

Advanced Academics in RCPS

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DUAL ENROLLMENT



What is Dual Enrollment?

- ▶ A program that allows high school students to earn college credit while also earning a high school diploma
- ▶ The program is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission
- ▶ Students may enroll in a maximum 15 semester hours for 3 semesters per year
- ▶ Academic and technical classes are available
- ▶ Students may attend full- or part-time
- ▶ Available at Georgia public, private, and technical colleges



What costs are covered?

- ▶ Tuition
- ▶ Mandatory Fees
- ▶ Textbooks

***Some courses may have additional fees outside of mandatory college fees that may not be covered



Who Is Eligible?

- ▶ Per HB 444, effective Summer 2020:
- ▶ only 11th and 12th graders may take approved Dual Enrollment academic courses.
- ▶ 10th graders may enroll in approved Career, Technical and Agricultural Education courses at a Technical College only.
- ▶ 10th graders who have a minimum SAT score of 1200 or Minimum ACT score of 26 in a single test administration, may enroll in any approved Dual Enrollment courses.
- ▶ Students in the 9th grade are not eligible to participate in the DE funding program.
- ▶ For complete eligibility and DE program information, go here:
<https://www.gafutures.org/media/188193/de-faqs-may-2020-1.pdf>



Funding Caps:

How many credit hours will be paid by funding?

- ▶ The Dual Enrollment Funding Cap is 30 semester hours.
- ▶ This Funding Cap is a hard cap based on hours paid by the Dual Enrollment Funding Program.
- ▶ All first-time students, as of Summer 2020 and beyond, are subject to the DE Funding Cap.
- ▶ No funding for repeat classes.
- ▶ All DE students must create a profile on gafutures.org and then students and parents must complete the funding application. This application is current for 1 academic year. Courses will be approved by the high school and the college. Click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UoBFIfsNSU&feature=youtu.be> for a tutorial.



Why Participate?



Students are introduced to college level work



Expanded course offerings



Opportunities to explore potential careers



Possible early college graduation and entry into the workforce



A full high school credit is earned for a 3-hour college course



Courses are weighted at .5 for the HOPE GPA



No EOC or AP exams (this is subject to change for 2021-2022)

Studies show that students who participate in Dual Enrollment show an increased likelihood of:

- ▶ General academic achievement in high school
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ College and career readiness
- ▶ College access and enrollment
- ▶ Credit accumulation
- ▶ College degree attainment



Full Disclosure: Are there any possible disadvantages?

- ▶ The courses are challenging and taught by college professors who may not know/care that a student is in high school.
- ▶ Professors will **only** communicate with the student – not parents.
- ▶ Because most courses are worth a full credit, grades count "double" for one semester – great for a good grade but harmful for a bad grade!
- ▶ Credit transfer is not a guarantee – you must do research!
- ▶ Competitive colleges may not consider DE as rigorous as AP courses.



Eligibility vs. Readiness

Look beyond GPA and standardized test scores!

A SUCCESSFUL DE STUDENT

- ▶ Is self-motivated (will communicate with the professor)
- ▶ Mature
- ▶ Organized
- ▶ Takes Initiative
- ▶ Responsible
- ▶ Has good time management skills
- ▶ Meets deadlines and avoids procrastination

DANGER!

- ▶ Disorganization
- ▶ Perfectionism
- ▶ Easily Overwhelmed
- ▶ Unassertiveness
- ▶ Unwilling to ask for help
- ▶ Over-reliance on parents
- ▶ Poor time management skills
- ▶ Procrastinator



What do some DE instructors at RCA want you to know?

- ▶ Students will be given a syllabus at the beginning of the semester – the expectation is to READ it and to keep up with due dates and test dates. Keep an agenda or calendar.
- ▶ Independent reading and work at home is expected. There is more "outside of class" work.
- ▶ Attendance is important!
- ▶ Classes move at a faster pace.
- ▶ Students should be independent learners, self-starters and organized. They must advocate for themselves.
- ▶ There are no DE classes on Fridays, except labs for science courses.
- ▶ Professors do not communicate with parents. There are no parent/teacher conferences.
- ▶ Grades are not available on Infinite Campus. Grades are only available through the student's College Learning Management System. Parent/student communication is key.
- ▶ Students will receive communication from the college via email. They need to check their email, READ the email, and follow through.



**Bottom Line –
Weigh all factors and make
the best decision for your
student!**



College Credits and Grades – How does that work?

1. The College/University issues the grades – NOT the high school.
2. The grades count for both high school AND college credit.
3. Most courses count as a full high school credit and are weighted courses.
4. These are college credits and thus begin a student's college transcript.
5. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at the college and be progressing towards on-time high school graduation.
6. Many colleges require a “C” or better for college credit and to progress to the next course.
7. Colleges provide letter grades and RCPS will convert to a numerical grade. A=95 B=85 C=77 D=P F=60
8. Colleges will be on a different academic calendar so start/end dates and schedule change and withdrawal dates WILL NOT align to the high school calendar and could have consequences to student's schedule and grade.



2 Options for Dual Enrollment

OPTION A

Meet traditional high school graduation requirements through a combination of high school courses and Dual Enrollment courses for a minimum of 24 credits

OPTION B with Technical Colleges

Meet high school graduation requirements by completing:

- ▶ 9 high school course requirements (2 English, 2 Math, 2 Science, 2 Social Studies, PE/Health)

AND

- ▶ Any Associate degree OR
- ▶ Any technical college diploma program OR
- ▶ At least two technical certificate of credit (TCC) programs in at least one specific career pathway. The TCSG will annually identify eligible programs of study.



Option B Programs as approved by the Ga. Legislature and the TCSG

Courses

- ▶ Computer Programming
- ▶ Cybersecurity
- ▶ Manufacturing
- ▶ Dental Assisting
- ▶ Avionics Technology
- ▶ Aircraft Structural Technology
- ▶ Welding

Welding Continued

- ▶ 2 TCC's can be completed in 1 year
- ▶ 6 Welding courses and technical English and Math
- ▶ Requires a full day on B days at RCA



- ❑ Advanced Composition
- ❑ American Literature
- ❑ Public Speaking
- ❑ College Algebra, Statistics, Precalculus, Calculus
- ❑ Economics
- ❑ American Government
- ❑ U.S. History
- ❑ Biology
- ❑ Anatomy and Physiology
- ❑ Psychology, Sociology

Typical DE Academic Courses at RCA



Dual Enrollment Technical Course Options at RCA

- 911 Communications
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Welding
- Fire
- Cosmetology



Gafutures.org

Your one-stop shop

All DE students must create an account on [gafutures.org](https://www.gafutures.org)



DUAL ENROLLMENT: [HTTPS://WWW.GAFUTURES.ORG/HOPE-STATE-AID-PROGRAMS/SCHOLARSHIPS-GRANTS/DUAL-ENROLLMENT/](https://www.gafutures.org/HOPE-STATE-AID-PROGRAMS/SCHOLARSHIPS-GRANTS/DUAL-ENROLLMENT/)



Participating colleges and universities:
https://www.gafutures.org/media/187999/dual-enrollment_eligible_institutions.pdf



Course directory:
https://apps.gsfc.org/securenextgen/dsp_accel_course_listings.cfm



Course Transfer information: <https://www.gatracs.org/planning>



FAQ's: <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/scholarships-grants/dual-enrollment/frequently-asked-questions/>



Your HOPE GPA



HOW TO APPLY FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT

- ▶ **Step 1:** Complete the online DE Interest Form linked here: <https://www.rockdaleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pagelId=582779>
- ▶ **Step 2:** Decide which college you want to attend for DE. If you want to take your DE classes at RCA then you will choose either:
 - Ga. Piedmont Technical College <https://www.gptc.edu/technical-education/high-school-students/>
 - Point University <https://point.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment/>
 - Clayton State University <https://www.clayton.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment>
- ▶ **Step 3:** Meet with your home school counselor for advisement and to verify eligibility for Dual Enrollment. Complete the DE Scheduling form with your counselor. You will be assigned placeholders in DE classes pending your college acceptance.
- ▶ **Step 4:** Apply to the college and complete and submit all required documentation to the college per their admission procedures. You must meet all the admission requirements at the college. It is the responsibility of the student to submit all documents to the college. The deadline to apply for DE is **May 1, 2021**. Please note that May 1 is RCPS' deadline regardless of the college deadlines. You must have submitted your college materials by this deadline to participate in DE for the following year.
- ▶ **Step 5:** Complete the required Dual Enrollment Funding application here: <https://www.gafutures.org/?action=signin> Student and parent must complete the application prior to being registered for DE classes.
- ▶ **Step 6:** Student and Parent Complete the RCPS DE Contract here [Click here for RCPS Dual Enrollment Contract \(PDF\) \(RTF\)](#) and email to khardy@rockdale.k12.ga.us by **May 1, 2021**.
- ▶ **Important Notes!**
 - Before school starts next year, you must have been accepted at the college to take the DE classes.
 - If you are attending a college that does not offer classes at RCA then it is your responsibility to apply and register at the college by the stated deadlines.



IMPORTANT NOTE

- ▶ Being "registered" into a Dual Enrollment class at RCA during the high school registration process is only an **unofficial placeholder** in that class. A student is not officially registered into the class until the student has been accepted and registered by the COLLEGE!
- ▶ It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to be accepted and registered at the college.



Important Information for IEP/504 Students

Are students with disabilities required to meet the admission criteria? Yes. Admission criteria and prerequisite courses are determined by the individual postsecondary institution. **Do accommodations listed in the student's IEP apply to college classes? No.** Reasonable accommodations that allow equal access will be determined by the college. Students as well as parents must understand that not all accommodations, services and/or supports available at high school will be deemed necessary at the college level. **Does the IEP team make decisions about accommodations provided in the college classes? No.** The IEP plays an important role in recommendations and documentation for requested accommodations but the decision rests with the receiving college. **How will compliance with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) be addressed in dual enrollment programs?** Services will be covered by 504/ADA. IDEA requirement for a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) do not apply to the postsecondary level. Services described in the IEP would not be ensured with college course work completed through dual enrollment. The student would continue to receive accommodations, services and supports outlined in the IEP for all high school course work. **How are accommodations secured for dual enrollment courses?** The student must: ☐ Apply to the Office of Disability Services at the college to self-identify the disability ☐ Request accommodations and provide necessary supporting documentation ☐ Follow other required steps as identified by the postsecondary institution ☐ The special education case manager should assist the student and family in this process as a transition service. **If a student requires interpreter services or text in alternate format, does the college provide the services or does the high school?** The college is responsible for providing accommodations for the college class. **Is the student with a disability held to the same grade requirements as other students? Yes.** Students with disabilities will be required to meet the same academic and behavioral standards.



A Few Final Notes.....



- **Dual Enrollment is an incredible opportunity but does require the right fit between the student and the program.**
- **Your counselor is here to advise and support the Dual Enrollment participation process, but it is important to remember that the student will be an independent college student while still in high school and must meet the same expectations as an undergraduate student.**
- **It is the student's responsibility to troubleshoot on any issues with admissions, acceptance, textbooks, a missed quiz, etc.**
- **All courses taken through Dual Enrollment require the counselor's approval.**
- **Per federal law, college personnel cannot and will not communicate with parents regarding their child, regardless of the student's age or dependency status. All communication is done with the student.**





Now let's hear from the colleges!



POINT UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT

WELCOME



Point
UNIVERSITY

WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 1937, Point University is a private, four-year liberal arts institution that educates students to influence culture for Christ in all spheres of life. The University provides a broad, comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare students for their chosen professions.

Our campus is located in West Point, Ga.



If you would like to be a Dual Enrollment Student with Point University, the requirements are as follows:

- 3.0 GPA
- You must be a rising Junior or Senior.
- Complete our online application at point.edu/apply
- Complete our Advisement Agreement (It will be emailed to you once you complete our online application).
- Complete your GSFC funding application via the gafutures website at gafutures.org. If you do not already have an account you will need to create one.



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**GEORGIA
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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Dual Enrollment





What is Dual Enrollment?

- Opportunity for eligible 10th-12th grade students to take college courses with little to no tuition costs and textbooks paid for
- Earn both high school and college credit at the same time
- Shorten time to obtain a college degree, diploma, or certificate



Why Georgia Piedmont Technical College



- Open Access Institution
- Convenient locations and online learning
- Uniqueness of Hand-On-Training
- 40 programs of study with hundreds of pathways
- 28 core classes that transfer to the USG system
- Earning a Degree nearly debt free
- Articulation agreements with the University System of Georgia and several local and out of state colleges, making an easy transfer of credits
- Attend Georgia Piedmont Technical College for 1st two years and transfer to 4 year College or University





Several Schools to choose from...

- School of Business Information Systems
- School of Education & Media
- School of Health & Professional Services
- School of Industrial Technologies
- School of Public Safety & Security
- Economic Development & Regional Transit and Transportation Center





Program Tracks

Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC)

A certificate program is a collection of courses designed to get you career ready in a year or less

Diplomas

Diploma programs generally take more time than a certificate program but less time than an associates degree.

They can usually be completed in 1-2 years.

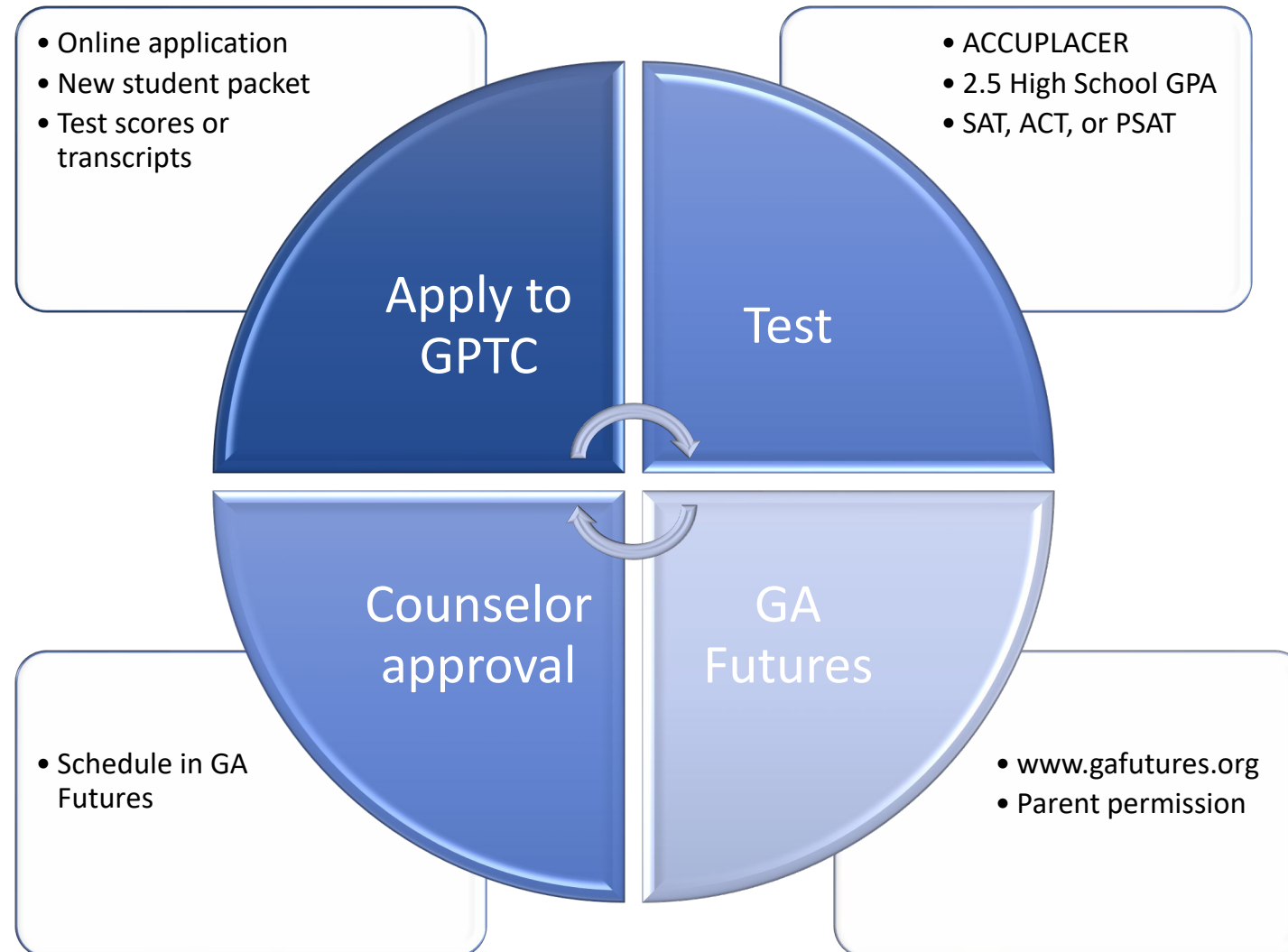
Associate Degrees (AAS)

An associate degree is a 2 – year program that can be applied toward a 4 year bachelor's degree or stand on its own





Application Process for Dual Enrollment





Questions?



dualenrollment@gptc.edu





DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CSU Henry County Campus
401 E. Tomlinson Street, Suite 712
McDonough, GA 30253
www.Clayton.edu



CSU DUAL ENROLLMENT



Classes and Locations

Main Campus in Morrow

Academy for Advanced Studies – McDonough
Online (Asynchronous) & Virtual (Synchronous)
FALL 2021 – Rockdale Career Academy, Conyers

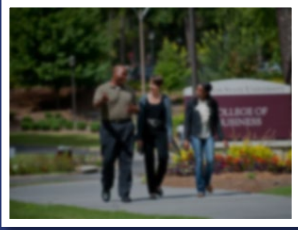


CSU Dual Enrollment ELIGIBILITY

Admissions requirements:

- Enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade
- 3.0 High School GPA (Academic Core)
- Completed 2 units English & 2 units Math
- Submit OFFICIAL high school transcript & any college transcripts





CSU ADMISSIONS TEST SCORES

Through FALL semester 2021 test scores are NOT required. Students can be admitted “test optional”.
However, the following scores are accepted:

➤ SAT Composite score of
1050 minimum:

- 480 Reading
- 440 Math

➤ ACT Composite score of
20 minimum:

- 17 Eng or Reading
- 17 Math

Accuplacer

237 Reading 260 Math 4 WritePlacer



WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

Step 1: Meet with your high school counselor.

Step 2: Complete an admission's application.

Go to www.clayton.edu APPLY



Step 3: Submit official sealed or official electronic (gafutures.org) high school transcript in addition to any college transcripts.





NEXT STEPS (cont.)

Step 4: Submit your funding application from the www.gafutures.org site. Go to 2020-2021 Student Application for DE Funding

Step 5: Complete orientation

Step 6: Choose your schedule and meet with your CSU advisor to register for classes.



CONTACT US



Henry County Campus

DEHenry@Clayton.edu

678-466-4633

APPLY TO CSU Dual Enrollment
THEN text OPT-IN to 678-466-6038

Receive Application Status Updates,
Student info and more





RCPS



Advanced Placement



What will we cover?



What are Advanced Placement® Courses?



The Benefits



AP Exams



What Is It Like to Take AP Courses?



Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices



Q & A



What are Advanced Placement Courses?

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are specially designed classes for secondary students seeking to earn college credit or take more challenging courses.



Benefits for taking AP Courses

- There are many benefits for taking AP courses. Students can:
 1. challenge themselves academically;
 2. set themselves apart in college admission;
and/or
 3. earn college credit, placement, or both with an exam score of 3 or higher.



Benefits for taking AP Courses

4. Research shows that students who have taken an AP Exam, even if they scored a 1 or 2, are more likely to graduate college on time than their academically matched peers who do not take an AP course or exam.



Who Is Eligible?



Any student enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade at a public or private high school in Georgia



Some courses have prerequisites, but many do not.



Students interested in obtaining college credit while still in high school.



Advanced Placement Support

- Students have access to digital tools to help improve their performance all year long.



Sign in for Your AP or
Pre-AP Resources



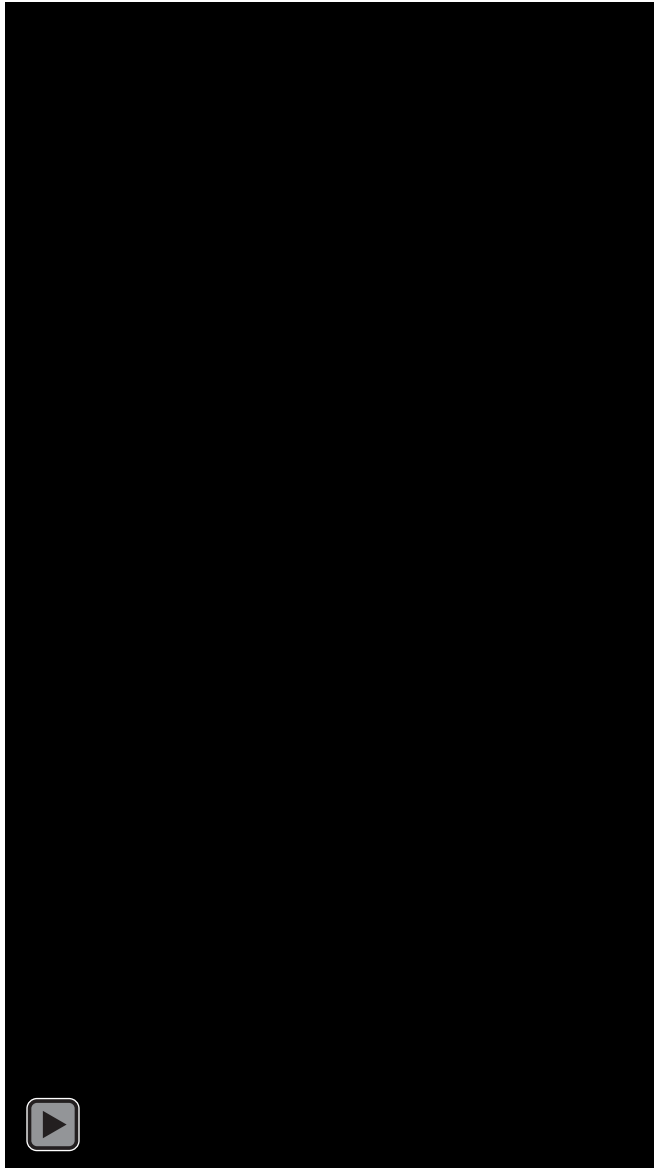
Teacher Credentials for AP Courses

- Teachers must design a syllabus that meets the curricular requirements of an AP course and receive authorization through the AP Course Audit process.

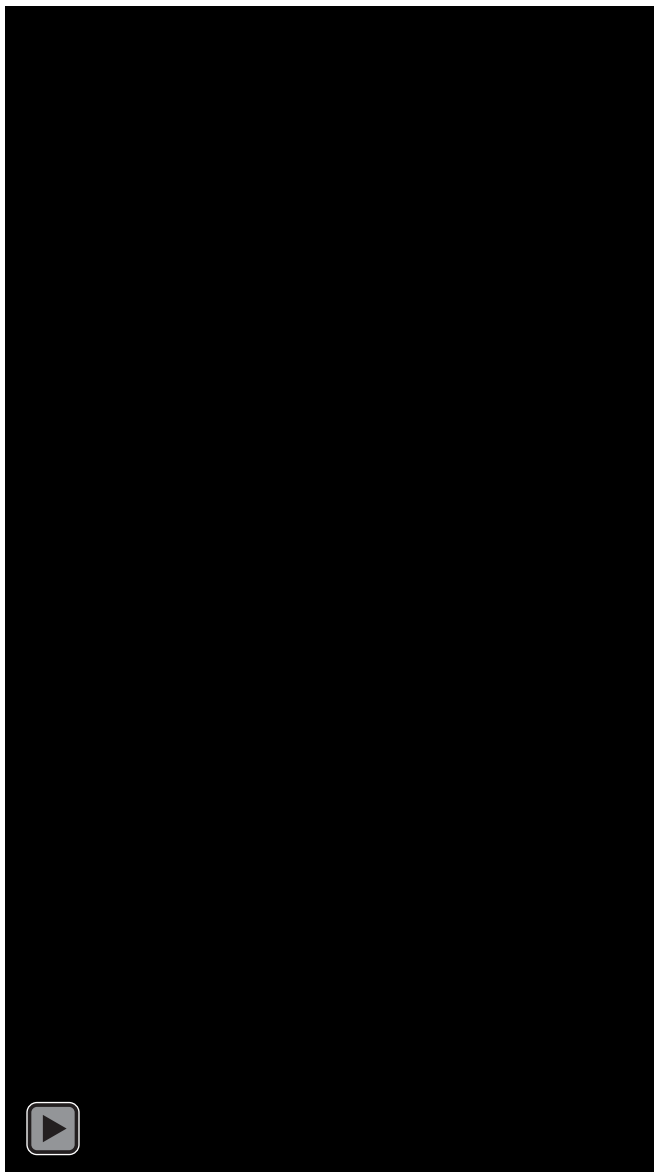


AP from a student's
perspective...





Katherine Jones
Heritage High School
Class of 2021



Amaya Roberson
Rockdale County High School
Rockdale Magnet
Class of 2020

Advanced Placement Exams



AP Exams

- AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.
- Students can score between a 1 and a 5. (Every college sets its own policy about AP credit.)
- Exams are typically 2-3 hours and include:
 - ❖ Multiple-choice questions
 - ❖ Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2020-2021 is \$95 per exam
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial needs:
 - ❖ The Georgia Department of Education will pay for one AP[®] STEM exam excluding AP[®] Research for all students.
 - ❖ Low-income households are eligible for a reduced fee of \$54 per exam.



AP[®] - Myths & Realities

Myth

Reality

AP[®] courses are for students who always get good grades.

AP[®] courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.

AP[®] courses are too stressful.

It's no secret that AP[®] courses are challenging, but the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.

I don't think I will score high enough on the AP[®] Exam to get college credit.

You don't need to score a 5 – many colleges grant credit and placement as well – based on a 3 or higher on an AP[®] Exam.

Taking AP[®] courses could hurt my GPA.

RCPS AP[®] courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale. Taking AP[®] courses shows colleges that you are willing to challenge yourself academically.

I can't take AP[®] courses because no one has recommended me.

If you think you're ready to take an AP[®] course, then you are ready to advocate for yourself – just talk to a teacher or counselor.

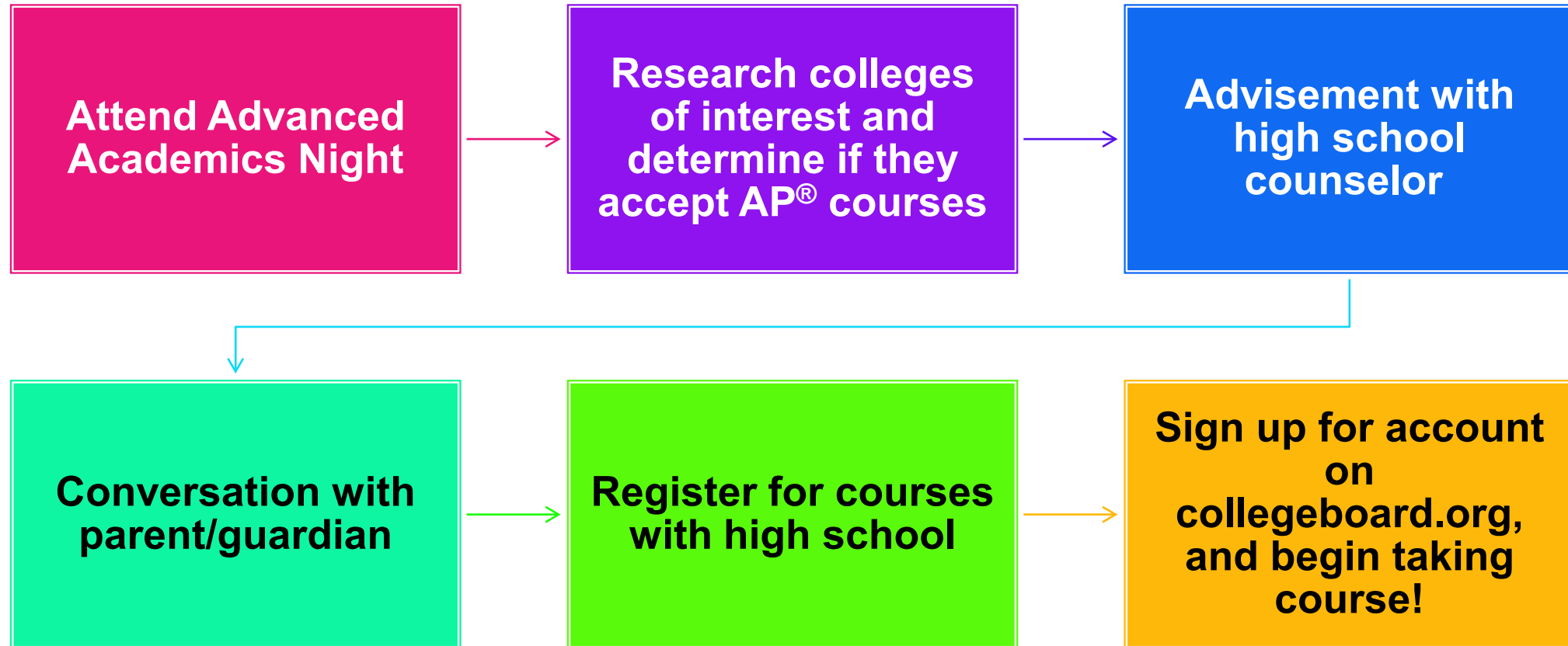


Possible RCPS Advanced Placement Course Offerings

- 2D/3D Art
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Drawing
- Language and Composition
- Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- Economics
- Human Geography
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Research
- Seminar
- Spanish
- Statistics
- U.S. Government
- US History
- World History



What is the Process to Register for Advanced Placement Courses?



Considerations

- Coursework is more challenging than traditional high school courses.
- Credit transfer is not a guarantee – you must do research!
- In order to be considered for college credit, students are required to take the AP Exam and score a 3 or above. (Every college sets its own policy about AP credit.)



Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

The screenshot shows the 'AP Credit Policy Info' page on the College Board website. The page has a blue header with the College Board logo and navigation links. Below the header, there are several tabs: 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', and 'AP Credit Policy Info'. The main content area is titled 'AP Credit Policy Info' and 'Advanced Placement Program'. It includes a search bar with a dropdown menu for 'School Name' and a search button. Below the search bar, there is a list of search results, each with a school name and a link to its AP credit policy page. The page also features a sidebar with links to 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', and 'AP Credit Policy Info'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links to 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP Credit Policy Info', and 'AP Credit Policy Info'.

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

Where do I get more information on AP?

- www.collegeboard.org
- Guidance Counselors
- AP[®] Teachers
- School Administration



AP[®] vs. Dual Enrollment - Similarities

- Both courses are weighted and will give students a GPA boost.
- Both are dual credit programs which allow you to earn high school AND college credit while in the high school setting.
- Both allow students the opportunity to access more rigorous course work while still in high school.
- Both show colleges that the student is taking advantage of rigorous curriculum and challenging him/herself.
- Teachers are experts in their field and offer high levels of academic instruction.
- Both look great on college applications.



AP[®] vs. Dual Enrollment - Differences

- AP students do not get the college credit(s) automatically. AP students must pass the AP Exam in May with a minimum score (3, 4 or 5).
- With AP, there is a cost associated with obtaining the college credit. (\$94 per exam). There is no cost associated with Dual Enrollment.
- AP credits are recognized nationally, Dual Enrollment credits are not.
- Dual Enrollment credits are based on the scale of partner college.
- Dual Enrollment credit may not transfer to all colleges.
- Most Dual Enrollment courses are semester while AP courses are year long.



FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID



WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. In order to be eligible for financial aid students must complete this online form. The FAFSA allows colleges you apply to, to have a better understanding of your family's financial situation. Without the FAFSA you cannot receive federal funding.



WHAT IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

- Social Security number (Alien Registration Number, if not a U.S. citizen)
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and investment records (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically
- Order Spanish FAFSA at edpubs.gov



STEPS TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Create an FSA ID (both student and parent/guardian need one if the student is a dependent)

Once the FSA ID is created fill out the FAFSA for the 2021-2022 school year.

Log onto fafsa.gov to get started!



STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FAFSA

Students who are not US Citizens are not eligible for the FAFSA. Though this is disappointing, do not get discouraged! Work 1-1 with your college adviser to find resources to fund your college journey!

Rockdale - Ms.Okeke ookeke@rockdale.k12.ga.us

Salem- Mr. Porter bporter@rockdale.k12.ga.us

Heritage- Ms. Harless jharless@rockdale.k12.ga.us





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