



Advanced Academic Studies

Tyler Independent School District

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	International Baccalaureate	Advanced Placement	Dual Credit
What's available?	<p>Grades 6-8: Middle Years Programme (MYP) at Hogg (authorized) and Hubbard (candidate)</p> <p>Grades 9-10: PreIB at R.E. Lee</p> <p>Grades 11-12: Diploma Programme (DP) at R.E. Lee</p>	<p>Grades 6-8: Pre-AP at all TISD middle schools</p> <p>Grades 9-10: Pre-AP at both TISD high schools</p> <p>Grades 11-12: AP at both high TISD schools</p>	<p>Grades 11-12: Dual credit classes at both TISD high schools</p>
How are the programs alike?	All three advanced programs offer rigorous courses. All provide preparation for college coursework with the potential of earning college credit.		
How are the programs different?	IB programs are ideal for college-bound students who wish to pursue advanced academic coursework in every subject every year.	AP classes are ideal for students who excel in one or more subjects and wish to pursue advanced coursework with the option of participating in multiple electives.	Dual credit courses are actual college courses taken on a high school campus. Dual credit allows students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously.
Can I earn college credit?	IB students who successfully complete a series of IB exams, assessments, and CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) requirements can earn an IB diploma which guarantees a minimum of 24 college credit hours in Texas.	AP students may take AP exams at the end of each AP course. Students may earn college credit for each exam passed. Credit hours granted may vary by university policy.	Students who earn a passing grade in a dual credit course automatically receive college credit for the course.
How do I get into this program?	Students must apply and be accepted into the MYP / PreIB/ DP programs.	Students select PreAP and AP courses on their choice sheets. Classes are open to all interested, self-motivated students.	Dual credit students preregister at their high school and with the college. Students must meet college entrance standards. 2200 on ELA/ Math/3 on Writing TAKS
What advantages does this program offer?	Since IB students participate in advanced coursework in every subject class rank may be	AP provides student choice for advanced courses in areas of strength. Students have	Dual credit is the only option which is guaranteed to provide college credit if a student



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	positively impacted. IB graduates leave with a solid foundation in all academic areas and have many scholarship opportunities.	more options in pursuing interests such as sports, fine arts and other extracurricular activities while still participating in advanced coursework.	passes the class. In the other programs, a student may pass the class but cannot earn college credit unless an outside exam is taken and passed.
What are the disadvantages to this program?	PreIB and DP classes are challenging and require summer work and hours of homework each night. Due to the requirements of IB, schedules are preset, so students may have to make difficult choices about electives. Students must document participation in CAS hours.	PreAP and AP courses are challenging and require summer work and hours of homework each night. Because AP students may select to take fewer advanced courses than their IB peers, their class rank may be affected. The only way to offset that is to take a full schedule of advanced courses.	Dual credit courses are challenging and require students to complete homework outside of class. Dual credit courses can be expensive (see cost information below). If a student fails a dual credit course, the failing grade goes on the permanent college transcript.
Do I need to start the program in 6th grade?	The earlier students begin participating in advanced course work, the better. However, it is possible to join MYP or PreIB at any grade level if a student has the appropriate prerequisite courses. Students should visit with their counselor.	The earlier students begin participating in advanced coursework, the better because students become accustomed to rigor and high expectations. However, students may decide to take an AP or PreAP course at any point in their education.	Students cannot participate in dual credit classes until their junior year. However, both PreAP and PreIB classes are appropriate preparation for dual credit college coursework.
What does the program cost?	Students are responsible for their IB exam fees at the end of their junior and senior years.	Students are responsible for their AP exam fees freshmen through senior years.	Students are responsible for paying tuition and textbooks. Tuition is quite reasonable when compared with traditional college tuition.