



# Queen Creek High School

Queen Creek Unified School District

Dual Enrollment  
Advanced Placement  
Concurrent Enrollment

# What are my options to earn college credit?

## **Dual Enrollment**

Dual enrollment students earn a college grade and credit while attending their high school classes. The grade the student earns for the high school course is the grade that will show on their college transcript. (Chandler Gilbert Community College or Grand Canyon University)

## **AP (Advanced Placement)**

AP (Advanced Placement) Students in AP classes can receive college credit based on the score they earn on the AP exam. Colleges can vary on what score is necessary for them to accept the exam for credit.

## **Concurrent Enrollment (ACE Program)**

Concurrent Enrollment students take classes at the community college in addition to their high school classes. (Chandler Gilbert Community College)

# Benefits of Dual Enrollment

- Students receive high school and college credit in their classes
- Taught by high school instructors who are college certified
- No textbook cost for students
- Tuition is approximately 1/3 the cost of state universities
- Credits transfer to most colleges and universities
- Courses enhance critical thinking skills and students are better prepared for college
- Students must pass an Accuplacer entrance test to qualify to take a Dual Enrollment class
- Need-based tuition assistance available
- You receive Honors/Weighted credit for high school

# Benefits of Advanced Placement (AP)

- It is cheaper to take an AP Exam rather than pay college tuition
- You can earn college credit with the appropriate AP score
- AP courses make you stand out on college applications
- AP classes develop college level skills
- You receive Honors/Weighted credit in high school
- Taught by AP trained teachers
- You do not have to test in or be an Honors student to take AP courses

# Concurrent Enrollment (Ace Program)

The Achieving a College Education Program (ACE) is a nationally recognized program that targets first generation and financially disadvantaged students in attaining a baccalaureate degree. Upon graduation from high school an ACE student may earn up to 24 transferable college credits.

- Is designed to help students make a smooth transition from high school through the community colleges on to a university and completion of a bachelor's degree.
- Recruits high school students in their sophomore year to participate in the program in their high school junior and senior years.
- ACE students are enrolled in concurrent college courses as high school juniors and seniors
- Students attend college classes during the summer and on Saturdays during the fall and spring semesters
- Students can earn up to 24 college credits by the time they graduate from high school

# Which program is right for my son or daughter?

## Advanced Placement

- You test well under pressure.
- You are good at memorizing and recalling information over a long period of time.
- You prefer small class sizes that spend time analyzing, interpreting, and discussing.
- You prefer to study, research, read, and write on your own time.
- You are ready for college level study and study of college level materials.
- The college you choose does not accept community college credits.

## Dual Enrollment

- You are a diligent and hard working student that may not test well.
- You are in classes where students are focused on furthering their education.
- You prefer to spread your college cost out over time.
- You are interested in trying to earn a 2-year degree at the same time you are in high school.
- You prefer to be in charge of your grade that will appear on your college transcript.
- You are going to a University that accepts Community College Credit.