



eStem High School AP & Concurrent Credit Introduction 2021-2022

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eHS AP Program Overview

Advanced Placement (AP) courses at eStem Public Charter High School (eHS) are **extremely rigorous** and the **equivalent to a college-level course**.

They are intended for students who have demonstrated both the **highest level of academic achievement** and **commitment to hard work**.

Taking an AP course and exam is a **collaborative effort** between the **student, parent/guardian, teacher, and school**. Each party plays a role and must make the commitment to meet the expectations noted in this presentation for **success**.



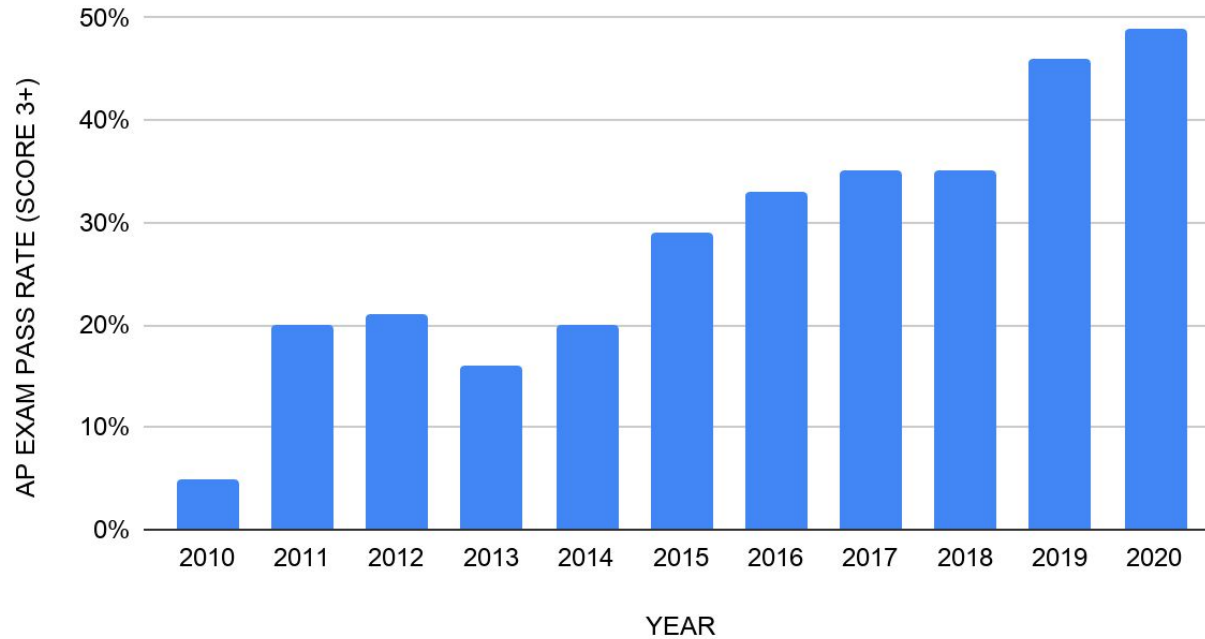
eHS AP Program Overview

- ▶ **Currently offer 17 AP Courses**
- ▶ Follow AP Curriculum set by CollegeBoard
 - ▷ Courses are modeled on a comparable introductory college course in the subject.
- ▶ Each course culminates in a standardized college-level assessment, or AP Exam.
- ▶ **AP Exams are given in May each year.**
 - ▷ *Must take AP Exam to earn weighted credit*
 - ▷ 3 or better earns college credit**

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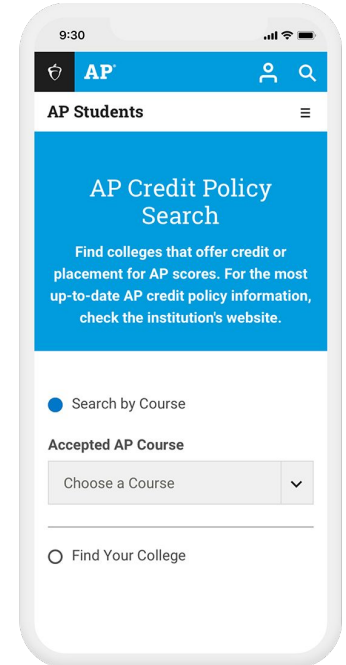
eStem High AP Exams Pass Rate (3+)



Benefits of AP Program



- ▶ Build college-level skills and confidence.
- ▶ Stand out on college applications.
- ▶ Earn college credit and/or skip introductory courses in college.**
- ▶ [Click here to learn more.](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies)



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Biggest Factors for AP Student Success

- ▶ Student-led communication & motivation
- ▶ Grit & growth mindset
- ▶ Time Management
 - ▷ Do all assigned work & be present
- ▶ Prerequisite knowledge
- ▶ [Subject-specific tips for success from current students & teachers](#)





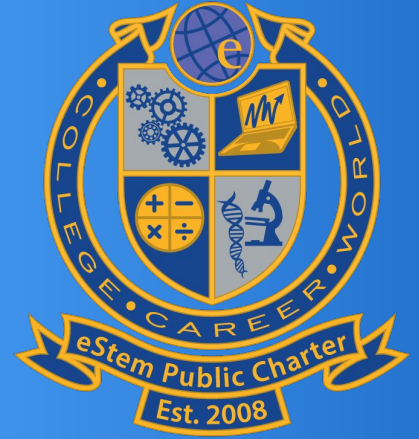
AP Program Expectations

Agreement Must Be Signed by Guardian & Student Yearly

- ▶ The student will **register for each enrolled AP course on My AP** by the announced deadline.
- ▶ The student agrees to **organize his/her time and effort** to successfully complete the AP course in which he/she is enrolled.
- ▶ The student will **notify teachers immediately** if he/she falls behind in class readings and/or assignments.
- ▶ The student will be expected to complete assignments, readings and projects **outside of class time**.
- ▶ The student will **take the AP Exam** on its scheduled date and time as outlined by the CollegeBoard.
- ▶ If the student **does not take the AP Exam, they will forfeit their weighted course credit**, which may have an impact on their cumulative GPA & class rank.
- ▶ The parent/guardian agrees to be familiar with and accept the AP course requirements and policies, and to **help his/her child organize study time** in support of class assignments.
- ▶ The parent/guardian agrees to **purchase required materials**. If the parent/guardian is **unable to meet these requirements for financial reasons**, they will **contact the AP Coordinator** immediately.
- ▶ The school (AP Teacher and AP Coordinator) agrees to provide **rigorous instruction and challenging course content** as described in the AP Course Description.
- ▶ The school will provide the student with a copy of the AP Exam Terms & Conditions and agrees to administer the **AP Exam in a fair and secure environment** as outlined in the AP Coordinator's Manual.
- ▶ CollegeBoard charges a **fee for each unused or canceled AP Exam**, and the **student/family is responsible for paying this amount in full to eHS if the student unenrolls from an AP course or misses an AP Exam**.

AP Course Descriptions

[Click here to view](#)



AP Program Questions?

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Concurrent Credit Information





Overview of Concurrent Credit

Concurrent credit (CC) refers to the **credit hours earned when a high school student takes a course that simultaneously counts for both high school and college credit.**

These courses are taken on a high school campus and taught by a high school teacher who has a master's degree in the content area or at least 18 graduate hours in the content area.

eHS **co-seats AP and Concurrent Credit courses** and partners with UA-Little Rock for students to earn college credit.

Concurrent Credit Roles & Responsibilities



Counseling Team

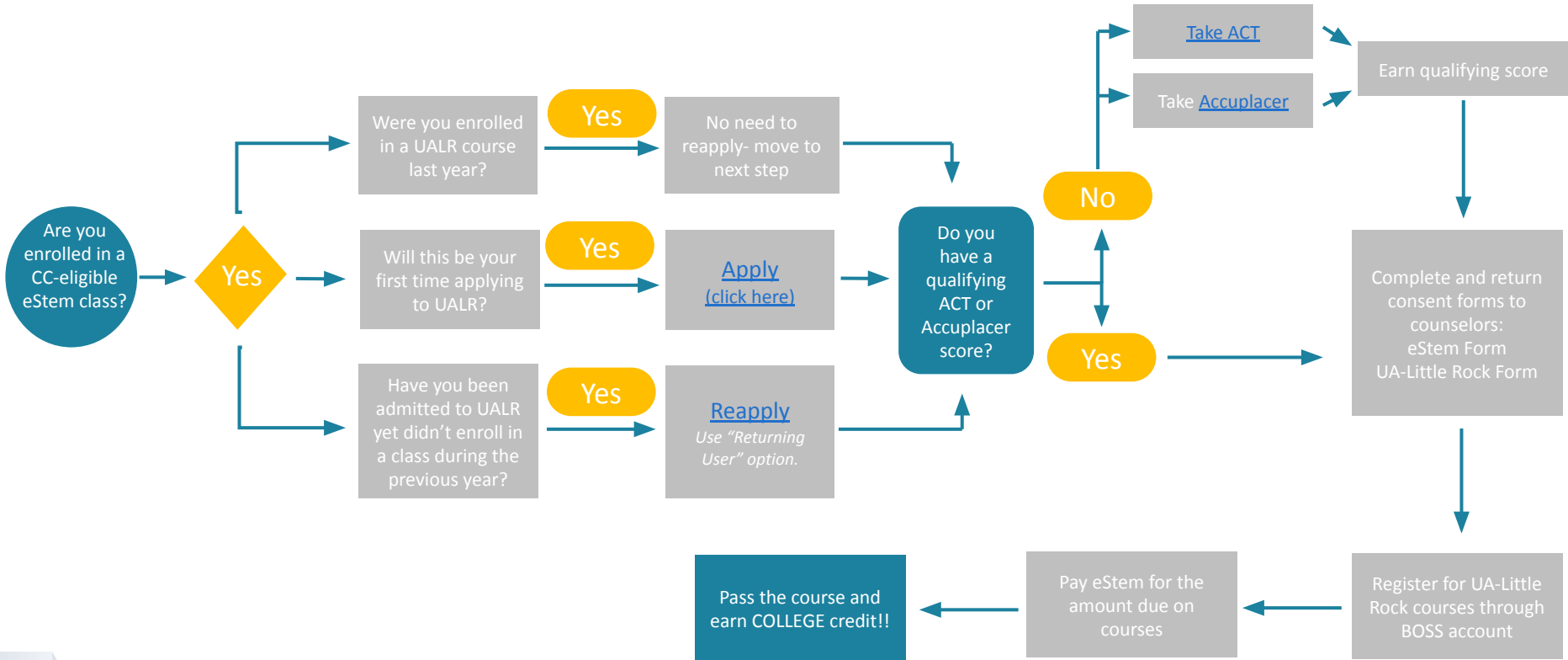
- ▶ Publish information about concurrent credit on website
- ▶ Collect all consent forms
- ▶ Offer assistance during Office Hours for registration
- ▶ Send transcripts to colleges

Students & Parents

- ▶ Apply to UA-Little Rock*
- ▶ **Register to take ACT or Accuplacer and track scores***
- ▶ Complete and turn in consent forms
- ▶ Register for classes by deadline
- ▶ Pay for classes by deadline
- ▶ Request college transcripts after completion of courses

**May begin process now if planning to take CC course in the fall*

Process to Earn Concurrent Credit at UA-Little Rock





Concurrent Credit Process

The counseling team is happy to consult with parents and students throughout the CC process. We will **host informational sessions with more details once final deadlines are set by UALR at the beginning of the school year**. Support will also be available during designated office hours for course registration.

*Please note that counselors are unable to readily access students' college enrollment status and Accuplacer test scores. Students who wish to pursue concurrent credit are encouraged to keep track of their own test scores, remember important dates, and register themselves for courses. This **empowering experience is valuable as practice for students to be college, career, and world ready** beyond eHS!*

Current eHS CC Courses

Subject to change



Before beginning the CC process, students should double-check their eHS schedule on HAC to make sure that they are enrolled in at least one CC-eligible course.

An email to all eligible families will be sent out in July with details & deadlines.

eStem CC-Eligible Courses	UA-Little Rock Course-Fall Semester	UA-Little Rock Course-Spring Semester
Pre-Calculus	College Algebra	College Trigonometry
AP Calculus AB	College Calculus I (all year course)	
AP Calculus BC	College Calculus II (all year course)	
AP World History	History of Civilization I	History of Civilization II
AP U.S. History	U.S. History to 1877	U.S. History since 1877
AP Language	Composition I	Composition II
AP Literature	Intro to Literature	World Literature

Concurrent Credit Contacts



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PSAT & National Merit Scholarship Program

Optional for 10th & 11th graders

Please check our Weekly Newsletter in May to learn more &/or register to take the 2021 PSAT/NMSQT.

Deadline to Register: August 10, 2021

Contact meghan.thompson@estemschools.org
with any questions

When: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Who: Recommended for students with:

- 3.5 Cumulative GPA
- Ready or Exceeding in ALL Subject Areas on Aspire OR Cumulative ACT Score of 21 or higher
- A or B in all Core Subjects

How: The test fee is \$18.

Fee waivers are available for 2021-2022 11th grade students eligible for free/reduced lunch only. No Fee Waivers are allowed for 10th graders, per CollegeBoard policy.



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