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| **Should my child take Advanced Placement or Dual Credit (College in the school)?****We like both!**

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| **AP*****Advantages***Feedback for students and teachersStandardized curriculumRecognized across the country and worldwide as a rigorous curriculumStandard training and syllabus required for all instructorsAbility to earn scholarships and national recognitionCan be transferred from school to school***Disadvantages***Must pass test to earn creditMust pay testing fee | **Dual Credit*****Advantages***In almost all cases, no test is required to earn creditCredit earned accepted at most in state institutionsAdditional monies for dual credit programs***Disadvantages***Credit awarded depends on the receiving college/universityNo feedback on teaching or understandingNo uniform curriculumNo uniform training or syllabusCredits 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 |