

Redmond High School

Dual Credit Offerings



What is Dual Credit?

- Dual credit programs allow students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously
- Classes can be taken at the high school, skill center, or at a college.
- Some courses (Career and Technical Education [CTE] Dual Credit, College in the High School and Running Start) allow students to earn college credit through completing the course.
- Other courses, such as Advanced Placement (AP), give students the potential to be awarded college credit by passing a standard exam.

CTE Dual Credit

Students who register for CTE Dual Credit classes at RHS can earn college credit in addition to their high school credit for completing these high school classes which are formally aligned – articulated – with college courses. To qualify for dual credit students must register with the CTE-SERS system (<https://www.ctesers.org/>), earn a “B” or higher in the class, and pay the transcription fee.

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| • Business and Marketing Foundations | • Teacher Education Academy I, II |
| • Retail Operations | • Child Development |
| • Personal Finance | • Forensic Science |
| • Microsoft Office | • Yearbook |
| • Video Game Design | • Video Production I, II |
| • Biotechnology | • Graphic Production and Design |
| • Anatomy and Physiology | • Photography I, II |
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| • ASL I, II | |

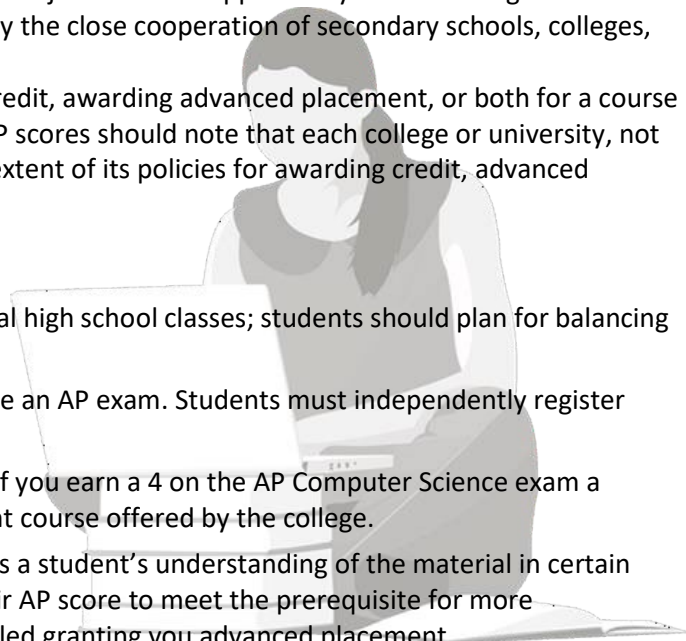
Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) is a nationwide program that is designed to prepare secondary students for higher education. AP classes provide rigorous, college-level curriculum in various subjects and the opportunity to earn college credits or advanced college standing. The AP program is made possible by the close cooperation of secondary schools, colleges, and the College Board.

AP Exam scores may be used by colleges in awarding college credit, awarding advanced placement, or both for a course in a particular subject. Students seeking credit through their AP scores should note that each college or university, not the AP Program or College Board, determines the nature and extent of its policies for awarding credit, advanced placement, or both.

Things to consider:

- AP courses have a higher workload than most traditional high school classes; students should plan for balancing their schedule accordingly.
- Although it is not required, students may choose to take an AP exam. Students must independently register and pay a fee for AP exams.
- Some colleges offer credit for AP scores. For example, if you earn a 4 on the AP Computer Science exam a college might award you 4 credits toward an equivalent course offered by the college.
- Some colleges recognize that an AP score demonstrates a student’s understanding of the material in certain courses they offer, so they’ll allow students to use their AP score to meet the prerequisite for more advanced courses. Letting you skip these courses is called granting you advanced placement.



Running Start

Running Start is a Washington State program that allows high school students to earn credits toward both high school and college by taking classes at a local community college. Students must be juniors or seniors and must meet all entrance requirements (placement test or alternative) as outlined by the college.

- Students can choose to take a full-time or part-time course load at Running Start.
- Running Start students are still RHS students and must meet all RHS Graduation Requirements.
- Running Start students may still participate in activities and sports at the high school.
- Running Start students enroll in community college classes and are treated like any other community college student.

Things to consider:

- Colleges operate on the quarter system, consisting of fall, winter, and spring quarter.
- A typical 5 credit college class, which is about 11 weeks long, is equivalent to a yearlong (1.0 credit) class at the high school.
- Full time Running Start students can earn 45 college credits tuition free per year.
- Students and their families do not pay tuition, but they do pay college fees and buy their own books, as well as provide their own transportation.
- Students must check in quarterly with their RHS counselor.

Information about the steps to enroll can be found on the RHS website: <https://rhs.lwsd.org/counseling/running-start>

WANIC

WANIC (Washington Network for Innovative Careers) Skill Center offers high quality tuition-free technical and professional training for high school juniors and seniors. These yearlong, advanced-level Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are based on rigorous academic and industry standards and prepare students for career and college readiness. WANIC programs offer dual credit opportunities (both high school and college credit) and/or lead to industry certifications. Programs are designed in three-period blocks allowing extended time to not only learn the theory of a subject, but to also get authentic hands-on lab experience. All classes earn CTE high school credits and may offer other course equivalencies towards high school graduation requirements. These classes are off-site and students must provide their own transportation.

- Classes include: Auto Tech, Culinary Arts, Construction, Dental Careers, DigiPen Animation, DigiPen Data Analytics, DigiPen Game Design, DigiPen Music, Fire & EMS, Nursing, Medical Careers, Sports Medicine & many more!
- Questions? Stop by the College and Career Center
- Go to <https://wanic.lwsd.org/> to register online. Classes fill up quickly, so please register early.

Dual Credit FAQs

How are grades determined for Dual Credit courses?

Grades and credit earned through Dual Credit courses are transcribed to both the student's high school transcript and their college transcript at the sponsoring college. The final college grades earned through completion of a Dual Credit course are determined by the college or university approved teacher and follow the higher education institution's grading practices and policies. The college or university grading policy - including the grading scale and grade options - is solely up to the college or university and cannot be altered or modified by the school district's grading policy.

Who determines if college credit is accepted at the college the student attends after high school graduation?

The transfer of transcribed college credit courses is determined by the receiving college. Students are encouraged to review credit transfer policies at their prospective college. If a student registered for and earned college credit, that college credit will be on the student's official college transcript from the sponsoring college(s), which should be sent by the student to the college where the student chooses to enroll.

Can I get help paying for Dual Credit course fees?

Possibly. Most programs offer additional support or fee waivers for low-income families. Don't let program fees deter you from applying to Dual Credit programs! Talk to your counselor to find out what financial supports you qualify for.