



Getting an Early Start on Postsecondary Education

EARLY POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES IN TENNESSEE

| | AP Advanced Placement | CIE Cambridge | CLEP College Level Exam Program | DE Dual Enrollment | IB International Baccalaureate | LDC Local Dual Credit | SDC Statewide Dual Credit |
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| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College-level high school courses offered in multiple subjects Nationally recognized exams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school academic programs (curricula, assessments, pedagogy) Internationally recognized exams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exams offered in multiple subjects Nationally recognized exams used to assess college-level knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postsecondary course taught at the PS institution, high school, or online HS student is enrolled in the PS institution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academically challenging course of study offered at the high school level Internationally recognized exams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school course aligned to standards at local/partner PS institution Optional exam for credit at local institution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school course aligned to statewide PS standards Required challenge exam for PS credit at Tennessee institutions |
| Structure | Course and Exam | Course and Exam | Exam | Course | Course and Exam | Course and Exam | Course and Exam |
| Provider | The College Board | Cambridge International Examinations | The College Board | Individual TN PS institutions | International Baccalaureate Organization | Individual TN PS institutions | Tennessee Department of Education |
| Student Fees & Assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Fees College Board and state assistance for low income students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Fees State assistance for low income students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Fees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course tuition, fees, books Dual Enrollment Grant (Lottery Scholarships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Fees State assistance for low income students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Fees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost to student |
| High School Credit & Graduation Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP courses meet specific graduation requirements and/or elective credit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge courses meet specific graduation requirements and/or elective credit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLEP is not a course. It does not meet high school graduation requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District sets policy on awarding high school credit and graduation requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IB courses meet specific graduation requirements and/or elective credit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDC course fulfills the same requirements as aligned high school course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDC course fulfills the same requirements as aligned high school course |
| High School Recognition State Policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria for Graduation with State Distinction Qualifies for state GPA weighting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria for Graduation with State Distinction Qualifies for state GPA weighting | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria for Graduation with State Distinction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria for Graduation with State Distinction Qualifies for state GPA weighting | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifies for state GPA weighting |
| Postsecondary Credit Determinant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Exam score | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge AS or A Level subject grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLEP Exam Score | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DE Course Completion Passing Grade as assigned by PS instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IB SL or HL Exam Scores | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge exam score at or above cut score | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge exam score at or above cut score |
| Postsecondary Credit Award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined by individual institutions Awarded upon matriculation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined by individual institutions Awarded upon matriculation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined by individual institutions Awarded upon matriculation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit awarded on PS transcript upon course completion Credit can be transferred to other PS institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined by individual institutions Awarded upon matriculation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must enroll with a partner institution to receive credit Awarded upon matriculation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit accepted at all TN public PS institutions Students notify registrar upon matriculation to receive credit |