

## ***Important Information about Dual Credit and Advanced Placement Courses***

<b><i>Dual Credit</i></b>		<b><i>Advanced Placement (AP)</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0 tuition</li> <li>• \$0 textbooks</li> </ul>	<b><i>Cost</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0 tuition</li> <li>• \$0 textbooks</li> <li>• \$89 each AP exam without waiver</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll at high school campus</li> <li>• Only Juniors and Seniors are eligible</li> <li>• Must meet "College Ready" cut-scores on Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessments</li> <li>• May enroll in only 2 courses per semester</li> </ul>	<b><i>Enrollment</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll at high school campus</li> <li>• Pre-AP courses offered in 9th and 10th grades</li> <li>• AP courses offered at all grade levels</li> <li>• No limit on number of courses per semester</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's degree required</li> <li>• Credentialed as a college instructor</li> <li>• State-certified and Highly-Qualified</li> </ul>	<b><i>Instructor Credentials</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted/Talented-certified</li> <li>• Syllabus approved by the College Board</li> <li>• State-certified and Highly-Qualified</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College-level rigor, as determined by EPCC professor and classroom teacher;</li> <li>• Syllabus must be approved by EPCC and added to website for each college course offered</li> </ul>	<b><i>Rigor</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardized and controlled by the College Board for college-level rigor;</li> <li>• Teachers must certify their course by submitting their syllabus to the College Board</li> </ul>
<b><i>Benefits</i></b>		
<p>Students who enroll in and successfully complete Dual Credit and/or AP courses, receive bonus GPA points. Students enrolled in these courses experience a college-level class while enjoying the support provided at home. Research shows that students who participate in dual credit and/or AP programs are more likely to be successful in college (i.e. maintain a passing average and obtain a degree) than those who do not participate. Additionally:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPCC student resources available with issued EPCC ID</li> <li>• Students are issued an official college transcript</li> <li>• Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) credit with grade average <math>\geq 80\%</math></li> <li>• 70% passing rate guarantees college credit</li> <li>• College credit may not be transferable to private schools but is transferable public Texas colleges/universities and may be accepted at out-of-state public universities</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) credit with an AP exam score <math>\geq 3</math></li> <li>• College credit granted by many U.S. colleges and universities based on AP exam score(s); however, credit rarely granted for less than a 3 (out of 5) exam score</li> <li>• AP may be used for recruitment to specific majors as AP students tend to major in disciplines related to their AP Exams, according to a recent study</li> </ul>