

Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences
College in High School
CHS and Advanced Placement (AP): A Comparison

| | College in High School | Advanced Placement |
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| Description | CHS is a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh and partner 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 world. | AP is a program that offers college-level curriculum and examinations; AP examination scores can be awarded 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 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 college transcript. | |
| Credit Transfer | The vast majority of colleges and universities give transfer credit for grades of C or better . In 2019, 89.5% of CHS students earned at least this minimum score. Students contact the college or university of interest to find out how credits from Pitt 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 . Sometimes credit is given for a score of 3. In 2019, 35.5% of AP exam takers scored a 4 or 5.* Students contact the college or university of interest to find out how scores impact their proposed program of study. |
| 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 | \$75 per credit. CHS offers 1-credit, 3-credit, and 4-credit courses. There is an additional \$48 lab fee for Chemistry. | Cost is \$97 for each exam. |
| Teacher Support | CHS provides development opportunities through regular contact with Pitt faculty and required yearly meetings with Pitt faculty and other teachers. Teachers have access to free workshops through the University Center for Teaching and Learning. | Teachers are encouraged to attend workshops and conferences, and offered training, consultants, text reviews, and other resources online. |

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

*research.collegeboard.org/programs/ap/data/archived/ap-2019