

# Advanced Placement vs. Dual Enrollment

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

- \*Advanced Placement classes are college classes taken at the high school.
  - \*Classes follow the high school calendar.
- \*Classes are geared toward high school age students by teachers specifically trained for teaching adolescents.
  - \*AP credit is universally recognized because of the consistent standard of rigor.
- \*AP classes require a test at the end of each class in order to potentially earn college credit.
  - \*College credit is dependent upon a specific passing score on the AP Exam.
- \*AP classes provide a solid baseline for determining the students' ability to handle college level work.
  - \*There is a fee for taking the AP Exam (currently \$94.00 each).
- \*AP classes offer added "weight" to a high school GPA, but do not affect their college GPA.

## AP & DE

- \*Students can potentially earn college and high school credit simultaneously.
- \*Both save money compared to college tuition.
- \*Both create the opportunity to graduate from college early.
- \*Students can demonstrate success in college classes.
- \*Selective colleges expect to see transcripts with the rigor that AP and DE provide.
- \*Premature participation can backfire on students unprepared for the level of difficulty by damaging their GPA.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

- \*Classes are taken on the college campus.
- \*Classes follow the college calendar (may conflict with high school calendar).
- \*Classes are geared toward an adult audience by teachers specifically trained for teaching adults.
- \*Classes are treated as transfer credits unless the student plans to graduate from that specific college.
  - \*Rigor varies by school.
- \*College credit is based on the totality of the students' work, not a single test score.
- \*Classes, books and fees are free for high school students.
  - \*Not all classes are available for dual credit. Classes must meet specific high school requirements.
- \*Grades affect their high school and college GPA's.
- \*Some core classes receive extra quality points (weight), but not all.
  - \*All core classes receive an extra 0.5 quality point for HOPE, up to a 4.0.