

# AP vs. Dual Credit

# What is Advanced Placement?

- **AP® courses are college-level courses offered in high school**
- **Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses**
- **Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work**
- **A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college**

# What is Dual Credit?

- **College course [generally] taken at the high school campus where the student earns college and high school credit at the same time by taking one course.**
- **Dual credit courses are generally taught by an FBISD teacher who is also employed by Houston Community College. *There are times when the course is taught by an HCC professor at the high school campus.***
- **However, some dual credit courses, such as English and US History, MUST be taught by FBISD staff due embedded British Literature or EOC's.**

# What are the Benefits of AP?

- **Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills**
- **Taking AP is valued in the college admission process**
- **AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences**
- **Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college**

# What are the Benefits of Dual Credit?

- **Many private universities in Texas and out-of-state colleges accept the Texas core.**
  - **Students will need to submit a copy of the course syllabus to the university in addition to their HCC transcript.**
- **Class of 2019 will receive five additional GPA points for dual credit courses.**
- **Students typically do better in an dual credit course than they do in a college course taken on a college campus.**
- **Students can save \$1000s in the cost of tuition by taking the FREE dual credit course in high school.**



# Differences

AP	Dual Credit
<b>GPA Weight: 10 points</b>	<b>GPA Weight: 5 points</b>
<b>Cost of class: \$94 for AP Exams</b>	<b>Cost of Class: cost of books</b>
<b>Curriculum and Skills: reading comprehension, writing strategies, critical thinking</b>	<b>Curriculum and Skills: intensive study of writing process; essay writing as critical analysis</b>

# Dual Credit Registration

- Dual credit students **must** select the dual credit course on their course selection sheet.
- Dual credit students **must** submit HCC application through the HCC website by the campus deadline.
- Dual credit students **must** meet TSI Readiness Standards by campus deadline.
- Students who do not meet campus deadlines will be removed from the dual credit course and placed in an FBISD on-level course.
- Students are only able to register for dual credit courses approved by their counselor, FBISD Dual Credit Counselor Referral Form requires student & counselor signature.
- Students who enroll in dual credit courses for which they did not receive approval will NOT receive FBISD high school credit for the course on their FBISD high school transcript. The student will be required to retake the high school course.
- Check with your counselor to make sure you are approved BEFORE starting the course(s).

# AP Exam Registration

- ▶ **Registration: January 14, 2019 – Feb 28, 2019**
- ▶ **Late Registration: Mar 01 – 06, 2019 (\$10.00/exam late fee)**
- ▶ **Cost: \$94 / AP exam (\$142 for Capstone exam); \$13 / AP exam for Free/Reduced Lunch Program (\$61 for Capstone exam)**
- ▶ **Online payment with credit card or debit card**
- ▶ **Registration site: [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/444836](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/444836)**
- ▶ **Money Order or Cashier's Check payments will be accepted in the Counselors' Suite through March 6<sup>th</sup> (\*must bring a print out of your registration). Make payable to RPHS.**
- ▶ **\*\*\*Refunds after AP exams are ordered will only be made for well documented extenuating, unforeseeable and hardship situations. If a refund is approved, a fee of \$20 per exam will be retained by the district to cover non-refundable College Board costs.\*\*\***



# Questions?

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