

1. What is the difference between AP and IB English?

This is probably the most frequently asked question we get in English. Both options are weighted courses that offer college-level curriculum and the opportunity to earn college credit during high school, and both courses also show colleges that your student has challenged themselves in high school.

For more detailed information on the specific AP and IB courses offered in English and how they compare to each other, please see the **CHS English Dept. AP vs IB chart**. If you use that chart in conjunction with the **CHS English Course Sequence** document, you can also compare which AP and IB courses are offered for dual enrollment credit through Chandler Gilbert Community College.

2. Should I have my student do dual enrollment or should my student take the AP / IB test to earn college credit?

This is a personal decision that comes down to what works best with your particular student's strengths and their willingness to put in the additional study hours that help students be successful on an AP or IB Exam.

With dual enrollment, a student is guaranteed the college credit for that class as long as they earn a C or better. Not all dual enrollment courses transfer to out-of-state colleges, and how they transfer to in-state colleges also differs, so that is another factor to research to help you make an informed decision.

With AP and IB Exams, students must achieve a certain score on the test to earn credit. While the teachers of these courses prepare students for the corresponding exams in the curriculum of the classes, students still need to be willing to do a certain degree of additional studying to ensure they perform well enough to earn credit. Again, you can consult the **CHS English Course Sequence** document for a snapshot of how AP and IB tests transfer to one in-state college.

The website <https://aztransfer.com/> is an amazing resource for quickly seeing how AP and IB courses transfer to in-state universities and how dual enrollment credit hours transfer to in-state universities. For out of state colleges, students must look up the individual requirements at each school to know if and how their dual enrollment and / or exams may transfer.

3. Which English classes are offered for dual enrollment?

Currently, the courses we offer for dual enrollment credit are AP Literature and Composition 11, AP Literature and Composition 12, IB English 11 and 12 (two year course requirement), and English 12. Please see the **CHS English Course Sequence** document for more information on what the college credit equivalent is for each course.

Dual enrollment courses offered through Chandler Gilbert Community College are subject to qualified teacher availability, so this information is also subject to change. Additionally, if a student wishes to take a course for dual enrollment, upon registration they need to make sure they are with the particular instructor that is qualified to teach dual enrollment.

4. How many years of English does my student need?

Students are required to take English all four years.

5. What is the difference between honors English and the on-level equivalent?

While many of the texts under study will be similar in both the on-level and honors classroom, pacing and depth of analysis will vary greatly between the two courses. Students in an honors class should expect to learn in a faster paced environment, often requiring them to expand their thinking and understanding of presented topics. In an honors class, learning will occasionally extend beyond the classroom and will require additional work/reading outside of class.

6. What books will my student be reading this year?

When planning their curriculum, teachers use a list of texts approved by the district for each grade level.

Per district guidelines, teachers will teach one extended text from the appropriate reserved list for their grade level per semester. Additionally, teachers are expected to teach one unit from the District and Board approved textbook per quarter. The textbooks contained a wide range of full length texts as well as shorter pieces and excerpts that represent a wide variety of perspectives.

Per the district course catalog, AP and IB courses use a college-level reading list, which is available from the instructor upon request. AP and dual enrollment courses are college-level courses, and some reading selections may contain mature subject matter.