Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

Everything You Need to Know

	Dual Credit	*Advanced Placement*
COST TO STUDENT	No tuition costs	No tuition costs
	No textbook costs	No textbooks costs
		If student chooses to take exam, exams currently cost $86.00 each w/out waiver
RIGOR	College-level rigor, as determined by EPCC professor and classroom teacher; syllabus must be approved by EPCC and added to website for each college course offered	Standardized and controlled by the College Board for college level rigor; teachers must certify their course by submitting their syllabus to the College Board
INSTRUCTOR	Master's Degree required; credentialed as college instructor	GT Certified; attends AP workshops
	State certified and HQ per NCLB	State certified and HQ per NCLB
REGISTRATION/ ENROLLMENT	On high school campus	On high school campus
	10th or 11th grade TAKS scores of 2200 or above and an essay score of 3 or better; or, the ACCUPLACER required scores are needed to enroll	
	EPCC student resources available with issued EPCC ID	
	Juniors and Seniors	Freshmen for Pre-AP courses; Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors for AP courses
	2 courses per semester	No limit on number of courses per semester
PAY-OFF	Bonus GPA points	Bonus GPA points
	College credit transferable to public Texas colleges and universities; usually accepted at out-of-state public universities; not always accepted at private schools	College credit granted by many U.S. colleges and universities based on score on AP exam. Credit rarely granted for less than a 3 (out of 5) exam score
	Students experience a college-level class while enjoying the support provided at home	Students experience a college-level class while enjoying the support provided at home
	Research shows that students who participate in dual credit are more likely to be successful in college (maintain a passing average and obtain a degree) than those who do not participate	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
	70% passing rate guarantees college credit	
	Students are issued an official college transcript	
	DAP credit with grade average of 80% or higher; every semester class	DAP credit with an AP exam score of 3, 4, or 5

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