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7TH GRADERS FOR COLLEGE

Understanding Dual Credit & Advanced Placement

What are Dual Credit (DC) and Advanced Placement (AP) Classes? What are the advantages?

- Both DC and AP classes offer students the ability to earn college credit while in high school.
- DC – College classes taken in academic or technical subjects and also awarded high school credit.
- AP – High school classes taught at a collegiate level and requires an exam at the end of the year to earn college credit.
- Students can take both AP and Dual Credit classes together to earn as many college credits as possible during high school at a reduced cost. These classes are great for students who don't feel challenged enough by the traditional high school curriculum.

Where are the classes located? Who teaches them?

- DC – Taught by college professors or credentialed high school instructors. Classes are taught on the high school campus, Alvin Community College campus, or online.
- AP – Taught by high school faculty on the high school campus.

Are credits automatically transferred to universities?

- DC – Students need to earn a grade of at least a C in order to ensure transferability to Texas Public Colleges and Universities. Most core classes will also transfer to out of state institutions.
- AP – Students need to pass the AP Exam with a 3 or higher to receive college credit for the class. Check with the college you want to attend to ensure transferability.

What are some of the challenges?

- College classes are more challenging than high school classes and require a greater level of dedication to achieve success.

I'm interested in Dual Credit. What should I do now?

- Students can begin taking college classes the summer following 8th grade. Start developing great study skills now and remember to sign up for the TSI exam during the first semester of your 8th grade year.
- We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and visit us online at www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit. Finally, be sure to attend a Dual Credit Information Session in the 8th grade.

Have more questions? Contact your school counselor or ACC Advisor for more information!

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