

Frequently Asked Questions

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# RRPS Philosophy

RRPS believes that students should have the opportunity to pursue a diverse and personalized education that involves rigor and connecting to college success. Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and articulated credit courses are the avenues available in RRPS. The goal is to effectively prepare students for post secondary success in a supportive and effective blend of courses that will engage students and ensure their readiness for college. Through providing a variety of opportunities for students to earn college credit while still in high school, we are giving them the tools that will open post secondary avenues, guide them towards a college degree or certificate program, and potentially remove some of the financial barriers related to post secondary education. These opportunities contribute to student college readiness and are a component of high school graduation.

## Eligibility for Advanced Placement

Students are encouraged to participate in available Pre AP classes in preparation for AP classes and to take all courses that prepare them for the AP courses. However, there are no restrictive policies and all students are encouraged to consider AP courses in order to be college ready.

## Eligibility for Dual and Articulated Classes

- Enrolled in an RRPS high school for at least one-half or more of the day
- Completion of 7 HS credits / completion of grade 9 requirements at another high school
- Consult with and gain approval of your high school guidance counselor, student's parent or guardian approval, and approval by post secondary institution
- Meet all post secondary institution enrollment requirements
- Complete the ACCUPLACER or appropriate post secondary placement exam
- Have an approved 5 year plan in place which specifically directs your course selection

**Students must successfully complete at least one credit of either an Advanced Placement class, dual credit class, or an online/distance learning class to meet New Mexico graduation requirements.**

# Definitions

## What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement Program, commonly called AP, is a national program organized by the College Board that offers college level courses taught by high school teachers in high school. The College Board develops and maintains nationally recognized college level courses in 37 subject areas, supports teachers of AP courses through professional development, supports universities as they define their policies regarding AP grades, and develops and coordinates the administration of annual AP examinations. At the end of the course, students may take a national exam. As of 2008, exams cost \$85 each, though the cost may be subsidized by local or state programs. Students are scored on a numeric scale of 1 to 5. These scores are used by most colleges and universities to exempt students from introductory coursework if they demonstrate mastery through an AP exam. Each college's policy is different but most accept scores of 4 or 5, and some may accept scores of 2-3. Many universities use AP as a criteria for which they evaluate admissions to the university. Each university or college and often individual departments set the acceptance criteria and number of credits granted for the AP exam score. Students and parents should consult universities for individual AP acceptance policies.

## What is Dual Credit?

Dual Credit allows high school students to enroll in college courses offered by a public postsecondary educational institution. The courses are developed and monitored by the post secondary institution and curriculum and course materials are prescribed by the post secondary institution. The student must be enrolled as a student at the post secondary institution and meet the criteria to be enrolled at that institution. Courses must be academic or career technical courses and must be agreed upon by RRPS and the post secondary institution in order to count towards a graduation requirement. Students must pay for course specific fees and for arranging transportation to the site of the dual credit course. Upon successful completion of the course the student will be assigned appropriate credit (depending upon number of hours for the course) and the student may request a transcript to receive RRPS elective credit.

## What is Articulated Credit?

Articulated courses are courses that have been aligned to a comparable CNM course and taught by an RRPS district Highly Qualified teacher on one of our campuses. It is taught during the school day and the RRPS student taking the course has the opportunity to earn RRPS elective credit while "banking" CNM credit. This course must be specifically aligned with a CNM course and meet all the standards of the CNM course. In order for the credit to appear on the CNM transcript, the RRPS student must apply for admission to CNM within 15 months of high school graduation and if they have successfully completed the course (B- or better) they may have the "banked" credit applied to a CNM transcript. This credit will be recorded as a "transfer credit" on the CNM transcript.

# Courses Offered

## RRPS/CNM Articulated Courses Offered

Accounting I	Accounting I 111
Business Computer Apps.	IT 1010
Fund. Of Marketing	BA 2222/BA 1101
Small Business Mgt.	
Pro-Start I-III	Culinary I 102
Computer Science C++I	CIS 1275
Computer Science Visual Basic	CIS 1284
Computer Science: JAVA	CIS 2235
PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing	PC 2005
PLTW Digital Electronics	ELEC 1001 & 1015
A+ Computer Troubleshooting & Repair	ELEC 2020
A+ Computer Troubleshooting & Repair II	ELEC 2025
CADesign	CAD 1001
Landscape Design & Water Management	LAND 2096
Families & Children I & II	ECME 1104
Digital Media Film	Film 1010

## Current Advanced Placement Courses Offered

- AP English Literature and Composition
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- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Government and Politics
- AP European History
- AP US History
- AP Art History
- AP World History
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB/BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Psychology
- AP Computer Science
- AP Music Theory
- AP Spanish
- AP Studio Art
- AP Human Geography