

AP/Dual Credit/On Ramps: What's the Difference?

	Advanced Placement [AP]	Dual Credit [DC]	On Ramps [Dual Enrollment]
Description	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam, to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing Tarrant County Community College (TCC) courses.	Dual Enrollment allows students to earn high school and potentially earn college credit while still in high school.
College Credit	Students receive weighted high school credit when they successfully complete the course. College credit is granted when students pass the AP examination. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant course credit and placement.	Students receive weighted high school credit when they successfully complete the course. College credit is awarded when the student passes the course.	Students receive weighted high school credit when they successfully complete the course. Students also receive college credit if they qualify for and pass the college portion of the course.
Teachers/Instructors	Courses are taught by high school teachers trained by The College Board.	Taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors	Taught by high school teachers trained by University of Texas professors
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation. Usually requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam. See individual college/university for their policy.	Accepted at public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions. Check with your individual college for academic requirements.	Guaranteed to be accepted at any public university in Texas. Accepted at most private universities. Check with your individual college for academic requirements.
Location	AP courses are taught on the FWISD campuses.	Some dual credit courses are taught on the FWISD campuses. Students also take dual credit courses on TCC campuses	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses are taught on the FWISD campuses.
Eligibility	Open to any student. Students are expected to have the skills and knowledge from prior Pre-AP courses, and be motivated to work outside the school day on college level material.	Students must qualify by taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test, or by having an STAAR BOC waiver. The TSI test is offered free of charge by TCC or on some FWISD campuses. Students are expected to be motivated to work outside the college classroom on college level material.	Open to students who show high achievement in the regular (non-AP) classroom, but who wish to experience a college-level course, and are motivated to work outside of the school day on college level material. Students who have previously taken an advanced academic course may also take these courses.
Cost	AP courses are free.	Dual Credit courses are free to students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. Other students are responsible for tuition.	OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses are free.
Textbooks	Provided by the school	Provided by the school	Provided by the school
Impact on High School GPA	Tier 1: 5.0 Class	Tier 1: 5.0 Class	Tier 1: 5.0 Class

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BACK**

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	ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES	DUAL CREDIT - TCC	ON RAMPS - UT
Courses Offered	Art (drawing, 2D & 3D) Biology Calculus AB & BC Chemistry Computer Science Macro-economics English Language English Literature Environmental Science French Human Geography Japanese Music Theory Physics CM Psychology Spanish Language Spanish Literature Statistics U.S. Government U.S. History World History	British Literature - SR English Composition - JR & SR Government - SR Macroeconomics - SR Psychology - JR & SR Sociology - JR & SR	Pre-Calculus - JR & SR Physics - JR. U.S. History - JR