

## Concurrent Enrollment College in the Schools and Advanced Placement (AP) Information

In today's global economy, students must be well prepared for the demands of college and the workplace. Adrian Public School District #511 provides support to assist students as they transition from middle school to high school and into an increasingly wide array of postsecondary options. Each of the options is described below.

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**Concurrent Enrollment** Adrian Public Schools partners with Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall to offers the following college credit courses to our high school students here. Students who successfully complete these courses generate both high school and college credit from the partnering postsecondary institution.

Concurrent Enrollment Courses offered at AHS

- College Math 135 – Pre--Calculus
- College Literature 120
- College English 151
- Essentials of Speaking and Listening 110 – College Speech
- Introduction to Education 101
- Introduction to Growth and Development 251 (pending approval)
- Intermediate Spanish I 201 (pending approval)
- Intermediate Spanish II 202 (pending approval)

There is no cost to the student to participate in these courses, but there are entrance requirements. These courses provide high school students advanced skills today and greater flexibility when they enter the university setting full-time. That may include pursuing second majors and internships or studying abroad.

Concurrent Enrollment (the following information is from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education website at: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1633>)

Concurrent Enrollment allows juniors and seniors to take free college-level courses at their high school through partnerships between high schools and local colleges and universities.

**Concurrent Enrollment classes are a good deal because:**

- Students may earn both high school and college credit. This can save you time and money when you actually get to college.
- The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect.
- You take college-level courses in your high school. This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls.

**Who is eligible to participate?**

You must be a high school student, but your school may require a certain academic standing or GPA before you are allowed to participate. Check with your counselor's office or school district.

**Who teaches the course?**

The class is taught by regular high school teachers.

**Where is the class taught?**

The class is held at your high school just like the rest of your classes.

**How much does it cost?**

There is no cost to the student.

**How do I earn college credit?**

You earn credit based on your academic performance during the duration of the course as you would with any high school class.

**Do all colleges and universities accept these credits?**

Acceptance and transfer of credits varies by college, but many do accept credits earned through the program. Others colleges may choose to award advanced placement instead. This allows you to take upper-level courses without taking the introductory, prerequisite courses. Some will allow you to earn both credit and placement. If you're interested in a specific college, be sure to ask admissions about their policy.

**Advanced Placement (AP)** AP is a College Board program that offers high school students the opportunity to take rigorous, college-level courses and earn college credit while in high school. The content in AP courses is structured like college courses. Students who complete an AP course and take the end-of-course examination may qualify for college credit from postsecondary institutions, provided their score meets the institution's credit policy. These courses help prepare students for further education and many colleges look favorably on transcripts that include AP coursework. Adrian Public Schools offers the following Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

AP Course offered at AHS:

- ❑ AP Psychology (tentative)

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You take college-level courses in your high school. This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls. Check if your high school offers AP courses.

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You must be a high school student, but your school may require a certain academic standing or GPA before you are allowed to participate. Check with your counselor's office or school district.

**Who teaches the course?**

The class is taught by a regular high school teacher.

**Where is the class taught?**

The class is held at your high school just like the rest of your classes.

**How much does it cost?**

The exam is free for qualified Minnesota students who demonstrate financial need; all other students pay \$22--30 per exam.

**How do I earn college credit?**

You must take a fee-based exam, which is graded on a five-point scale. Many colleges award credit for scores of 3 or higher, but some require scores of at least 4.

You may take an AP exam without taking a designated AP course, however, most students take the corresponding course before the exam.

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**College--Level Examination Program (CLEP)** The College--Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a College Board program that allows students to accelerate their education by earning college credit by taking a computer--based test of their knowledge. Learning can be done through general academic instruction, independent study, extracurricular work or volunteerism. The time and money saved can be significant. Check with the postsecondary institution of your choice for their most recent CLEP credit policy. Visit the College Board website for more information.