

Comparison of Methods to Receive College Credit for Courses Taken in High School

	Articulation	Concurrent Enrollment(dual enrollment)	Advanced Placement (AP)	Credit-by-Exam or Experience
General course characteristics	One or more high school credit courses aligned with the content of a college course for future award of college credit.	A college course for which both high school and college credit are awarded on successful completion.	A high school course formally identified as Advanced Placement. Content defined by the College Board.	Awarded for demonstration of knowledge gained from formal instruction and/or alternative experiences.
Terms for award of college credit	Conditions outlined in an articulation agreement among participants. Credit awarded after enrollment in a college and completion of additional college course(s).	High school student meets same requirements as all other students enrolled in the course. Credit awarded on completion of course.	Student must meet minimum scoring standards on College Board Advanced Placement exams. Credit awarded after enrollment in a college.	Student passes locally-developed exam or other criteria. Credit awarded after successful completion of exam or other criteria are met.
High school student enrollment requirements	Enrolled in high school only.	Student is an early admissions student enrolled in both high school and college.	Enrolled in high school only.	Generally enrolled in the college administering the exam or awarding credit.
Tuition and fees	No college tuition or fees. Transcribing fee only.	College tuition and fees.	No college tuition or fees. AP exam fee. May charge transcribing fee.	Placement exam fee, if applicable.
Faculty requirements	High school faculty with qualifications equal to minimum required for college faculty.	College faculty.	High school faculty with formal College Board staff development.	Exams and other criteria determined by local college faculty.
High school transcript course code	"A"	"D" (19 TAC §74.25)	"P"	<i>N/A for college credit</i>
Type of courses involved	Primarily technical	Academic and technical	Academic	Academic and technical