

Advanced Academics

Jay HS/Jay SEA

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**Meeting  
Expectations**

**Responsibility**

**Prioritizing  
Tasks**

**Meeting  
Deadlines**

**LIFE-READY  
YOUNG ADULTS**

**Time  
Management**

**Responding to  
a Challenge**

# Advanced Placement: What is it?

- AP courses expose students to college rigor, and allow them to earn college credit by passing an AP exam (score 3 or higher).
  - Students sign up for courses in the Spring.
  - Some courses may require summer reading.
  - Students register for AP exams in the Fall.
  - Students take the AP exams in early May, and get the scores in early July.
- \* **Advanced courses in lower grade levels** expose students to the skills necessary for AP courses; students do not earn college credit for advanced courses.

# AP: the Teachers



- ❑ Certified high school teachers
- ❑ Attend AP Summer Institutes and various AP trainings
- ❑ Some AP teachers are College Board Readers who read and grade exams across the nation

# AP: Courses Offered

## English Language Arts

- \*English Lang. & Comp.
- \*English Lit. & Comp.

## Science

- \*Biology
- \*Environmental Science
- \*Physics 1
- \*Physics C: Elec & Mag
- \*Physics C: Mechanics

## Social Studies

- \*U.S. Government and Politics
- \*United States History
- \*World History
- \*Macroeconomics
- \*Psychology

## Mathematics

- \*Pre-Calculus
- \*Calculus AB
- \*Calculus BC
- \*Statistics
- \*Computer Science A
- \*Computer Science Principles

## World Languages

- \*Spanish Language & Culture
- \*Spanish Literature & Culture

## Fine Arts

- \*Art (Drawing, 2-D, 3-D)
- \*Art History
- \*Music Theory

# AP: Exam Ordering & Fees

- Student register by creating an **AP College Board account** and enroll with **join code(s)** provided by teacher
- Students register for their AP exams in the fall (except spring semester courses).
- Jay HS pays for all students that register on time for the AP exam.
- Late registration will incur a **late order fee of \$40** per exam.
- If a student **does not take an exam** previously ordered, the student will be charged a **\$40 unused exam fee**.

# OnRamps: What is it?

- Students earn college credit from UT Austin.
- Students engage with high-quality content and build digital literacy skills using the same tools as UT students.
- Students earn **TWO** grades (high school and college). These grades do **NOT** have to match.





# OnRamps: the Teachers



- ❑ Certified high school teacher and a college professor
- ❑ HS teacher not required to have a Master's Degree
- ❑ Complete extensive OnRamps trainings year-round



# On Ramps: Courses Offered

## **English**

\*English III

\*English IV

## **Mathematics**

\*College Algebra

\*Pre-Calculus

\*Statistics

## **Science**

\*Chemistry

\*Physics

\*Geoscience

## **Social Studies**

\*US History

## **Electives**

\*Computer Science

# Dual Credit: What is it?

- Dual Credit allows students to earn **both high school and college credit simultaneously** at their high school.
- **College credit is awarded** as long as the student earns a **70 or higher each semester**.
- Awarding of college credit comes from a local community college (**Northwest Vista College - ACCD**).
- Can take up to **14 courses** or **earn up 42 hours of college credit**
- Majority of courses available to **Junior & Senior students**

# Dual Credit: the Teachers



- ❑ Certified high school teachers
- ❑ Hold a Master's Degree
- ❑ Hired by Alamo Community College District (ACCD) as adjunct instructors
- ❑ Have at least 18 graduate hours in the content area

# Dual Credit: Courses Offered

- English 3 AP/Dual
- English 4 AP/Dual
- English 4 Honors/Dual
- Spanish 3 Adv/Dual
- Environmental Science AP/ Dual

**AP and Dual Credit Classes are stacked:** students in DC classes will be receiving the AP curriculum. Aside from earning DC, students will be able to take the AP exam to obtain college credit as well.

# Dual Credit: Regulations

- **FAIL A DC COURSE:** The student will not be allowed to **re-take that course again** through the Dual Credit program.
- **DROP A DC COURSE** (*after a certain deadline*): The student will earn a “W” (*withdraw*) on their college transcript.
- Students can **petition removal of “W”** through Northwest Vista
- **ADVICE FOR STUDENTS:** Students should **only take courses** that will **count towards their degree plan**. NVC has **advising guides** on their website that can assist.
  - [www.alamo.edu](http://www.alamo.edu), Academics, Degrees & Certificates

# Dual Credit: STEPS

- **STEP 1:** ApplyTexas – *online application; students can do this at school and most 10th/11th grade students are doing this through their US History class*
- **STEP 2:** Go FAARR & Test Prep Modules, Dual Credit Orientation, & Parent Consent Form – *must be completed before students take the TSI*
- **STEP 3:** TSI exam – *computer-based exam that determines eligibility to take college level courses; offered to 10th/11th grade students during the school day with the cost covered by Jay HS*

# Dual Credit: TSI A-2 Testing

- Required for most applicants applying for Dual Credit.
- Determines eligibility to take college level courses.
- There are **different passing standards** for the Dual Credit courses
- Administered on campus during the **Spring semester**
- Exemption from TSI using recent **PSAT scores**:
  - **Math: 510 & Reading/Writing: 480**



# What's The Difference?



	Dual Credit	Advanced Placement (AP)	OnRamps
<i>Course Limits</i>	A student can earn credit for 14 college courses before high school graduation through Dual Credit.	There are no limits as to how many AP courses a student can take.	There are no limits as to how many OnRamps courses a student can take.
<i>Earning Credit</i>	College credit is earned by passing the course.	College credit is earned by passing the AP exam.	College credit is earned by passing the COLLEGE course.
<i>Placement Test</i>	Students must pass the TSI exam (or other placement test) to qualify.	There are no placement tests to qualify for AP courses.	There are no placement tests to qualify for OnRamps courses.
<i>Credit Transfer</i>	Dual Credit can be awarded statewide, but students would have to check with colleges out of state.	AP credit can be awarded nationally. Students should check with colleges to be sure.	OnRamps credit can be awarded nationally. Students should check with colleges to be sure.
<p><b>**For all Advanced courses, it is recommended that students check with their intended university to verify the credits will transfer.**</b></p>			

# Scheduling Courses...

- Building and managing a high school master schedule is complex
- There is a lot that has to be considered for schedule changes and placement
- What does this mean for the students? Get qualified for ALL Advanced courses to cover your bases!



# The Benefits: GPA & Cost

## GPA:

- For all of our Advanced courses, points are added to the student's Semester Average when calculating the GPA for these courses.



## Cost:

- Our Advanced courses are offered at NO cost to our students, whereas at the college level, courses can range anywhere from \$700 - \$8000.



# Thank You

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