

# Dual Enrollment/Credit Programs in Washington State

The following programs help teens acquire useful college-level skills and earn college credit while still in high school.

Program	Description	Location	Advantage	Student Responsibilities	Student Costs
<b>TECH PREP</b> (2+2 or 2+2+2)	A program enabling students to remain in high school and begin a vocational/technical program that leads to a two-year degree or certificate program.	High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in high school</li> <li>Prepare for vocational/technical career</li> <li>Earn both high school and college credit</li> <li>College credit at little or no cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enroll in Tech Prep designated class at the high school</li> <li>Earn a “B” or better in the course</li> </ul>	Fees vary by college – minimal to no cost to student.
<b>Running Start</b>	A program that allows qualified high school juniors and seniors to attend college classes and earn both high school and college credit at the same time.	College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerated class</li> <li>Earn both high school and college credit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine transferability of college credits</li> <li>Ensure credits apply to high school graduation requirements</li> <li>Must meet application/registration deadlines</li> </ul>	Tuition waived, student pays lab fees, textbooks and transportation.
<b>College in the High School</b>	A program that allows qualified high school students to take college-level courses within their school and earn both high school and college credit.	High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in high school</li> <li>Accelerated class</li> <li>Earn both high school and college credit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet college course standards</li> </ul>	Variety of fees, including tuition and textbooks.
<b>Advanced Placement</b>	Identified courses that prepare high school students to take advanced placement tests, allowing advanced placement and/or credit at the postsecondary level.	High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in high school</li> <li>Accelerated class</li> <li>Advanced placement and/or college credit granted based on test score</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for testing</li> <li>Meet high academic standard</li> </ul>	Test fee
<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	Internationally recognized program which offers college credit for students completing a standardized curriculum and culminating exam.	High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in high school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain high degree of scholarship</li> <li>Apply for testing</li> </ul>	Test fee
<b>Early College High School</b>	Gates funded initiative that offers a ninth-twelfth grade accelerated learning experience for under prepared students.	High School or College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to earn a high school diploma and Associated degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined locally</li> </ul>	Varies