



Homeschooling
for
College Credit



WELCOME to the WORKSHOP

We will begin in a few minutes.
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WORKSHOP TODAY

Homeschooling for College Credit *in TEXAS*

(1) Jennifer Cook-DeRosa: *Get them in, get them out, and make it more affordable.*

(2) Sarah Bogle (TX Moderator): *The basics of Texas Core and dual enrollment*

(3) Drew Floyd-Pinion (TX Moderator): *Using CLEP for college credit while homeschooling in Texas*

(4) Andrea LaBass (TX Moderator): *Planning high school with college credit in Texas and the high school transcript*





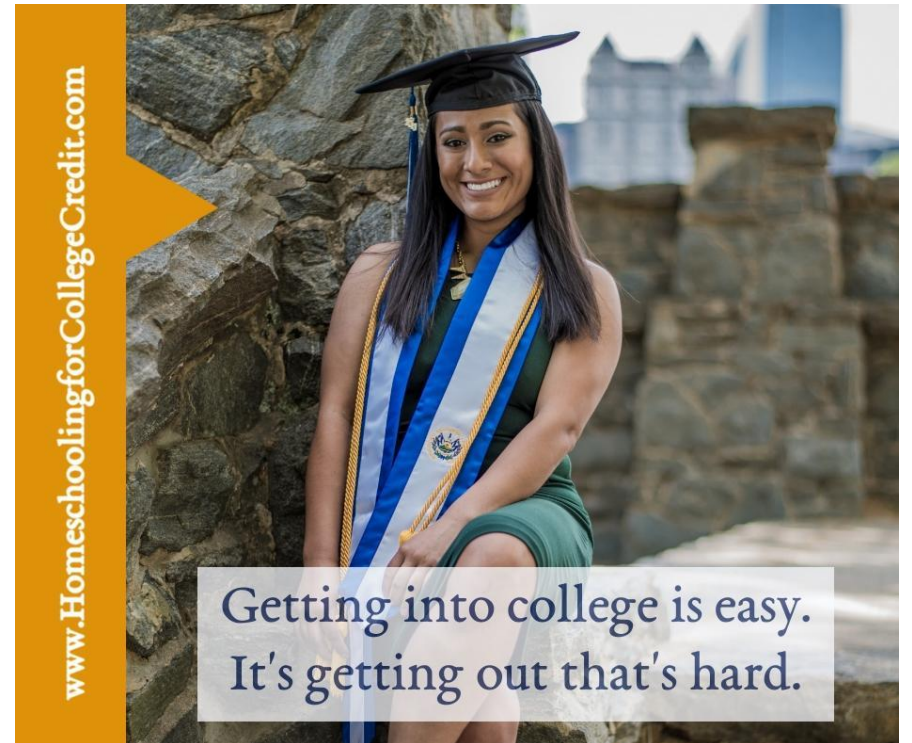
The Popular Goal:
Get IN to college

The Better Goal:
Get OUT of college



COLLEGE STATISTICS: It is HARD to graduate

- Community college graduation rate ~ 13%
- Average time to earn 4 year degree is ~ **6 years**
- About 1/2 of college students do not finish their degree
- Parents are the best guidance counselors for their teens.
- HS4CC brings the goal post closer.
- HS4CC allows proof of concept.
- HS4CC replaces expensive credits with affordable ones.

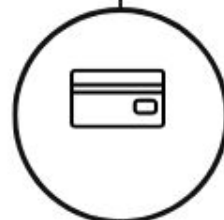


Remove barriers

Get them out of college



Reduced Cost | free tuition in HS



Reduce Debt | savings for 300/400



Reduced Time | 2-3 years vs 6



Parental Guidance | direction, support

2 PRIMARY WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

Credit by Exam



Courses



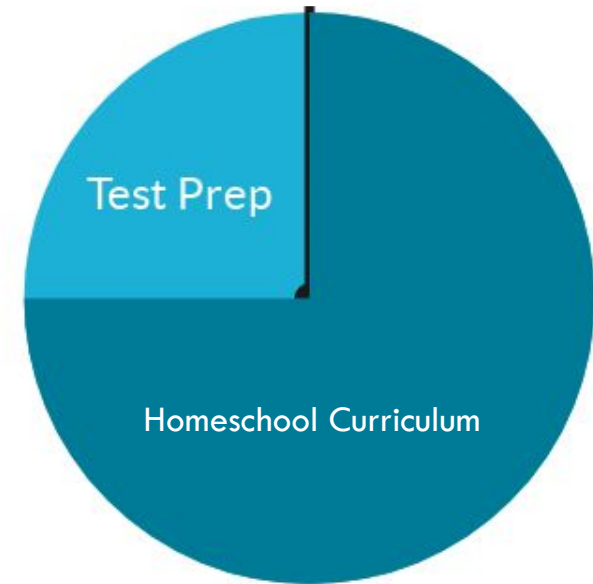
Credit by Exam

CLEP & AP

Independent homeschool learning followed by a standardized exam worth college credit.

Subjects Available

- College Algebra
- Literature
- Spanish
- Calculus
- French
- Pre-Calculus
- Government
- Economics
- History
- Psychology
- German



[HS4CC Credit by Exam List](#)


College Credit by Course

(COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, ONLINE, IN PERSON)



- Admissions requirements -varies
- Follows a calendar / self-paced
- Has a teacher
- Issues a grade / GPA
- Permanent record
- Worth more high school credit 3:1
- Price varies

[HS4CC.com Dual Enrollment List](https://www.hs4cc.com)



BEGINNER

0-9 college credits

Stage 1: Spark Stage

- Start at any age/grade!
- Highly motivated students can replace a high school class with a college-level version. (History, English, Math, Science, etc.)
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6 Stages of Progress for High School Students



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INTERMEDIATE

10-30 college credits

Stage 2: Resourceful High School Planning

- Replace any high school requirement or elective with low-cost college credit options they can easily conquer.
- Aim to meet high school graduation requirements if applicable.
- Aim to meet future college admissions requirements.
- Investigate credit acceptance policies of your target colleges.



ADVANCED

30+ college credits

Stage 3: Intentional Degree Planning

- Select a target college based on the desired major and occupation.
- If eligible to enroll for dual enrollment, take advantage of the college's advising team.
- Carefully select college credits to meet as many degree requirements as possible while still in high school. (preserve freshman status)



EXCEPTIONAL

60 college credits

Stage 4: Associate Degree

- Dual enrollment programs that offer associate degrees will offer degree completion advising.
- Non-enrolled students will not have access to college advising.
- Take maximum allowable advantage of low-cost alternative credits, free dual enrollment, low-cost dual enrollment, and free CLEP credit by exam.
- High school graduation may occur before, during, or after the degree at most colleges.



UNICORN

120 college credits

Stage 5: Bachelor's Degree

- Dual enrollment programs that offer bachelor's degrees will offer degree completion advising.
- Non-enrolled students will not have access to college advising.
- Be mindful of lower-level and upper-level credit distribution requirements.
- Some colleges will require high school graduation prior to enrollment.
- If preparing for graduate school, complete the prerequisites for the degree during the bachelor's degree.

What is the Texas Core Curriculum?

- **42 Credit core curriculum** for undergraduate students in Texas Public colleges and universities
- Facilitates the transfer of **lower level general education** courses between Texas public institutions.
- If the 42 credit hours of core curriculum are completed at a Texas Public college, the block of courses must be substituted in transfer to any other public Texas college or university for the receiving institution's core curriculum, and the student will not be required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving school. (TEA Rule 4.28(c) of Ch4-B)

Component Areas of the 42 Cr Texas Core Curriculum

Communication English Composition 1, 2, and sometimes Business & Technical Writing, & Speech	6 cr
Mathematics College Algebra, Trig, Calculus, etc..	3 cr
Life and Physical Sciences Biology, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, etc..	6 cr
Language, Philosophy, Culture Foreign Languages, Literature, Philosophy, Religion, Ethics, etc	3 cr
Creative Arts Art Appreciation, Art History, sometimes music, film, dance	3 cr
American History US History 1 and 2, Texas history, African History, Mexican American history, etc.	6 cr
Government/Political Science American Government and usually Texas Government	6 cr
Social / Behavioral Sciences Anthropology, criminal justice, micro/macroeconomics, Geography, World Civ, Psych/Sociology	3 cr
Component Area Option varies - examples: Speech, foreign languages, education, sometimes lab credits, PE	6 cr

Things to watch out for:

- **Watch out for requirements in the degree plan!** All Texas public colleges and universities must accept 42 hours of core curriculum courses from other public Texas colleges *as they apply to the degree plan*
 - Warning: Don't try to substitute Astronomy for Chemistry or business math for calculus - especially if they're prerequisites!
- Use in conjunction with the **TCCNS (Texas Common Course Numbering System)** to match course numbers for transfer <https://tccns.org/>
- If transferring without completing 42 Core curriculum courses, the receiving institution is SUPPOSED to accept each course as credit for the component area it satisfied at the sending school. *It could get picked apart and each course evaluated for acceptance at the receiving school.*

Completing **MORE** credit via Dual Credit

- Many colleges allow the student to take **more credit courses than just the Texas Core Curriculum**, which allows for BIG savings.
- Match **TCCNS or WECM** (for career/tech courses) numbers between the Colleges for better transferability.
- Watch for **maximum transfer credits AND max credits from a 2yr college** allowed at the RECEIVING college!
- **Concurrent enrollment vs dual credit** - some may restrict dual credit courses, particularly free credit, but still allow the student to pay for additional courses beyond concurrently.

How to get started?

Most Texas schools require a placement test like TSIA, or SAT/ACT/PSAT scores. Each school has their own requirements. The following info is specific to TSIA:

Usually requires a minimum of the Reading TSIA, some schools may require both: **Reading/Writing and Math.** The 3 TSI portions can usually be taken separately or as a group.

TSIA scores can be transferred from 1 school to another.

Look for at prerequisites in college course catalog!

College Ready in Reading, Reading & Writing, Math

Possible work around for TSIA requirements (check w/school!):

Passing English Comp 1 may satisfy the Writing TSIA requirement also. ie: **ASU's ENG 101**

Passing College Algebra may satisfy the Math TSIA requirement. ie: **ASU College Algebra**

<https://ea.asu.edu/partners/hs4cc/>

Free or Cheap Texas Dual Credit Options:

Colleges with Free Dual Credit options (not exhaustive):

- **Houston Community College** (also a Sophia partner - watch how that transfers to a 4yr college, though!) Free in-district; \$65/Course (not credit) out-of-district but in TX
- **Lone Star College** Free in-district; \$26/credit out-of-district but in TX
- **Dallas College** (formerly DCCCD) - Free for in-county students; \$59/cr in-state but out of district (optionally add \$20/cr to include books, supplies, lab kits, etc via the IncludedED program)
- **Alamo College District** Free in-district;
- **Austin Community College** Free in-district;

Check the **Files** section of the Texas Homeschooling for College Credit FaceBook Group for a user maintained list of dual credit options!

In-State 4 year options with Community College Rates:

Collin College - previously only a 2yr college, now offers two 4 year degrees at \$62/cr hr in-county; \$117/cr hr in-state:

- BSN Nursing
- BAT CyberSecurity

Midwestern State University -

- wide variety of degree options
- if transferring 18 cr hr from NCTC, you keep the tuition rate at MSU on transfer
- MSU dual credit: \$50/cr + \$100/course
- NCTC dual credit: \$132/cr hr w/fees

Helpful Texas Specific Links:

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

<http://board.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/TCC/>

College for All Texans:

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>

Texas Homeschooling for College Credit Facebook Group FILES section

- [Texas Dual Credit Spreadsheet](#)
- [Texas Core Wiki](#)
- [CLEP Syllabi](#) and Study Docs

Dual Credit Q&A

Q: Can we take ANY courses we want?

A: **Ask the school.** Some schools seem to have few restrictions, others allow only specific courses. Some 4yr colleges may not allow upper level courses via dual credit, while others may allow it. Ask!

Q: Will the receiving institution accept CLEP/AP/IB/DANTES for their core curriculum requirements if it's accepted as part of the completed core at the sending institution?

A: **Maybe, maybe not.** Check with both schools!

CLEP or AP in Texas (Credit by Exam)

- Not all CLEP/AP tests are accepted at all Texas colleges or universities.
- Just because a CLEP or AP test is accepted at a community college doesn't mean the 4-year college will accept it.
- Acceptance varies between colleges
 - For example: Stephen F. Austin will award CLEP credit for the Spanish CLEP but Texas A&M College Station does not

CLEP or AP in Texas (Credit by Exam)

- Always double check for CLEP or AP acceptance
 - Most colleges list their CLEP and AP acceptance on their websites
- If your student is flexible on where they want to go to school, then CLEP or AP may be a great option
- If your student is more set on which school they want to attend, then double check that college's Credit by Exam acceptance policy before starting your CLEP or AP tests

What does CLEP or AP look like on a transcript?

- Typically will show as a “CR” for the grade.
- Credit is given but it does not affect the GPA

Core Curriculum:				
010	ENGL	1301	A	Credit Fall 2021
010	ENGL	1302	A	Credit Wintermester&
020	MATH	2412	A	Credit Fall 2021
030	CHEM	1411	A	Credit Wintermester&
030	CHEM	1412	A	Credit Fall 2022
040	HIST	2311	CR	Credit Fall 2021
050	DRAM	2366	A	Credit Fall 2022
060	HIST	1301	CR	Credit Wintermester&
060	HIST	1302	CR	Credit Wintermester&
070	GOVT	2305	A	Credit Wintermester&
070	GOVT	2306	A	Credit Fall 2022
080	ECON	2301	A	Credit Fall 2021
090	MATH	2413	A	Credit Wintermester&
090	SPCH	1311	A	Credit Wintermester&
CORE CURRICULUM COMPLETED				
***** END OF TRANSCRIPT *****				

High School Planning

- What does a typical college-bound student take in high school?
- How does that fit with the 42 Credit Texas Core?
- How to plan if your student doesn't have a career or college chosen yet
- How to combine homeschool, dual credit, and CLEP/AP
- How to add it to a high school transcript

Typical College-Bound High School Plan

4 cr	English (composition and literature)
4 cr	Math
4 cr	Science
2 cr	Foreign Language
1 cr	Fine Arts
4 cr	Social Studies
.5 cr	Speech (+.5cr HS 101?)
1 cr	PE
~5 cr	Electives
26.5 cr	Total Credits to Graduate

- Each semester of a high school level course is usually .5 credit
- 4x4 basic gen eds are common plus foreign language, speech, PE, Art, etc
- Some public schools include a .5cr High School 101 course (this could be equiv to EDUC1300 Learning Frameworks college course, if required by the college)
- Average Public High School student earns 26-32 cr (26cr min for “distinguished” aka college-bound diploma)
- Elective quantity varies
- Don’t put EVERYTHING your student does on the transcript! You could short change them on dual credit, and they need activities for the college/scholarship apps!
- Next we match the high school reqs to the 42cr core!

Match HS Requirements to 42 Cr Core

	High School Requirements	College 42 Cr Texas Core (differs by college)	
4 cr	English (can optionally pick up Lit from CB040)	CB010 = Communication: ENGLISH/CRITICAL READING & WRITING REQUIRMENTS	6 cr
4 cr	Math (Algebra ½, Geometry, +1 higher)	CB020 = Mathematics: MATH/QUANTITATIVE REASONING REQUIREMENTS	3-4 cr
4 cr	Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, +1 more)	CB030 = Life and Physical Science: LAB SCIENCE	8 cr
2 cr	Foreign Language	CB040 = Language, Philosophy and Culture	3 cr
1 cr	Fine Arts	CB050 = Creative Arts	3 cr
2 cr	World History & Geography	could be CB040 or CB090 or just hs credit	
1 cr	US History (3cr)	CB060 = American History	6 cr
.5 cr	Government (.5r)	CB070 = Government/Political Science	6cr
.5 cr	Economics (.5cr)	CB080 = Social and Behavioral Sciences	3cr
.5 cr	Speech (+.5cr HS 101?)	CB090 = Component Area (4cr total): SPCH 1311 Speaking/Listening	3 cr
1 cr	PE	PHED 1164 Intro to Physical Fitness and Wellness	1 cr
~5 cr	Electives	-OR- 14xx Foreign Language	4 cr
~26	to graduate high school	Total for 42 Cr TX Core	42 cr

What if we don't know which college?

It's incredibly common for students not to know what career or college they will go to when you start planning for high school. Here are a couple suggestions:

1. Start with common general education courses and general degree plans for a nearby 2yr/4yr college - in-state college is usually the default
2. Will the student lean towards more of a science or math type career?
 - a. Yes? Work towards an AS degree plan (has more maths/sciences for electives)
 - b. No? Work towards an AA degree plan (restricts from certain maths/sciences for electives)
3. As they progress through high school, things often become clearer and you can refine your plan

What if we are using CLEP/AP?

Assuming you are using a combination of CLEP/AP and dual credit with high school courses:

- Find the CLEP/AP Equivalency list for the receiving institution
- What course will the exam replace at the college?
- Determine what Core Component Area will that course apply to (ie 010, 040, etc)
 - don't forget to check the final college for THEIR exam equivalencies!
- Teach the high school honors course at home, and provide grades accordingly
- Take the exam
- I prefer to send any ACE, CLEP/AP transcripts to the dual credit college at the end to prevent exams from blocking my student from the full amount of dual credit they can get.
- *Some schools might not allow the student to take a course if the exam or ACE course has already been taken.*

What course will the exam replace?

GPA. Students who meet the minimum passing standard on Computerized CLEP exams will be awarded "CR". The option for a letter grade is currently not available.

The following national tests are approved for credit-by-examination:

CLEP Computerized Test Subject Exams

(CLEP General Exams are NOT approved)

*See [Campus Testing Center](#) for test limitations for these computerized CLEP exams

Test Name	Minimum Score	Credits	Course(s)
Financial Accounting	50	3	ACCT 2301
Biology	50	6	BIOL 1406, 1407
Principles of Management	50	3	BMGT 1327
Introductory Business Law	50	3	BUSI 2301
Chemistry	50	6	CHEM 1411, 1412
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	ECON 2301
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	ECON 2302
English Literature	50	3	ENGL 2321
American Literature	50	3	ENGL 2326
French Language, Level I	50	8	FREN 1411, 1412
French Language, Level II	59	11	FREN 1411, 1412, 2311
German Language, Level I	50	8	GERM 1411, 1412
German Language, Level II	60	11	GERM 1411, 1412, 2311
*American Government	50	3	GOVT 2305

See if the course fits the core

Component Areas and CB Codes	Courses	Credit Hours Required
Communication (CB010)	Select EACH of the following: ENGL 1301 (A grade of "C" or better is required) ENGL 1302	6
Mathematics (CB020)	Select ONE of the following: (A grade of "C" or better is required.) MATH 1314 , 1316 , 1324 , 1325 , 1332 , 1342 , 1350 , 1414 , 1442 , 2412 , 2413 , 2414 *Note: If a student takes the four (4) credit hour mathematics course; three (3) of those hours will apply towards the mathematics requirement. The remaining one (1) credit hour from that mathematics course will be applied to the general elective requirement and does not count towards the 42-hour Core.	3-4*
Life and Physical Sciences (CB030)	Select TWO of the following: ANTH 2401 , BIOL 1406 , 1407 , 1408 , 1409 , 1411 , 2401 , 2402 , 2406 , 2416 , 2420 , 2421 CHEM 1405 , 1406 , 1407 , 1411 , 1412 , 2423 , 2425	

How much Dual Credit is allowed?

When planning high school, it's important to know HOW the amount of dual credit your student can take is determined. Examples:

WTAMU = only courses in the 42 credit core are allowed

Dallas College = courses must fit the high school plan and a degree plan or certificate. Once a student either hits 60 cr of dual credit OR fulfills all 26 credits of TEA defined high school credit, the student “graduates” from dual credit (booted out)

How to Count HS vs College Credit

- MANY homeschoolers will grant 1 credit for 1 college course
- Some grant .5cr per college course, as does many public schools
- The choice is YOURS in Texas

The average Texas public school student will graduate with 26-32 credits

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION:

Does your dual credit program use total high school credits for eligibility? Will granting 1cr vs .5cr REDUCE the amount of dual credit your student can take?!?

Using our previous examples, it would likely make NO difference at WTAMU, but at Dallas College, counting 1cr vs .5cr could cut eligible dual credit in half!

Courses on a Transcript

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT										
English						Social Studies				
	Yr	Grade	HS Credit	Status			Yr	Grade	HS Credit	Status
9th Grade English	9		1	IP		World History	9		1	IP
ENGL 1301 English Comp I*	11		1	P		HIST 1301 US History 1*	10		0.5	P
ENGL 2326 American Literature *	11		1	P		HIST 1302 US Hstory 2*	10		0.5	P
ENGL 1302 English Comp II*	12		1	P		GOVT 2305 American Gov*	11		0.5	P
						GOVT 2306 Texas Gov*	11		0.5	P
						ECON 2301 Microeconomics*	12		0.5	P
						Geography	12		0.5	P
Total: (Goal 4 HS cr)			4			Total: (Goal 1US, .5 Gov, .5 Econ, 1 World)			4	
Math						Science				
	Yr	Grade	HS Credit	Status			Yr	Grade	HS Credit	Status
Algebra 1	9		1	IP		Conceptual Physics	9		1	IP
Geometry	10		1	P		Chemistry	10		1	P
Algebra 2	11		1	P		BIOL 1408 Biology w/Lab*	11		1	P
MATH 1332 Contemporary Math (Non-Sci)*	12		1	P		GEOL 1401 Earth Science w/Lab*	12		1	P
Total: (Goal: 3-4 HS cr)			4			Total: (Goal: 4 Science)			4	
Foreign Language						Others				
	Yr	Grade	HS Credit	Status			Yr	Grade	HS Credit	Status
Spanish 1	9		1	IP		ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation*	9		1	P
Spanish 2	10		1	P		SPCH 1311 Intro to Speech*	10		0.5	P
						PHED 1164 (PE)*	11		1	P



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THANK YOU!

Time for questions