

Pathways to Postsecondary:

Maximize Skills Attained in High School

1:1 Articulation

- Partnership between 1 secondary and 1 postsecondary institution
- An individual agreement is needed for each program
- Awarded credits are based on each agreement
- Credit can only be earned and awarded at the named institutions
- Postsecondary indicates the equivalent courses and credit hours

Program of Study (SOAR)

- Not a course; set of competencies that equate to college coursework
- Students must:
 - Earn a high school diploma
 - Complete approved POS with 2.5+ GPA
 - Demonstrate proficiency on all competencies
 - Score competent or advanced on end of program assessment
- Colleges who accept POS credit are limited to those who have signed statewide agreement
- Credit does not have grade attached to it
- Credit is valid for 3 years after graduation
- Credit does not transfer to bachelor degrees in most states
- www.education.pa.gov/programsofstudy
- www.collegetransfer.net

Advanced Placement

- Courses are equivalent to first-year college course work
- Taught during regular school day by HS teacher
- Credit earned through score on end-of-course exam
- Exams cost \$94 each (\$32 fee reduction for eligible students)
- Majority of coursework is core academics
- College decides how/if score counts towards degree
- <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://www.pct.edu/students/registrar/advanced-placement-scoring-chart>

Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

- Several models
- Actual college course (not equivalent)
- Credit earned through course grade
- Costs vary
- Students' earned grade is included in college GPA
- Credit typically valid for 10 years
- Variety of curricular areas
- May be transferable (subject to receiving institution's policies)
- <http://www.nacep.org/> (best practice)
- <https://www.pct.edu/k12/penncollegenow>



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