Crowley Independent School District offers several venues for students to take classes for early college credit. Online opportunities also allow students to earn credit for either High School, College, or both.

Interested students should discuss these options with their high school Counselor or Academic Coordinator.



# Why should I consider taking one of these courses?

Courses such as Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and those offered Online can be an important aspect of your high school career. Each of these types of courses provide a rigorous and meaningful foundation for success in college. Some even allow you to accelerate your college education by providing transferrable college credits.

# Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, Online Classes



#### High Schools:

 Crowley HS
 817-297-5810

 Crowley HS 9th Grade
 817-297-5845

 Academic Coordinator: Mike Mundt
 817-297-5810 x 1028

 North Crowley HS
 817-263-1250

 North Crowley 9th Grade
 817-297-5896

 Academic Coordinator: Ken Kershaw
 817-263-1250 x 1149

For more information, please contact the Counselor's or Academic Coordinator's office at your campus or Tralissa Griffin at Crowley ISO Administration.

#### **Advanced Placement**

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses enable high school students to participate in college -level courses while still in high school.
   Courses are taught by high school teachers for high school credit.
- The Advanced Placement curriculum is outlined and approved by the College Board.
   Each course reflects the appropriate college -level material required for success on the College Board AP Exam given in the spring.
- Grades for AP courses are given by the teacher. Because students are working on a college level, AP courses are "weighted" in CISD and students receive additional points toward their GPA, not report card grade.
- In all cases, students must take an AP exam to receive college credit/advancement. The credit/advancement received is based on scores earned. Students should discuss AP exams and scores with admission counselors at their college of choice.
- AP courses are free, but each AP exam has a cost. See the counseling office for more information.

#### **Dual Credit**

- Dual credit courses are college courses taken by high school students in which credit is received for high school graduation and for college at the <u>same time</u>. Courses are taught by college instructors.
- Typically, courses are open to students in grades 11 and 12 who are in good academic standing, having earned at least 17 credits and an overall grade average of 80 or better.
- Students are taught and graded the same as college students who take the same course.
   CISD students earn weighted credit toward their GPA for courses taken on a college-level.
- The college or university offering the class awards the credit after a student successfully completes the course. Most courses will transfer to any public college or university in Texas when a student earns a "C" or better.
- Students will pay the regular college tuition and all fees, including the Accuplacer test, required for enrollment in college courses. Students will also purchase their own textbooks for these college courses.

# Online or Web-based Courses

Online courses are offered through various avenues in the district. The student's high school counselor will be able to discuss options for taking online courses.

### Compass Learning Odyssey

Compass Learning Odyssey is a collection of webbased courses offered in Crowley ISD. The courses in this program are based upon the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in the core subject areas of English, math, science and social studies.

## Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN)

The Texas Virtual School Network provides high school courses to students across the state of Texas. These courses are taught online by teachers in many other districts. The costs of these courses vary but do not exceed \$400. More information may be found at http://txvsn.org.

#### StateU Network

StateU network is a collaboration of Texas universities that include Lamar and University of Texas at Arlington. This network offers online dual credit courses through TxVSN.