

Dual Credit vs. Advanced Placement

DUAL CREDIT	ADVANCED PLACEMENT
COST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition paid by DPISD except for classes taken in summer • DPISD must be reimbursed for tuition if student drops the class • Must pay for textbooks* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tuition cost • If student chooses to take exam, exams currently cost \$86.00 each • No cost for textbooks
RIGOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College-level rigor, as determined by professor and San Jacinto College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized and controlled by the College Board. Teachers must certify their course by submitting their syllabus to the College Board
STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-campus • Flexible times • Entrance Exam Required • Student Success Center free to students on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Campus • Student support provided by DPHS (tutorials, etc. . .) • Eligibility requirements include previous grades and teacher recommendations
PAY-OFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors weighted grades • College credit transferrable to public Texas institutions; often not accepted out-of-state or private schools (may only be accepted as an elective credit in or out of state) • Student experiences a college-level class while enjoying the support provided at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors weighted grades • College credit granted by most U.S. colleges and universities based on score on AP exam. Credit rarely granted for less than a 3 (out of 5) • Research shows that students who participate in AP programs are more likely to be successful in college (maintain a passing average and obtain a degree) than those who do not participate

**Students enrolled in Dual Credit courses through the Career and Technology program receive textbooks at no cost.*