

## COMPARISON OF ACADEMIC COURSE LEVELS

ON-LEVEL	ADVANCED ACADEMIC (AAC)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)	DUAL CREDIT
<p>Choosing an academic level is not “all or nothing.” Students may take from one to all of their classes at any level as well as move to different levels from year to year.</p>			
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
FBISD’s on-level curriculum is a college-bound curriculum.	Course designed to be more challenging than on-level course and prepares students for rigor of subsequent AP Course(s)	<p>Course prepares students to take an AP Exam for college credit</p> <p>Prepares students for success in college level course work.</p>	<p>Course earns college credit through Houston Community College (HCC)</p> <p>“Dual credit” earned is college credit and high school credit for one course.</p>
<b>GRADE LEVELS OFFERED</b>			
Grades 6-12	Grades 6-12	Grades 9-12	Grades 9-12
<b>REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT</b>			
Open enrollment	<p>Open enrollment</p> <p>Possible pre-requisite courses may exist for some courses</p>	<p>Open enrollment</p> <p>Possible pre-requisite courses may exist for some courses</p>	<p>Meet or exceed the required minimum scores on the TSIA, ACT, SAT, PSAT, or EOC exams</p> <p>Acceptance into HCC by deadline.</p>
<b>GPA WEIGHT</b>			
Semester numeric average only	+5 points to semester numeric average	+10 points to semester numeric average	+10 points to semester numeric average
<b>COLLEGE CREDIT</b>			
No college credit earned	No college credit earned	<p>Student must earn a 3,4,5 on the AP exam for a passing score</p> <p>Passing AP Scores are accepted for college credit at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all Texas public universities</li> <li>• at most public and private universities nationwide</li> </ul>	<p>Student will earn high school and HCC college credit for passed courses</p> <p>Course acceptance to higher education institutions may vary</p> <p>Low or failing grades in any dual credit course can affect admission status and financial aid for any institution following high school graduation.</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>			
Additional support may be needed for transition to AAC/AP courses.	H/GT courses are comparable to AAC courses with the exception that the course does not have direct alignment to a subsequent AP course.	<p>AP Exam fees apply. Reduced fees are available for low-income students.</p> <p>To order an AP exam, students must make an exam decision on College Board MyAP website and pay for the exam through FBISD.</p> <p>Course grades reported on high school transcript</p>	<p>Dual Credit courses are currently tuition free through HCC.</p> <p>Subject to fees and other costs that may include textbooks and specified resources</p> <p>Final course grade becomes record on high school and college transcripts</p>