



An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program[®], Advanced College Project (ACP), and Dual Credit

Western Boone Jr/Sr High School

Our Philosophy

Western Boone is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work plays an important role in that success.



Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP, ACP, or Dual Credit, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner/graduate sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Our AP[®] Courses

- **Arts:** Art History, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Microeconomics, World History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB
- **Sciences:** Biology

AP[®] at WEBO

- 226 exams taken last year.
- WEBO is an AP Honor Roll School (3rd consecutive year)
 - Increased number of students participating AND increased percentage of students passing (3 or higher)
 - One of 425 school districts nationwide (One of 13 in Indiana)

AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

**Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007*

AP[®]: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

**2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*

AP[®] Helps Students Graduate on Time & Save Money

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.

- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$21,500** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board*, 2008

***The College Board*, Trends in College Pricing 2011, Figure 1



AP[®] Exams

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2016 is \$92 per exam.
- Indiana typically pays the full exam fee for math and science exams (English pending for 2016).
- Assistance is available for students enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program.

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

AP[®] and our Higher Education Community

- In Indiana, public universities are required to award credit for scores of 3 or higher, but credits awarded vary by school.
 - Calculus AB
 - IUPUI
 - 3= 3 credits MATH M119
 - 4= 4 credits MATH16500
 - Purdue
 - 3= Math Elective
 - 4= 4 credits MA16500
 - Butler
 - 4= 5 credits Math 106
- IUPUI: \$267/credit hour (not including textbooks)
- Purdue: \$329/credit hour (not including textbooks)
- Butler: \$1500/credit hour (not including textbooks)

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	AP Courses at WEBO are on a 5 point scale. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

AP[®]: Start the Conversation

Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

What AP course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

Ask your counselor or teacher the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- AP Potential (part of your PSAT score report)
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

ACP & Dual Credit: The Basics

- ACP and Dual credit courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in introductory college courses
- Students are officially enrolled at a specific university and receive university credits in specific courses
- Some courses require students to meet minimum requirements to be eligible for dual credits (PSAT or Accuplacer scores)

Our ACP Courses—Indiana University

- **English:** English Language and Composition (3 IU credits W131), English Literature and Composition (3 IU credits L202)
- **Sciences:** Chemistry (5 IU credits C105)
- Cost is \$25/credit (waived for free/reduced lunch)
- Students are establishing a college transcript (grades are reflected in college GPA, etc)
- Treated as transfer credits to other universities

Dual Credit at WEBO—Ivy Tech, Vincennes

- **Science:** Anatomy/Physiology
 - **Math:** PreCalc/Trig, Calculus
 - **World Language:** Spanish 3H & Spanish 4
 - **PLTW:** Intro to Eng. Design, Princ. Of Engineering, Digital Electronics
 - **Tech Ed:** Intro to Manufacturing & Logistics
 - **Ag:** All but Intro to Ag are approved or pending
 - **Vocational:** Radio/TV and most off-site (see curriculum guide)
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- Cost is FREE
 - Students are establishing a college transcript (grades are reflected in college GPA, etc)
 - Treated as transfer credits to other universities (Receiving university determines how credits are counted toward degree requirements)