

# Earn College Credit in High School

Advanced Placement (AP)	College in the Schools (CIS)	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
<b>What is it?</b>			
Advanced Placement offers more than 30 college-level courses in subject areas such as English, history, humanities, languages, math, psychology and science.	College in the Schools allows juniors and seniors to take free college-level courses at their high school through partnerships between high schools and local colleges and universities.	International Baccalaureate is a two-year pre-college diploma program. Students select IB courses in any of six subject areas: the student's primary language, a second language, mathematics, experimental sciences, the arts and humanities.	Postsecondary Enrollment Options allow students to take college courses at a college. Students attend class and complete the same assignments required of regular college students.
<b>What are the benefits?</b>			
<p><b>Students may earn both high school and college credit.</b> This can save you time and money when you actually get to college.</p> <p><b>The course work is college-level.</b> You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect.</p> <p><b>You take college-level courses in your high school.</b> This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls.</p>	<p><b>Students may earn both high school and college credit.</b> This can save you time and money when you actually get to college.</p> <p><b>The course work is college-level.</b> You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect.</p> <p><b>You take college-level courses in your high school.</b> This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls.</p>	<p><b>Students may earn both high school and college credit.</b> This can save you time and money when you actually get to college.</p> <p><b>The course work is college-level.</b> You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect.</p> <p><b>You take college-level courses in your high school.</b> This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls.</p> <p><b>You choose which courses to study at standard or advanced academic level.</b> You must take at least three but not more than four advanced classes.</p> <p><b>You can use IB credit internationally.</b> Since IB is an international program, foreign colleges and universities may award you college credit.</p>	<p><b>Students may earn both high school and college credit.</b> This can save you time and money when you actually get to college.</p> <p><b>The course work is college-level.</b> You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect.</p> <p><b>You take college-level courses on a college campus.</b> You may interact with college students from around the state, the country and even the world.</p> <p><b>Colleges offer a wide selection of classes.</b> If you don't feel challenged by your high school classes, you'll have the chance to explore more subjects and more advanced work.</p>
<b>Who is eligible to participate?</b>			
Only participating schools offer Advanced Placement, and may require a certain academic standing or GPA for participants.	Only participating schools offer College in the Schools, and may require a certain academic standing or GPA for participants.	Only participating schools offer International Baccalaureate, and may require a certain academic standing or GPA for participants.	Any public high school or home-schooled student may apply. Applicants must apply in January of the previous academic year and must meet college's admissions requirements.
<b>Who teaches the course?</b>			
High school teacher	High school teacher	High school teacher	College professor
<b>Where is the class held?</b>			
Your high school	Your high school	Your high school	College or university campus
<b>How much does it cost?</b>			
\$15 for qualified students who demonstrate financial need; otherwise, \$87 per exam	Free	Free	Free (textbooks are included)
<b>How do I earn college credit?</b>			
<p>You must take a fee-based exam which is graded on a five-point scale. Many colleges award credit for scores of 3 or higher, but some require scores of at least 4.</p> <p>You may take an AP exam without taking a designated AP course, however, most students take the corresponding course before the exam.</p>	You earn credit based on your academic performance during the duration of the course as you would with any high school course.	You must take an IB course in any of six subject areas and corresponding exam. Exams are graded on a seven-point scale, with 4 representing the lowest passing grade. Students participating in numerous IB courses may pursue a pre-college diploma, which involves taking exams in all six subject areas and earning at least 24 points. Pre-college diploma students must also complete a community service program, extended essay and Theory of Knowledge course.	You earn credit based on your academic performance during the duration of the course as you would with any high school or college course.
<b>Do all colleges and universities accept these credits?</b>			
Acceptance and transfer of credits varies by college, but many do accept credits earned through these programs. Others colleges may choose to award advanced placement instead. This allows you to take upper-level courses without taking the introductory, prerequisite courses. Some will allow you to earn both credit and placement. If you're interested in a specific college, be sure to ask admissions about their policy.			
<b>For More Information</b>			
<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/ap">www.collegeboard.com/ap</a>	Check with your school counselor	<a href="http://www.ibo.org">www.ibo.org</a>	<a href="http://education.state.mn.us">education.state.mn.us</a> Under <i>Student Success</i> , click on <i>College and Career Readiness</i> and then <i>Postsecondary Enrollment Options</i> .

High school graduates may also receive college credit by taking a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test in more than 30 topics to demonstrate their existing skills, knowledge and experience. For more information, visit [www.collegeboard.com/clep](http://www.collegeboard.com/clep).