

College in High School (CHS) and Advanced Placement (AP): A Comparison

	College in High School	Advanced Placement
Description	CHS is a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh and regional high schools allowing students the opportunity to earn both high school class credit and college credit, all within a high school course. CHS courses generate University of Pittsburgh credits recognized by colleges and universities across the country.	AP is a program that offers college-level curriculum and examinations; the examination scores receive placement or course credit at colleges and universities.
Program Validation	CHS courses are equivalent to their counterparts taught on campus. Faculty members from the University of Pittsburgh's Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences review and approve the credentials of CHS teachers and oversee the curriculum, delivery, and grading of CHS courses.	College faculty and AP teachers develop curriculum, set syllabus requirements, and write/review exam questions. School administrators and teachers are approved through an AP Course Audit. Exams are scored by professors and AP teachers using college-level standards.
Credit Earned	University of Pittsburgh credit on an official transcript.	
Credit Transfer	The vast majority of colleges and universities give transfer credit for grades of C or better . In 2013, 87.5% of CHS students earned at least this minimum score. Students should contact the college or university of interest to find out whether credits from CHS will transfer and how they will be applied to their proposed program of study.	College credit can be awarded if students take the AP exams and earn a score of 4 or 5 . In rare instances, credit is given for a score of 3. In 2013, 34.2% of AP exam takers scored a 4 or 5.* Individual programs within colleges may not accept AP transfer credits.
Assessment Method & Grading	Students are evaluated through several examinations and/or assignments throughout the year . The University grade is determined by the standards of the academic department; the high school grade is determined by the policies of the high school. These grades may be different.	Student scores are based on one examination .
Student Cost	\$225.00 for all courses except for Chemistry (\$300).	Cost is \$92.00 for each exam.
Teacher Support	CHS provides development opportunities through required yearly meetings with faculty and other teachers. CHS teachers can also attend free workshops through the University's Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education (CIDDE).	Teachers are encouraged to attend workshops and conferences, and offered training, consultants, text reviews, and other resources online.

AP and College in High School can be offered simultaneously in the same classroom. Students are offered participation in either program or both.