

# Pflugerville ISD

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Advanced placement, Articulated Tech Prep College Credit, and Dual/Concurrent credit courses can allow students to take challenging college-level courses, earn college credit, and shorten the time needed to complete a college degree. It is important to emphasize that students may take a combination of these courses; they do not have to take just AP, Articulated Tech Prep credit or Dual Credit. In preparing for college, students should take the most rigorous courses they can.

#### Advantages of Advanced Placement:

- Recognized nationally and internationally at over 12,000 colleges and universities
- Student may earn recognition as an AP Scholar if they pass three or more AP exams while in high school
- College credits earned through examinations do not count against a student's 120 in state tuition credit hour limit.

#### Advantages of Articulated Tech Prep College Credit:

- Start a college technical major while in high school
- Earn college credit upon completion of college level course or held in "escrow"

#### Advantages of Dual and Concurrent Credit:

- Earn college credit based on performance over an entire semester
- Earn college credit immediately after successful course completion

	<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	<b>Articulated Tech Prep College Credit</b>	<b>Dual Credit</b>
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable high school students to participate in college-level courses while still in high school.</li> <li>• <u>Modeled after</u> the 35 AP courses which were created by teams of leading educators nationwide.</li> <li>• <u>Follow</u> PreAP classes <u>which</u> are designed to prepare students for AP classes and other advanced academic work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24+ courses which Lead to college credit in technical studies.</li> <li>• <u>Taught</u> by PISD high school teachers who have received specialized training.</li> <li>• <u>Note: Not</u> all courses are articulated at each campus due to teacher qualifying requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College-level courses taken by high school students in which they receive college and high school credit <u>at the same time</u>.</li> <li>• <u>Taught</u> by college-approved instructors.</li> <li>• <u>Similar to</u> concurrent credit courses, but the students receive <u>only</u> college credit <u>for concurrent courses</u>.</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to students in grades 10-12 who wish to participate in a rigorous college preparatory course of study.</li> <li>• Some available for students below 10<sup>th</sup> grade. See your school counselor for details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to students in grades 9-12 who have passed the prerequisite course(s) (if applicable).</li> <li>• <u>Note:</u> Students may be required by the college to demonstrate skill proficiency in order to receive the articulated credit. (Ex. Welding)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to students beginning the summer after their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year who meet requirements listed below.</li> <li>• College placement exams (THEA, TCOMPASS or TASSET).</li> <li>OR</li> <li>• Other Assessments:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) TAKS – 2200 in Math, and 2200 in ELA, AND at least a 3 in Writing Essay</li> <li>2) ACT – 23 composite, with 19 in English and 19 in Math</li> <li>3) SAT – 1070 composite, with 500 in Critical Reading and 500 Math</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <u>Note:</u> Students enrolling in technical courses that lead to certification may be exempt from the entrance testing exams. See the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.austincc.edu/acc101/level1cert.html">http://www.austincc.edu/acc101/level1cert.html</a></li> </ul>
Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades are assigned by the teacher and are included when figuring GPA</li> <li>• Grades are "weighted" on the transcript.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades are assigned by the teacher and are included when figuring GPA</li> <li>• Students must make a "B" or better in the articulated course.</li> <li>• Students must register in the college CATEMA system.</li> <li>• Teachers must recommend students to the college for receipt of Tech Prep College Credit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades are assigned according to college standards but are <b>not</b> included when figuring High School GPA</li> </ul>
DAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each AP exam score of 3 or higher counts as a DAP Advanced measure.</li> <li>• Four advanced measures are required to meet the graduation plan requirement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of a job specific articulated sequence of study designed by the school district (pathways).</li> <li>• Four advanced measures are required to meet the graduation plan requirement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each dual or concurrent credit college course that the student earns a "B" or better counts as a DAP Advanced measure.</li> <li>• Four advanced measures are required to meet the graduation plan requirement.</li> </ul>

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College Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must earn a 3 or better on each AP exam to receive credit. In rare circumstances some colleges will give credit for scores below 3.</li> <li>Over 90% of U.S. colleges and universities as well as colleges in 20 other countries give credit for AP exams.</li> <li>Colleges and universities award credit differently.</li> <li>Consulting the college's website will give specific information.</li> </ul> <p>Note: College credits earned through examination do not count against a student's 120 credit hours. Credits earned by examination include AP Exams and CLEP Tests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articulated credit is awarded by the college after the student has completed one college level course either during high school or enrolling upon graduation.</li> <li>Courses taken in high school are in "escrow" with the participating community college until the first course is taken at that institution.</li> </ul> <p>Note: College Tech Prep courses are noted on the high school transcript with a code of an "A".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit is awarded by the college immediately after student successfully completes the course.</li> <li>Most courses will transfer to any public Texas college or university if a student earns a "C" or better.</li> <li>Go to: <a href="http://ccn.tccns.org/tccns/default.asp?DB=2006">http://ccn.tccns.org/tccns/default.asp?DB=2006</a> to determine which Dual/Concurrent credit courses will transfer which 4 year colleges.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Credits earned through Dual and Concurrent Credit count as part of a student's 120 credit hours.</p>
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP courses are free.</li> <li>Exam cost \$84 each</li> <li>Eligible PISD students with financial need pay \$24 for each AP exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articulated courses are free.</li> <li>Students must register in the CATEMA system while enrolled in the high school course and the teacher must approve the student for receipt of credit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition is free for students who take the course at a PISD campus.</li> <li>PISD students who take a course on an ACC campus pay \$40 per course.</li> <li>All students have to pay for books and fees.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows students to earn recognition through the College Board's AP Scholar Program.</li> <li>Students may take AP exams without taking an AP course. In PISD, all students who take AP courses are expected to take the corresponding exam.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articulated credits are taken as part of a coherent sequence of courses leading to an associate's degree, applied science degree or bachelor's degree.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may take up to two courses per semester beginning the summer after the sophomore year.</li> <li>Students who wish to take technical courses may be exempt from the college entrance testing requirements. This is based on specific certification programs.</li> <li>Students may take college credit course concurrently with their high school courses in areas for which there is no equivalent high school course or in an area of strength or interest, thus beginning college level work while still in high school. The guidelines outlined above for dual enrollment apply except that no record of these courses will be recorded on the high school transcript.</li> <li>Concurrent course may count as DAP measures.</li> </ul>