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| **Should my child take Advanced Placement or Dual Credit (College in the school)?**  **We like both!**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **AP**  ***Advantages***  Feedback for students and teachers  Standardized curriculum  Recognized across the country and worldwide as a rigorous curriculum  Standard training and syllabus required for all instructors  Ability to earn scholarships and national recognition  Can be transferred from school to school  ***Disadvantages***  Must pass test to earn credit  Must pay testing fee | **Dual Credit**  ***Advantages***  In almost all cases, no test is required to earn credit  Credit earned accepted at most in state institutions  Additional monies for dual credit programs  ***Disadvantages***  Credit awarded depends on the receiving college/university  No feedback on teaching or understanding  No uniform curriculum  No uniform training or syllabus  Credits may not transfer between colleges | | **Advanced Placement**  ·        Courses developed by committees of experts representing universities across the United States: Harvard, Yale, Stanford, UCLA, University of Texas, etc.   ·        Quality varies from teacher to teacher, so students take an end-of-course AP exam that is developed and scored externally by professors and discipline experts, verifying the extent to which the student has mastered the college-level material  ·        Because there is an external assessment, credit/placement for AP is granted by most U.S. colleges and universities  ·        Because there is an external assessment, AP is a valuable indicator in the college admissions process of a student’s ability to succeed in college | **Dual Credit**  ·        Courses developed by local community colleges  ·        Quality varies from teacher to teacher, no external assessment measure to verify the rigor and quality of the course  ·        Because there is no external assessment, dual credit courses are not as widely recognized for credit/placement as AP courses  ·        Because there is no external assessment, dual credit courses are less valuable indicators in the college admissions process of a student’s ability to succeed in college |