

Welcome to AP, CTAE, DE Information Night



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Introductions

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Purpose

Receive information to make an informed decision for your students' registration of courses for the 2026 – 2027 school year.



What are Advanced Placement Courses?

College level courses that you take in high school

AP courses are modeled after comparable college courses, covering deep understanding, analytical thinking, and problem solving.

At the end of the course, students take a standardized exam to assess knowledge and skills learned.

Exams are scored on a scale from 1 to 5. Most colleges offer credit for AP Exams scores of 3 or higher.

Students receive 5 quality points to their grade. Courses boost student's GPA.



WRHS AP Courses & Exam Cost

We offer 21 AP courses at the school.

For students in the gifted program, the expectation is for students to progress into AP courses.

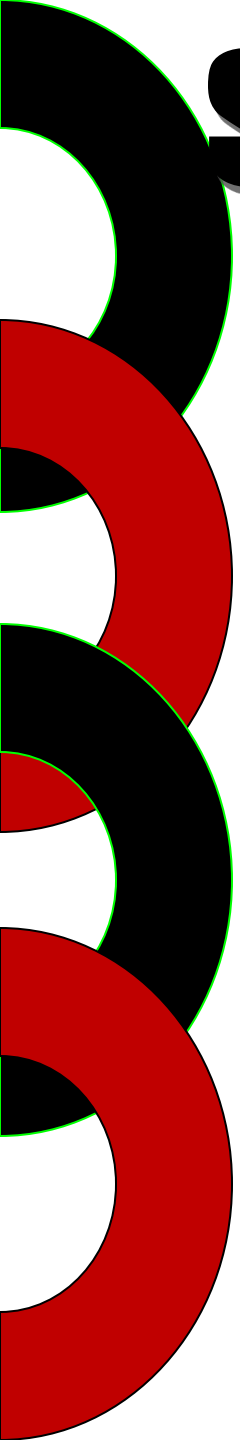
AP exams are currently paid for by the Houston County Board of Education.



Advanced Placement Exam Grading

The AP grade scale ranges from 1 to 5:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Meaning</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | Extremely well qualified |
| 4 | Well qualified |
| 3 | Qualified |
| 2 | Possibly qualified |
| 1 | No recommendation |



Strengths of the AP Program

Louis Leskosky

Lead Gifted Teacher



Reasons why you should take Advanced Placement courses:

Earn college credit for qualifying scores

- *Graduate early
- *Study abroad
- *Earn more than one degree

Provide an intellectual challenge and learn skills that will benefit student at college

- *Time Management & Study Skills
- *Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- *Writing & Collaboration
- *Collaboration & Research Skills

Stand out to Colleges, Universities, and Scholarship Programs



What are Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses?

Dual Enrollment in Georgia is a state-funded program allowing eligible high school students (grades 10-12) to take college-level courses, earning both high school and college credit simultaneously.

It covers tuition, mandatory fees, and books for approved, core, or technical courses.

Classes can be taken at participating institutions, online, or here at the high school.

It is generally open to 11th and 12th graders; 10th graders may participate if they meet specific criteria.

DE allows students to have a head start on college, explore career paths, and potentially graduate early from high school and college.



Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses

Must speak with your counselor to see if courses fit your graduation plan.

You can take DE courses at most GA colleges

- Central GA Technical College (CGTC)
- Georgia Military College (GMC)
- Middle GA State University (MGA)

DE registration materials must be finalized by May 8th for Summer and Fall 2026 and December 11th for Spring 2027. Students must make an appointment with their school counselor to complete dual enrollment checklist.

Students must contain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of 2.0 GPA or higher to receive funding.



Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses in Core Areas

English (CGTC)

Seniors – DE Advanced Comp. and DE Literature Types

Math (CGTC)

Seniors – DE College Algebra

Social Studies (CGTC & MGA)

Juniors – DE US History

Seniors – DE Economics, DE Psychology or DE Sociology



Benefits of the DE Program

Shelley Holmes

***Assistant Principal
for Instruction***



Benefits of the Dual Enrollment Program

DE allows students to have a head start on college, explore career paths, and potentially graduate early from high school and college.

The state covers tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks, allowing students to start college for free.

**STUDENTS MUST BE SELF-MOTIVATED
AND HAVE STRONG WORK ETHIC!**



Advanced Placement versus Dual Enrollment

Coursework

DE: Designed by the college offering the course.

AP: Designed by the College Board. It is the same course across the world.

Structure & Setting:

DE: College professors, in-person or online. Abide by college policies.

AP: High school teachers in a high school setting. High School policies apply.



What are Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses?

CTAE classes in Georgia high schools provide students with hands-on training for careers, offering 130+ pathways across 17 career clusters, including IT, healthcare, engineering, and agriculture. They offer academic, technical, and real world knowledge, and employability skills in a variety of career fields.

These courses fulfill the Georgia graduation requirement and prepare students for college, technical school, and the work force.

Students take a series of classes in a pathway (3 years) and can earn industry recognized certification upon passing the End of Pathway Assessment.

Many of the classes are dual enrollment courses offering high school and college credit simultaneously.



WRHS CTAE Courses

We offer 10 CTAE pathways and Work Based Learning.

Work Based Learning is a partnership with schools, students, and businesses. Senior students can earn hands-on work experience and obtain professional and employability skills during the school day.

Additional Career Tech classes are available at Houston College and Career Academy.



Benefits of the CTAE Program

Robert Walker

***Assistant Principal
& CTAE Supervisor***



High Demand Jobs 2026-2027

Healthcare: Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse, Dental Hygienist, Physical Therapist/Assistant, Medical Assistant, Speech-Language Pathologist

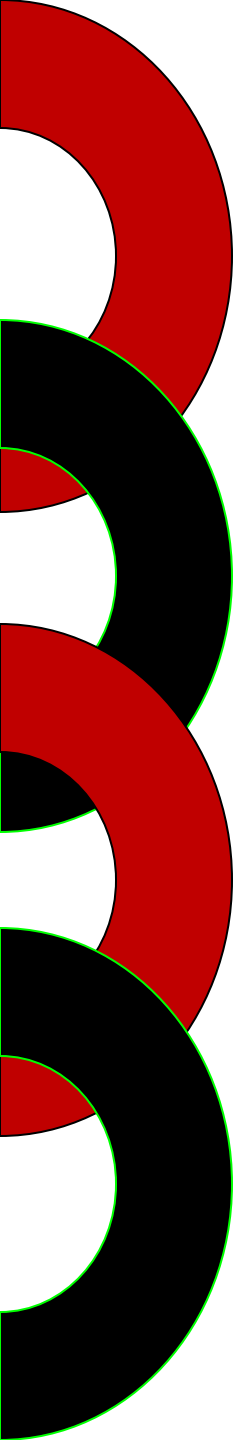
Technology/IT: Information Security Analyst, Data Scientist, Software Developer, AI/Machine Learning Specialist, Web Developer, IT Manager

Skilled Trades: Electrician, HVAC Mechanic, Carpenter, Industrial Machinery Mechanic, Manufacturing Production Worker

Logistics/Trans: Aircraft Mechanic/Service Technician, Over-the-Road Truck Driver, Delivery Person, Logistics Specialist

Professional/Admin: Business Analyst, Financial Manager, Market Research Analyst, Human Resources Specialist

Service/Education: Preschool Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Restaurant Manager, Caregiver



Explanation of Breakout Sessions & Parent Survey