



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Principals and Counselors

FROM: Jeremy Eltz, Indiana Department of Education

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SUBJECT: Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Courses

The Indiana Department of Education would like to remind schools about the appropriate use of Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses. Awarding credit for both an AP and dual credit course is not permitted. Advanced Placement refers to the courses and corresponding exams offered in high school by the College Board. While AP courses are rigorous, they do not fit into the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's definition of dual credit, as AP courses are not offered by a college and do not automatically result in college credit. The same is true for International Baccalaureate (IB) courses. For more information about IB programs in Indiana, <http://www.doe.in.gov/ib>.

Effective in 2011, students who earn(ed) a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam shall receive college credit toward their degree at all Indiana public institutions of higher education; this includes all two-year and four-year schools. Indiana public postsecondary institutions may require a score higher than 3 to award credit for a course that is part of a student's major, but the student must still receive credit that counts toward his/her overall degree requirements. Indiana public postsecondary institutions have determined how each AP course and exam score will distribute within and outside of major fields. Information is available on the TransferIN website: www.transferin.net/ap.aspx

If taught strictly using the high school AP curriculum, an AP course does not result in dual credit. The IDOE position is that if agreements are made to offer a dual credit/AP hybrid in a high school (that is, some students take the course for AP credit and some in the same section take it for dual credit), both the public postsecondary institution and the high school have a responsibility to make sure that the students are advised about the potential outcomes related to obtaining either college credit for their AP exam score or dual credit, and whether these credits will be equivalent. In addition, for state reporting purposes, the course can only be reported as AP or dual credit and must also be transcribed as one or the other.

For more information about each program please refer to the following websites:

Advanced Placement <http://www.doe.in.gov/ap>

Dual Credit <http://www.doe.in.gov/ccr/dual-credit>