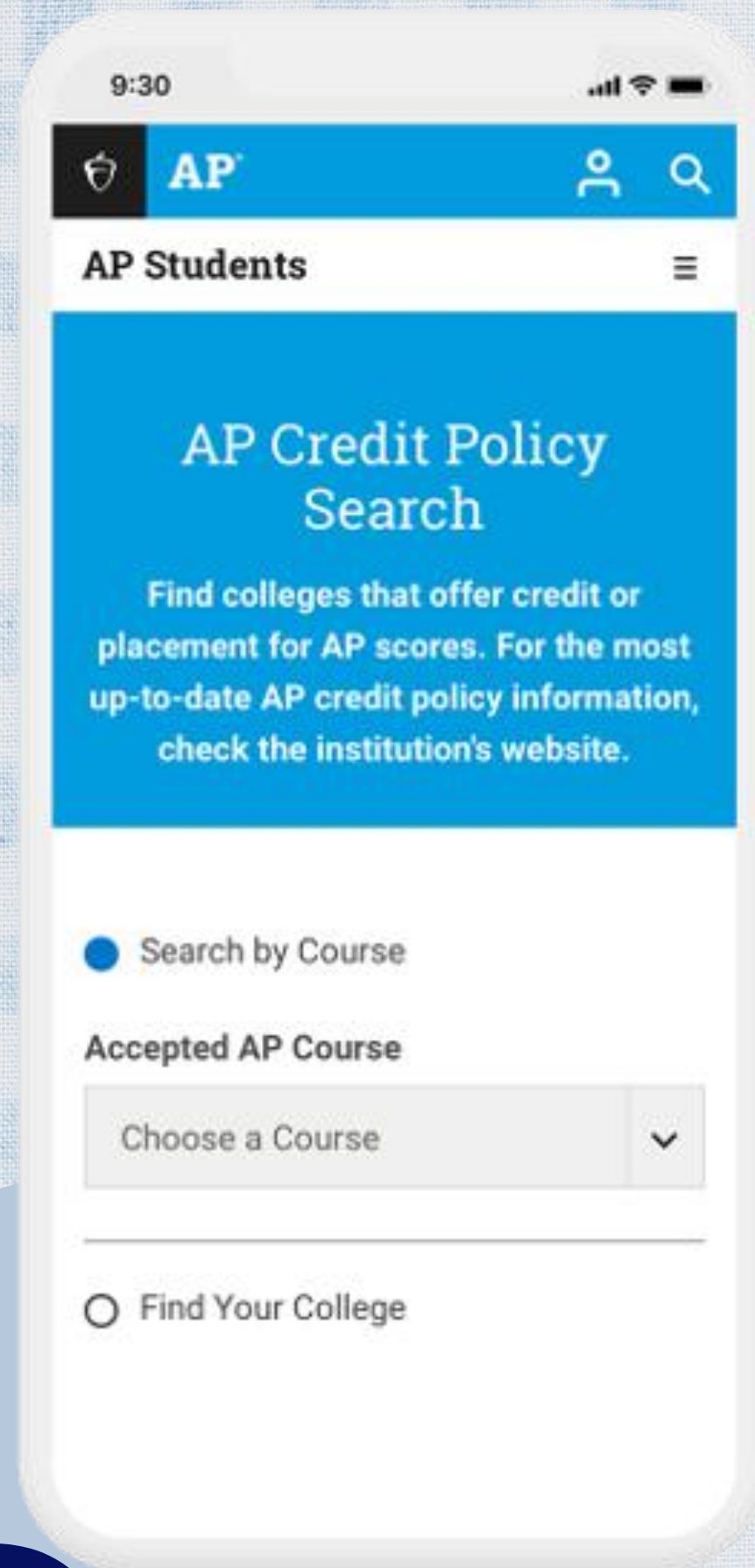
WHY AP MATTERS

- ✓ Potentially save on college tuition
- ✓ Potentially reduce time to degree completion
- ✓ Demonstrate college readiness
- ✓ Earn college credit while in high school



Take AP Courses → Earn a 3+ → Receive College Credit

CREDIT & PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



- Each college sets its own AP credit/placement rules
- Use AP Credit Policy Search to check by course or college
- Results link directly to each college's policy page
- See official AP credit/placement statement from schools

AP PRECALCULUS CREDIT ARTICULATION

AP Exam Score of 3 or Higher



**University of
Missouri-Columbia**



Credit



MATH 1160
(Precalculus)



5 Hours



McKendree University



Credit



MATH 133
(Precalculus)



3 Hours



**Washington University
in St. Louis**



No Credit



0 Hours



*Credit policies vary by institution and are subject to change.
Always verify the most current AP credit policy with the college or university.*



AP REGISTRATION BASICS



- AP Exam Cost (2027): \$106 per exam



- AP Credit Policies: Students should check with colleges



- MyAP Accounts: Created through CollegeBoard. AP teachers have students set these up at the start of the semester.



- Payment System: Total Registration

Emails will be sent
out to parents and
AP Students through
Total Registration



AP EXAM TIMELINE

Checklist



1. MID OCTOBER 2026:

Total Registration opens for
AP Payments- \$106 per exam



2. FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2026:

OTHS Deadline to pay for
year-long exams and Music Theory



3. NOVEMBER 13, 2026:

College Board Deadline to order
AP exams--after this date,
there is a \$42 fee



4. 2ND SEMESTER 2027:

Payment due for spring AP exams--
Psychology and Macroeconomics



5. MARCH 12, 2027

Final College Board Deadline to
order AP Exams--No refunds for
cancelled exams after this date



6. MAY 3-14, 2027:

AP Exams Administered





SLU 1818

ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

An opportunity for students to jumpstart
their academic careers by earning college
credit at a discounted rate!

Tracey Ritzel, OTHS School Counselor
SLU 1818 Dual Credit Coordinator



BENEFITS OF SLU 1818 DUAL CREDIT



High school students can begin their college education early.



Students study high school subjects at a more advanced, college level.



Dual credit options provide a significant cost savings!



SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY.
— EST. 1818 —

OTHS SLU 1818 Dual Credit Offerings

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY 1818 ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT

OTHS Requirements to earn dual credit with SLU are:

- Students must meet OTHS prerequisite requirements to enroll in the class.
- Carry a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Be approved by the high school.

OTHS COURSE NAME	SLU COURSE NAME	SLU COURSE CODE	POSSIBLE CREDITS	GRADE LEVEL
AP [®] Biology (full year)	Principles of Biology I Principles of Biology Lab	BIOL 1240 BIOL 1245	3 1	11-12
AP [®] Calculus AB (full year) AP [®] Calculus BC (full year)	Calculus I	MATH 1510	4	11-12
AP [®] Chemistry (SM 1)	General Chemistry 1 General Chemistry 1 Lab	CHEM 1110 CHEM 1115	3 1	11-12
AP [®] Chemistry (SM 2)	General Chemistry 2 General Chemistry 2 Lab	CHEM 1120 CHEM 1125	3 1	11-12
AP [®] Language & Composition (full year)	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research	ENG 1900	3	12
AP [®] Descriptive and Inferential Statistics (full year)	Elementary Statistics with Computers	MATH 1300	3	11-12



REGISTRATION PROCESS

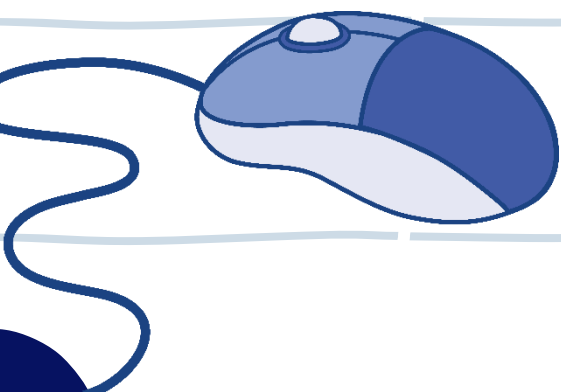
August 21st - Email sent to all students (and parent/guardians) enrolled in a SLU Dual Credit eligible course with information regarding registration.

REGISTRATION PERIOD: August 24th - September 25th - Fall (All Yearlong Courses & AP Chemistry)
January 19th - February 19th - Spring (AP Chemistry only)

- You MUST register independently through the SLU 1818 website at:

<https://www.slu.edu/1818/students-parents/registration.php>

- If you experience any issues with registration, reach out to Mrs. Ritzel ritzelt@oths.us or 618-632-3507 Ext. 5328



SLU TUITION and DEADLINES

- \$85 / Credit Hour
 - Example:
 - 3 Credit Hour Class = \$255 (\$85 x 3)
 - 4 Credit Hour Class = \$340 (\$85 x 4)
- FULL TUITION DUE DATES:
 - December 1st (yearlong classes)
 - May 1st (spring semester class – AP Chemistry)

PAYMENT

Payment can be submitted online or via check in custom installments. SLU does not accept payment over the phone.

Pay Online



To complete an online payment, you will need the student's banner ID number and tuition amount. If you do not receive this information

within a month after the registration period ends (via email or mail), please contact 1818@slu.edu.

SLU accepts the following online payment methods:

- Payment via Bank Account
- Credit Card (payments made by credit card incur a nonrefundable 2.85% fee)

Pay by Mail

Write check payable to "Saint Louis University." In the check memo line, put the student's full name and Banner ID number. Mail your check to:



Saint Louis University
P.O. Box 790165
Saint Louis, MO 63179

Payments received by mail may take several weeks to process.

DEADLINES at a GLANCE



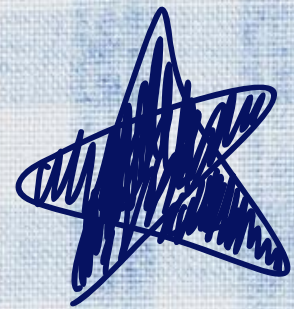
FALL SEMESTER 2026:

- **September 25** – Registration Deadline for all SLU 1818 Courses
- **September 25** – Drop Deadline for AP Chemistry (semester class) *Full refund – removed entirely from the SLU transcript
- **November 6** – Drop Deadline (all yearlong classes) *Full refund – removed entirely from the SLU transcript
- **November 6** – Drop Deadline for AP Chemistry *No refund – “W” appears on the SLU transcript
- **December 1** – Tuition Due (all yearlong classes and semester one of AP Chemistry)
- **January 8** – Withdraw Deadline (all yearlong classes) *No refund – “W” appears on the SLU transcript

WHERE WILL MY SLU 1818 CREDITS TRANSFER?

- Over 500 schools and colleges internationally have accepted SLU credits.
- OTHS cannot guarantee any course will transfer to a post-secondary institution program.
- The responsibility belongs to the student to research post-secondary programs of interest to inquire about transferability.
- www.transferology.com FREE website/requires account creation - SLU is a partner institution and updates regularly to ensure maximum accuracy.





POSSIBLE SLU 1818 DUAL CREDIT ARTICULATIONS:

University of Missouri at Columbia

AP Physics 1 / AP Calculus

- Transfers as PHYS 1220 & MATH 1510
- Will transfer into Engineering Department
- Required to take a math placement exam

McKendree University

AP Physics 1 / AP Calculus

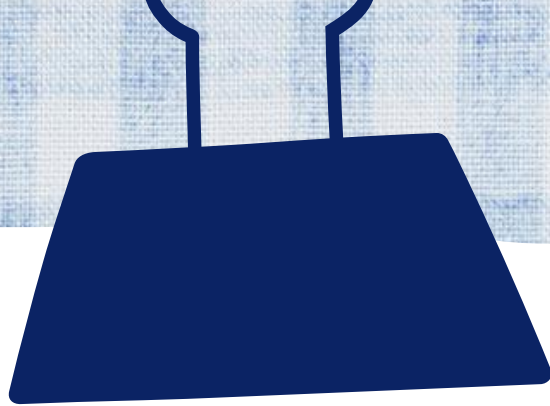
- Transfers as PHYS 1220 & MATH 1510
- Required to take a math placement exam
- Does not provide data to Transferology

Washington University

- NO DUAL CREDIT - course cannot be listed on a high school transcript
- A maximum of 15 units of credit taught on the campus of a university (by a college faculty member) may be counted toward any undergraduate degree.
- These units will count toward graduation but will not meet general curriculum requirements.

What to know about credits if you attend Saint Louis University!

- AP Exams are not required at SLU – take all dual credits
- The credits can start you with a GPA BOOST because they transfer as a “grade” versus “credit” like other campuses (can also start you in the opposite direction 😞 so stay focused!)
- Dual credits has enabled students to move off campus earlier due to number of credits
- Placement tests waived at times
- If you re-take a class when you get to the SLU campus, the new grade replaces the GPA calculation but does not remove it from the transcript
- Even if you do poorly in SLU dual credit coursework, you do not go on probation until you’ve been at SLU for at least one semester
- MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM – if accepted it guarantees early interview to the SLU School of Medicine – if you are in this undergrad program, you **MUST TAKE ALL YOUR SCIENCES AT SLU**. They still recommend you take our AP science courses in preparation, but do not choose to pay for the dual credit portion because you will have to repeat it when you get to SLU.



FAQ'S

How many college credits can I take through the 1818 Program?

- Maximum of 11 per semester – No exceptions

Can I drop my classes for college credit and still take it for high school credit?

- Yes – You will still receive a grade and credit on your high school transcript.

What if I register in the fall for a “yearlong” course and decide to drop it? Will I be refunded my tuition money?

- November 6th – Drop deadline for full refund, removed entirely from SLU transcript
- January 8th - Last day to withdraw with a "W" on SLU transcript, no refund

What if I decide to drop a "semester" class such as AP Chemistry?

- September 25th – Drop deadline for full refund, removed entirely from SLU transcript
- November 6th - Last day to withdraw with a "W" on SLU transcript, no refund

How do I transfer my credits to my college or university?

- Request the transcript to be sent from the SLU 1818 website.

SWIC DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM



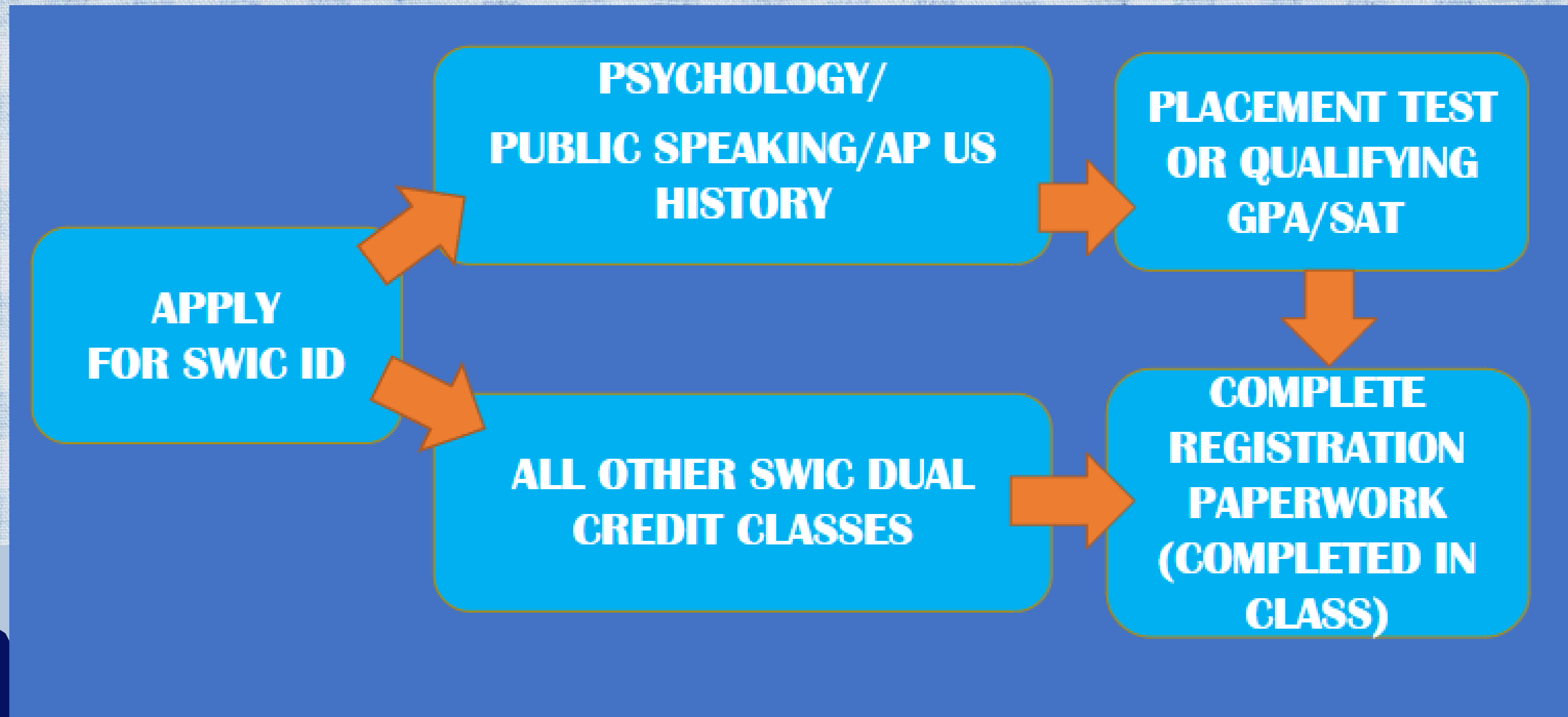
**An opportunity for students to jumpstart
their academic or work career by earning
college credit at NO COST!**

Ethan Graham, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects
SWIC Dual Credit Coordinator

OTHS SWIC DUAL CREDIT OFFERINGS

- Advanced Applications (Excel) (3)
- Advanced Applications (Word/PPT) (3)
- Advanced Digital Marketing & Social Media (3)
- AP French Language & Culture (4 Fall/4 Spring)
- AP Spanish Language & Culture (4 Fall / 4 Spring)
- AP US History (3 Fall / 3 Spring)
- Carpentry 1 (4)
- Computer Networking (3)
- Computer Programming (3 Fall / 3 Spring)
- Construction 1 (4)
- Cybersecurity (3)
- Drafting & Engineering Design – Intro to CAD (4)
- Engineering Design – CAD 1 (4)
- Foundations of Multimedia Production & Communication (3)
- Medical Terminology (3)
- Personal Finance (3)
- Public Speaking (3)
- Psychology / AP Psychology (3)
- Silver Creek Area CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) (4)
- Technical Drawing & Engineering Design (3)
- Theatre Literature (3)
- Video Production (3)
- Welding 1 (5)
- Yearbook Design & Production (3)

REGISTRATION PROCESS



TUITION AND ELIGIBILITY



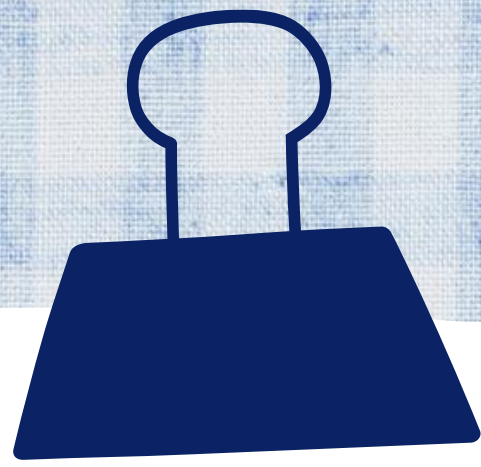
TUITION

- None
- All classes are FREE

ELIGIBILITY

- Qualifying GPA/Exam Scores (if applicable)
- No age restrictions





TRANSFERABILITY

- Courses taken at SWIC must be accepted at public higher education institutions in Illinois per the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act
- Receiving institution has autonomy to assign credit accordingly
- Be proactive - research different schools' acceptance of dual credit
- www.transferology.com - FREE website/requires account creation



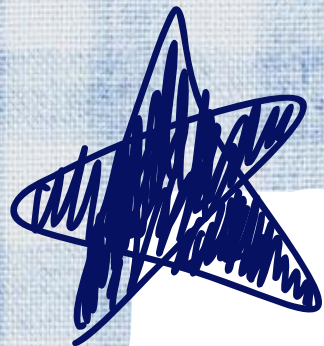
OUT OF STATE

ARTICULATION EXAMPLES

Student taking Psychology (PSYC151) for dual credit at OTHS:

- University of Florida --> PSYT000
- Belmont University --> PSY1100
- Indiana State --> PSY101
- Texas A&M --> PSY131 or PSY2301





FAQ'S

If my student chooses to not take it when enrolled in high school, can they apply and get it later?

- No, if they do not complete all necessary steps by the deadline, they will not earn credit.

What is the eligibility exam? What happens if they don't pass the first time?

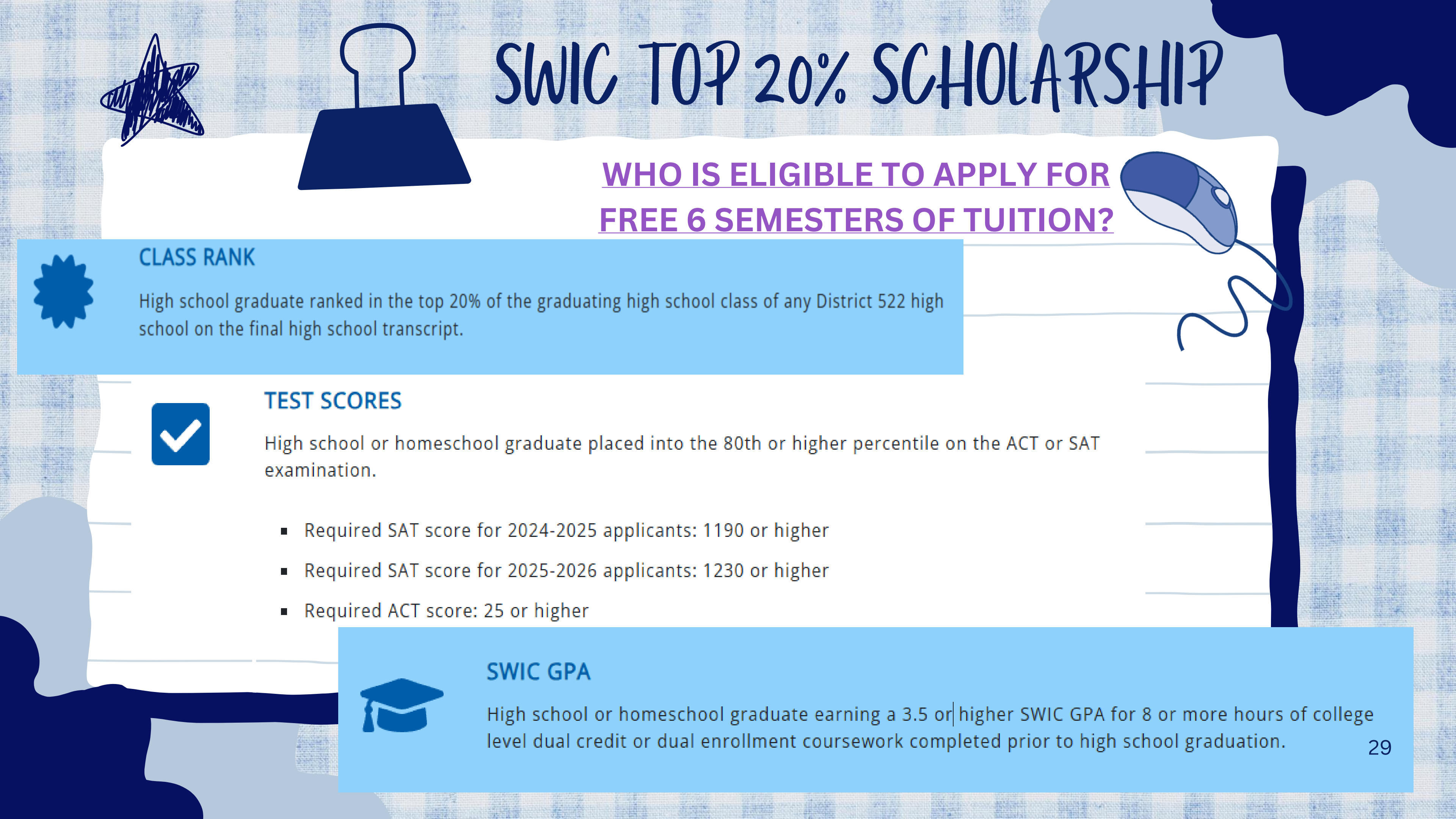
- Accuplacer-->They have two attempts to pass.

Will schools accept SWIC Dual Credit?

- Varies by institution – student/family responsibility to research



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ILLINOIS COLLEGE



SWIC TOP 20% SCHOLARSHIP

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FREE 6 SEMESTERS OF TUITION?



CLASS RANK

High school graduate ranked in the top 20% of the graduating high school class of any District 522 high school on the final high school transcript.



TEST SCORES

High school or homeschool graduate placed into the 80th or higher percentile on the ACT or SAT examination.

- Required SAT score for 2024-2025 applicants: 1190 or higher
- Required SAT score for 2025-2026 applicants: 1230 or higher
- Required ACT score: 25 or higher



SWIC GPA

High school or homeschool graduate earning a 3.5 or higher SWIC GPA for 8 or more hours of college level dual credit or dual enrollment coursework completed prior to high school graduation.



AP VS DUAL CREDIT

Advanced Placement (AP)

- College-level high school courses created by College Board
- Students take one exam in May to try to earn credit
- Credits depends on numerical exam score (1-5) and college's policy
- May or may not transfer, depending on the college - use website to see how it's interpreted by institution
- Key Idea: Credit earned by performance on an exam

Dual Credit (SLU 1818 & SWIC)

- College courses taught at OTHS through SLU or SWIC
- Students earn "credit" based on course grades throughout the semester
- Credit appears on an official college transcript from SLU or SWIC
- Generally transfers, but policies vary by school
- Key Idea: Credit earned by semester grades



THANK YOU

