



What is the advantage of taking an AP class?

AP classes are designed to offer rigorous coursework to our students. The classes are intended to equal the challenge of college classes, enabling students to earn college credit for their work.

What is the advantage of taking an AP exam?

Students who achieve a qualifying score of 3 or higher can receive college credit for the corresponding class, resulting in savings in college tuition.

Who should take AP classes?

AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit and/or advanced placement. Taking AP courses also demonstrates to college admission officers that students have sought out the most rigorous coursework available to them.

What is the expectation for HCPS students regarding the AP exam?

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, students who are enrolled in an AP class will be expected to sit for the corresponding AP exam in May.

How much will it cost for each exam?

There will be no cost to the student to take any of the AP exams.

What if my student decides not to take the AP exam?

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, students who do not take the exam(s) will not receive the AP designation on their transcript. Should a student register for the exam but later decide not to sit for it, a penalty fee of \$40 per exam will be assessed and must be paid before graduation.

How will students who have their class in the fall semester prepare for the spring test?

Teachers typically provide preparation sessions after school or provide students a study packet. Students are expected to take ownership of their own learning.

When will these changes go into effect?

We are piloting these changes for the 2019-20 school year. While we encourage students to take on the challenge of the exam, the test is not required. For the 2020-21 school year, it will be mandatory for students in AP classes to take the AP exam in order for the AP designation to appear on their transcript.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the AP Coordinator at your high school:

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What is dual enrollment?

The purpose of the Dual Enrollment program at Patrick Henry Community College is to offer qualified high school students the opportunity to get a head start on their college education while still in high school. Students have the chance to enroll in college level courses, save money, explore possible career fields, and shorten the amount of time it takes them to complete their college work after high school. Students will be enrolled in high school and college credit courses simultaneously and will be building both their high school and college transcripts.

Do all dual enrollment courses transfer to four-year colleges and universities?

PHCC's transfer classes like ENG, HIS, PLS, PSY, BIO, and MTH are designed to be broadly accepted at senior institutions. CTE courses are not usually intended to transfer to a four-year institution. Students should check with the four-year school they are considering to see if the courses will transfer to that school and how they will apply to the degree program they plan to pursue. Course acceptance can vary within the many colleges that are part of one university. Typically, an earned grade of "C" or better is required for an institution to accept transfer credit.

How do I earn college credit?

Dual enrollment students' coursework is recorded on a Patrick Henry Community College transcript. The student's earned grade at the completion of the course is representative of the student's semester-long work. When the student begins applying to colleges, he/she simply requests a college transcript to be sent to the designated institutions.

What are the advantages of dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment allows students to get a head start on their college career at NO COST to the student. Students are PHCC students who are welcome to use the facilities on campus, including the Writing Center, Math Lab, Slim Gym, Lester Library; and on-line services, like SmartThinking tutoring program that is available 24/7. Students can also explore possible career fields by enrolling in career and technical dual enrollment courses on PHCC's main campus.

Who can enroll in dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment coursework is restricted to high school juniors and seniors. To determine eligibility, students must submit an Application for Admission to Patrick Henry Community College. Once the application is submitted, the student will complete the Virginia Placement Test (VPT) for English and Math. Students must meet college readiness requirements before they can enroll in any dual enrollment course. Requirements vary by course.

If you have questions regarding dual enrollment, please contact one of the following individuals:

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