

Ways to Earn College Credits at RVHS

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River Valley High School offers numerous courses which can result in college credit or advanced standing at many universities, colleges and/or technical colleges. With the cost of postsecondary education escalating, these courses are excellent opportunities for students to take advantages of financial savings.

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are classes taught with a curriculum that is nationally recognized and audited on an annual basis. At the end of the course, students can take the nationally-normed test and if they score a 3 or better (scale of 1-5) on the test, they will be granted advanced standing or credits for their score. Standing and credits vary at the discretion of each university/college.

River Valley AP Courses	
AP Biology	AP Environmental Science
AP Calculus	AP Music Theory
AP Chemistry	AP Statistics
AP English Language & Composition	AP US History
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Studio Art: 2D-Design
AP Precalculus	AP Physics

Cost: No cost to take the classes, optional AP exam is roughly \$99 per exam.

Advantage: Students enter college with readily transferrable college credits.

Transcripted Credit or Dual Credit

Technical college curriculum is taught to high school students. Transcripted or dual credit courses are taught by a certified technical college instructor or a high school instructor who holds a current DPI license in a related area and has been granted articulation certification. Students earn both high school credit and technical college credit simultaneously. Technical college grading policies and standards established are followed. Courses require specific grades to earn transcripted credit.

Cost: No cost to the student, but fees may be associated with certain classes.

Advantage: Students enter a program with earned technical college credits which are transferrable to an equivalent technical college program or potential university.

River Valley Transcripted Credit Courses (Technical Colleges)		
<i>RVHS Course:</i>	<i>College Awarding Credit:</i>	<i>Credits Possible:</i>
Animal Health & Nutrition	Southwest Tech	1
Crop & Soil Science	Southwest Tech	1
Horticulture	Southwest Tech	3
Speech	Madison College	3
Accounting II	Madison College	4
Basic Gas Metal Arc Welding	Madison College	2
Basic Shielded Metal Arc Welding	Madison College	2
Introduction to Biotechnology	Madison College	2