

Dual Credit (DC) or Advanced Placement (AP)?

DUAL CREDIT (DC)

- ★ **Definition:** Dual Credit classes allow students to earn college and high school credits simultaneously. Classes are taught by college instructors or by high school instructors with sufficient credentials to teach college level courses.
- ★ **Are the Classes Difficult?** Dual Credit classes are taught at the college level, so the difficulty level is higher. Students must apply themselves and be diligent in their coursework to be successful.
- ★ **Will My Credits Transfer?** Yes, dual credit classes transfer to colleges and universities as college credit. Check with the college or university you plan to attend to make sure the classes you are taking will go towards your chosen major.
- ★ **What Are the Enrollment Requirements?**
 - Meet with your counselor to select classes and complete the dual credit form.
 - Complete the online Clarendon College application for admission.
 - Take the TSIA2.
 - The ISD submits your high school transcript.
 - The college will register you for class.
 - Pay tuition in the Student Portal (unless your ISD pays for it)
- ★ **What Is the Impact on My High School GPA?** Dual Credit classes carry more weight than regular high school classes and therefore have a greater impact on your high school GPA. See your high school counselor for more information about GPA calculation.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- ★ **Definition:** Advanced Placement classes allows high school students to earn college credit after successful completion of the high school course and the end of course AP exam. Classes are taught by high school instructors who are AP certified.
- ★ **Are the Classes Difficult?** Advanced Placement classes are designed to be more advanced than regular high school classes. AP classes may require extra discipline and dedication for students to succeed.
- ★ **Will My Credits Transfer?** Students must earn at least a 3 on the AP end of course exam (some may require a 4 or 5) for the course to be accepted at the college level. Check with your chosen college or university to determine the needed AP scores.
- ★ **What Are the Enrollment Requirements?** See your high school counselor for specific AP enrollment information.
- ★ **What Is the Impact on My High School GPA?** Advanced Placement classes carry more weight than regular high school classes and therefore have a greater impact on your high school GPA. See your high school counselor for more information about GPA calculation.

