

# Comparison of Academic Course Levels

On Level	Advanced Academics (AAC)	Advanced Academics (AP)	Dual Credit	OnRamps Dual Enrollment
Choosing an academic level is not “all or nothing.” Students may take from one to all their classes at any level as well as move to between levels from year to year.				
GRADE LEVELS				
Grades 6-12	Grades 6-12	Grades 9-12	Grades 10-12	Grades 10-12
DESCRIPTION				
FBISD’s on level curriculum is a college-bond curriculum.	Course designed to be more challenging than on level course and prepares students for rigor of subsequent AP course(s).	The course prepares students to take an AP Exam for college credit.  Prepares students for success in college level course work.	Course earns college credit through Houston Community College (HCC).  “Dual credit” earned is college credit and high school credit for one course.	Students are enrolled in a college course in conjunction with their high school course and earn credit for the high school course and college credit from UT.
REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT				
Open enrollment.	Open enrollment.  Possible pre-requisite courses may exist for some courses.	Open enrollment.  Possible pre-requisite courses may exist for some courses.	Open enrollment.  Acceptance into HCC by deadline.	Open enrollment.  Possible pre-requisite courses may exist for some courses.
GPA WEIGHT				
Semester numeric average only.	+5 points to semester numeric average.	+10 points to semester numeric average.	+10 points to semester numeric average.	+10 points to semester numeric average.
COLLEGE CREDIT				
No college credit earned.	No college credit earned.	Students must earn a 3, 4, 5 on the AP exam for a passing score.  Passing AP Scores are accepted for college credit at: • All Texas public universities • At most public and private universities nationwide	Students will earn high school and HCC college credit for passed courses.  College credit is accepted at all Texas public colleges and universities.  College credit at private out of state schools will vary.  Low or failing grades in any dual credit course can affect admission status and financial aid for any institution following graduation.	Students can decide at the end of the course if they want to accept the college credit.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Additional support may be needed for the transition to AAC/AP courses.	H/GT courses are compatible to AAC courses with the exception that the course does not have direct alignment to a subsequent AP course.	AP exam fees apply. Reduced fees are available for low-income students.  To order an AP exam, students must make an exam decision on the College Board MyAP website and pay for the exam through FBISD.  Course grades reported on high school transcript.	Dual credit courses are currently tuition free through HCC.  Subject to fees and other costs that may include textbooks and specified resources.  Final course grades become part of the high school and college transcripts.	There is a cost associated with the course and a reduced fee for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.  The college grade comes at the completion of the UT portion of the course and students must choose whether to accept college credit for the course.