

Dual Credit Options Most Commonly Used in Washington

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| <p>Advanced Placement (AP)</p> | <p>AP courses are widely offered, and training consistency and standardized end of course tests ensure program integrity. Any school, public or private, can offer AP courses after meeting College Board’s implementation requirements. High school teachers are trained by College Board representatives in AP content and instruction, and nationally assessed end of course exams with a score of 3, 4 or 5 result in college credit. College Board, the parent organization of Advanced Placement, encourages open access to AP courses.</p> <p>Partners: College Board provides the teacher training and testing services for fee. OSPI is currently exploring the training and funding options to dually train CTE staff to offer Tech Prep and AP options for students.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP: http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jspf • OSPI: http://www.k12.wa.us/AdvancedPlacement/default.aspx |
| <p>College in the High School (CHS)</p> | <p>In CHS programs, college accredited courses are taught on the high school campus, usually by high school teaching staff, although college faculty or instructors may also teach at the high school. Course content and student eligibility requirements are established by the credit granting institution, and each college establishes the qualifications for high school staff teaching the college courses. Students pay tuition to the accrediting institution for credits earned, although most often at a reduced cost. A few CHS programs are flourishing in some regions of the state where higher education and school districts have developed strong, collaborative relationships.</p> <p>Partners: College in the High School must include a partnership between a high school and university or community college.</p> <p>For more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges: http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/_e-wkforcecollegeinhighschool.aspx • Contact local postsecondary institution |

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| International Baccalaureate (IB) | <p>The IB Diploma Programme is offered to students grades 10 through 12. Schools that pursue IB authorization must undertake a rigorous self-study at least two-and-a-half years prior to expected implementation to determine stakeholder commitment and resources available to sustain the program.</p> <p>Partners: The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) authorizes schools and provides testing services. All public and private high schools are eligible to apply for IB authorization.</p> <p>For more information: International Baccalaureate Organization: http://www.ibo.org/ OSPI: http://www.k12.wa.us/AdvancedPlacement/coordinatorinfo.aspx?printable=true</p> |
| Running Start | <p>Running Start students attend college classes on a college campus. Course grades are recorded as college credit on student transcripts. All community colleges must participate, and baccalaureate institutions may request authorization to participate from the State Legislature. All 11th and 12th grade students in all Washington high schools are eligible to apply and must be admitted to the PSE institution to participate. Running Start consistently serves 10-11% of eligible students.</p> <p>Partners: All community colleges and Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Northwest Indian College, The Evergreen State College, and Washington State University are authorized to offer Running Start.</p> <p>For more information: Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges: http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/e_hcollegeprogs.aspx OSPI: http://k12.wa.us/RunningStart/default.aspx</p> |
| Tech Prep | <p>Tech Prep programs offer higher education credit for career and technical education (CTE) courses taught by high school CTE instructors that work with local colleges to ensure that course are college-equivalent and credits earned are transferable throughout Washington’s community and technical college system. Courses focus on communication, math, science, and technology. Students attend CTE classes at their high schools or a regional skills center and can earn college credit for courses completed with a grade of “B” or higher.</p> <p>Partners: Twenty-two (22) consortia of community and technical colleges, high schools, and community and business partners coordinate course offerings, articulate program requirements, and establish course teacher qualifications.</p> <p>For more information: OSPI: http://k12.wa.us/CareerTechEd/default.aspx Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges: http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/College/_e-wkforcetechprep.aspx</p> |

