

Concurrent Enrollment and Advanced Placement[®] Course



**WORKING TOGETHER TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR
COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS**

What is Concurrent Enrollment?



- **Concurrent Enrollment** is a program offering challenging **college courses** to motivated high school students with a desire to get an early start on their career path.
- With successful completion of each course, students will receive **both high school and college credit**

To be a perfect candidate for **Concurrent Enrollment**,
a student should:



- Be in 11th or 12th Grade
- Have a GPA of 3.0
- Maintain upper-level academic standing - a goal to achieve A's and B's
- Have and keep good attendance
- Completed the ACT or Accuplacer testing for qualifying scores

What is Advanced Placement®?



- **Advanced Placement®** courses are taught at local high schools and allow students to participate in college-level courses and possibly earn college credit while still in high school.
- High school credits are given for receiving a passing grade in the course
- College credits are earned by passing an exam with a 3 or better and submitting your passing score to the college of your choice. (passing scores vary by college check college website and/or check the AP® Credit Policy Search on the CollegeBoard website)

To be a perfect candidate for **Advanced Placement®**,
a student should:



- Have a GPA of 3.0
- Maintain upper-level academic standing - a goal to achieve A's and B's
- Have and keep good attendance

How Are **Concurrent Enrollment** (CE) and **Advance Placement**[®] (AP[®]) **SIMILIAR?**



Both CE and AP[®] Offer:

- Rigorous, Fast Paced Courses
- Credits That Are Accepted/Transferred To Both In-state And Out-of State Schools
- Courses That Fulfill General Education Requirements (check schools' transfer guides)

Both CE and AP[®] Are:

- Designed To Prepare Students For Higher Learning
- Considered as Equals by Most Scholarship Committees and Universities

What are the DIFFERENCES between Concurrent Enrollment (CE) and Advance Placement® (AP®)?

Concurrent Enrollment

- High school and college credit are given **simultaneously** for a passed course. This is a college course
- A **permanent college transcript** is created. Can't leave class at end of quarter.
- Students must apply to the college/university
- Tuition is required (\$5 per credit hour)
- Prerequisites/scores may apply.

Advance Placement®

- High school credits given for passing the course
- College credits are earned by receiving and submitting a passing score to the **college of choice**.
- Classes are year-long.
- Exam fee is required (last year's exam fee was \$98 which is about \$16 per credit)
- Instructor approval and summer homework apply to some courses

Other Items to consider for **Concurrent Enrollment** and **Advanced Placement**[®]



Concurrent Enrollment

- Allows students to become better prepared for their 1st year of college/university.
- A qualifying score or placement test does not guarantee a successful grade.
- The grade you earn in the class is the grade that will appear on your college transcript.
- The course curriculum is the **same** as what is taught on the college campus. Expectations should be the same regardless of where the course is taught.

Advanced Placement[®]

- Allows students to become better prepared for their 1st year of college/university.
- Your high school grade does not guarantee a passing grade on the exam
- Students must receive a score of 3 or better on the exam for college credit to be given (this varies by college)
- Course content and curriculum has been designed to align with university course expectations

More Considerations



- Obtaining an Associates Degree in High School is not realistic for most students.
- An Associates Degree does not always guarantee less time to obtain your Bachelor's Degree.
- A One Year Certificate of Completion is more realistic for a high school student.
 - Approximately 34-37 credits of General Education requirements
 - Both CE credits and AP credits can be used

More Considerations



- Math scores/grades do not last forever.
 - Check with the College/University you want to attend to see how long they last for them
- If a class is required for your major, the College/University can require you to re-take the class.
 - They will still give you elective credit for the class or test you already passed
- You will need to
 - Transfer your CE classes to the College/University you decide to attend
 - Send your **Advanced Placement**[®] College/University you decide to attend

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Overall Recommendations



- Both CE and AP[®] courses are excellent opportunities for students
- Students should register for CE or AP[®] classes that align with their plan for Career and College Readiness (CCR) as well as their interests
- Check with the college or university you plan to attend to see how your CE or AP[®] credits will transfer
- General Education courses are appropriate for all qualifying students