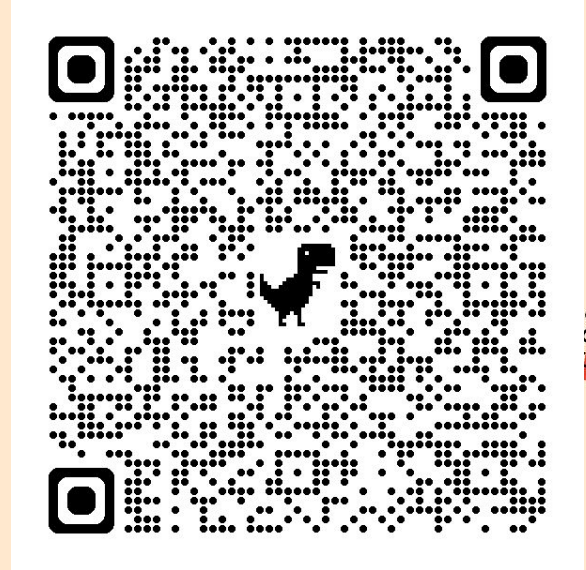


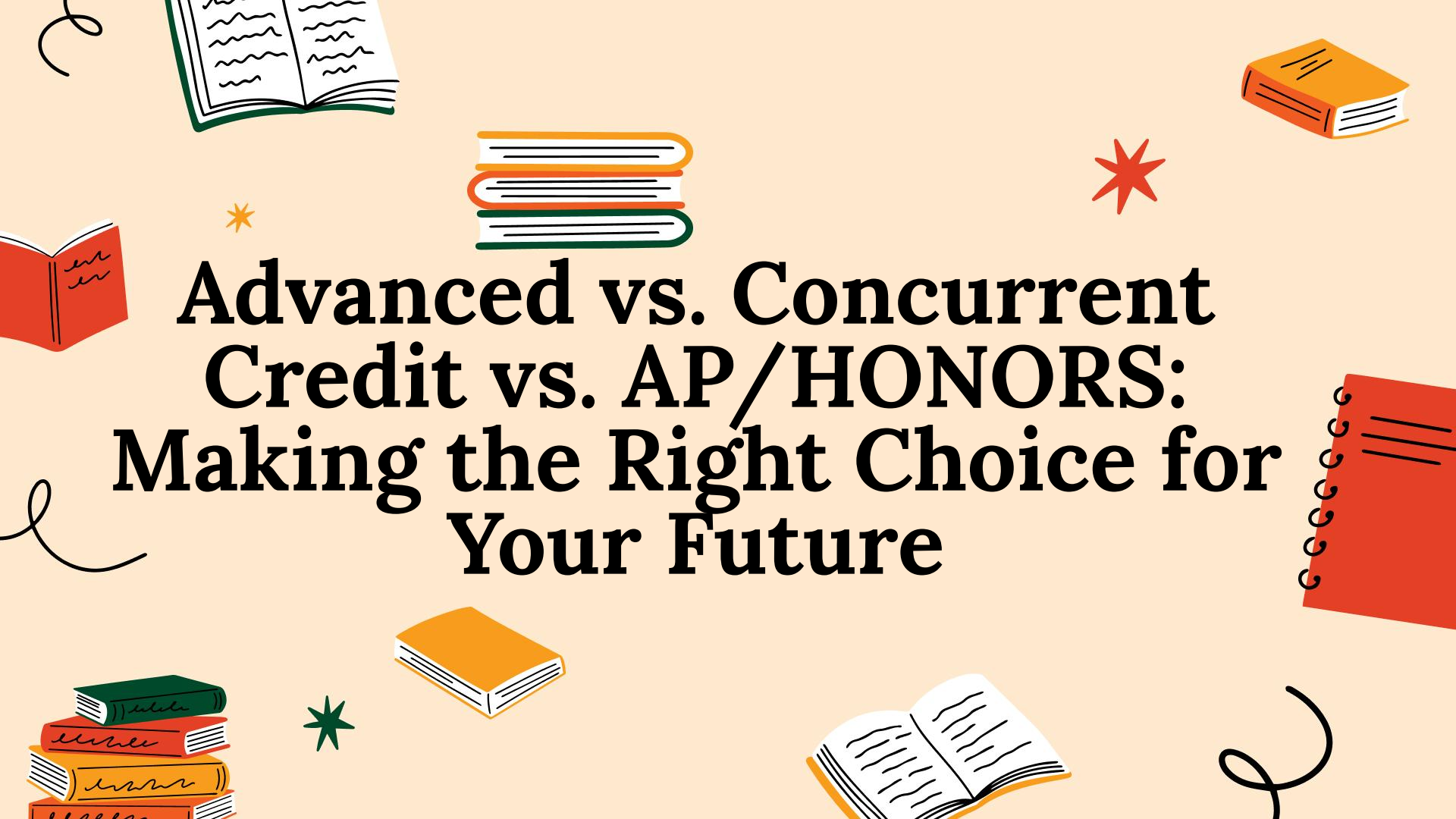
GT PARENT NIGHT

**Navigating
Scholarships, Helpful
Websites for Seniors,
Cost of Colleges,
Transferring Credits**



Jennifer Powers

GT Seminar I & Concurrent Credit English Teacher

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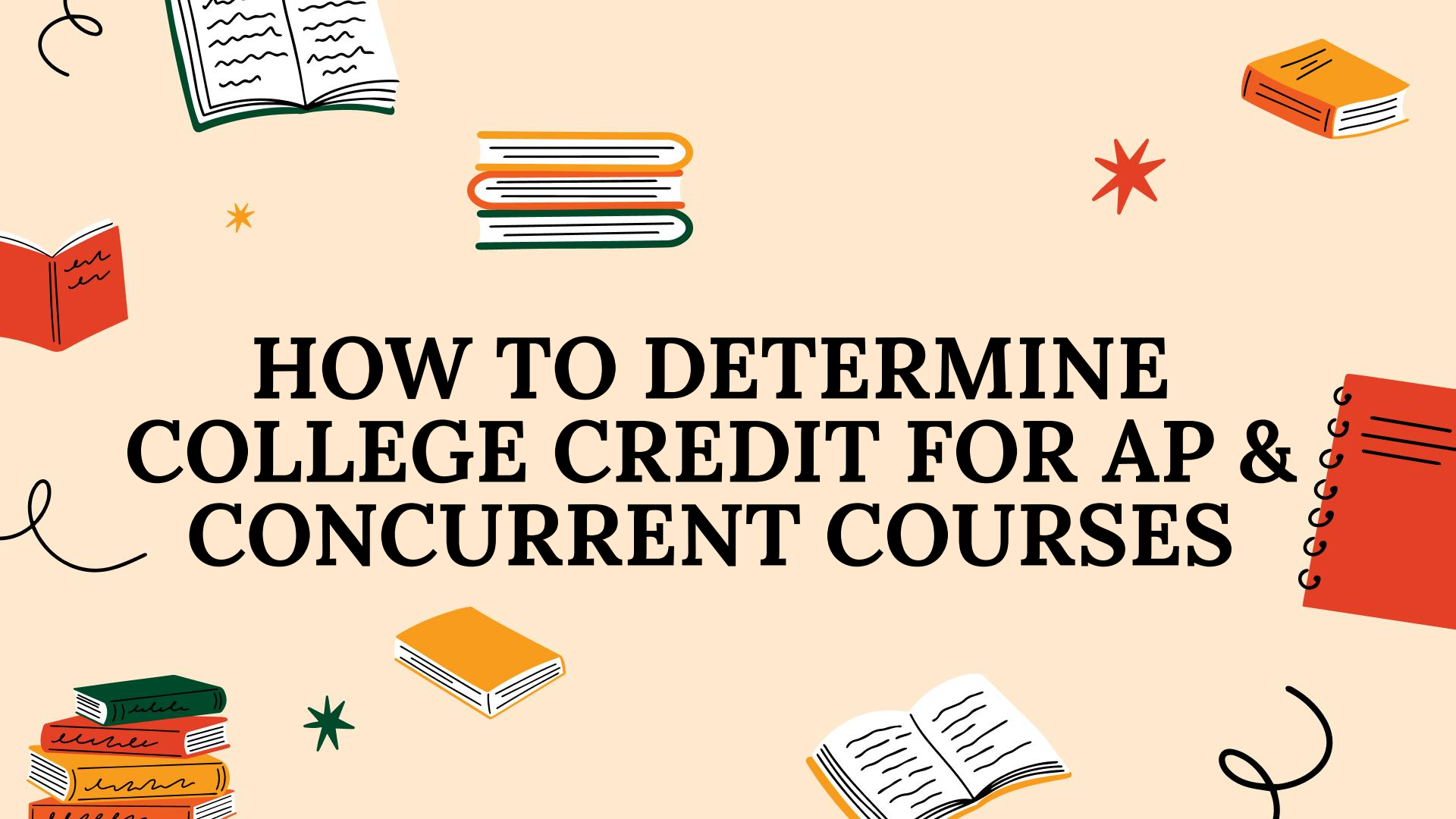
Advanced vs. Concurrent Credit vs. AP/HONORS: Making the Right Choice for Your Future

Advanced vs. Concurrent vs. AP/Honors

	ADVANCED	CONCURRENT (COLLEGE)	AP/HONORS (formerly Pre-AP)
COST	Free	Free 	Free - class & test
WEIGHTED CREDIT (5.0)	No	Yes	Yes, if you take the exam in the spring
RIGOR	Rigorous - dependent on the district, class, and teacher	College-level rigor - The same classes have the same rigor	College-level rigor - national standards
TRANSFER CREDITS	No	Guaranteed to transfer to <u>public</u> institutions in <u>Arkansas</u> ; courses <i>usually</i> transfer to other colleges but are not guaranteed	It depends - Each college has its own policy. Frequently, colleges will accept an AP exam score of 3 or above for a one semester class.
LOCATION	High school campus	High school campus (unless taking an online class instead of concurrent - Students can do both.)	High school campus
TEACHER TRAINING	No special training	Teachers must have a master's degree in their field.	In Arkansas, AP training for each course taught is required every 5 years
METHOD OF INSTRUCTION	Face-to-face	Face-to-face and/or online; Usually use an LMS like Canvas	Face-to-face

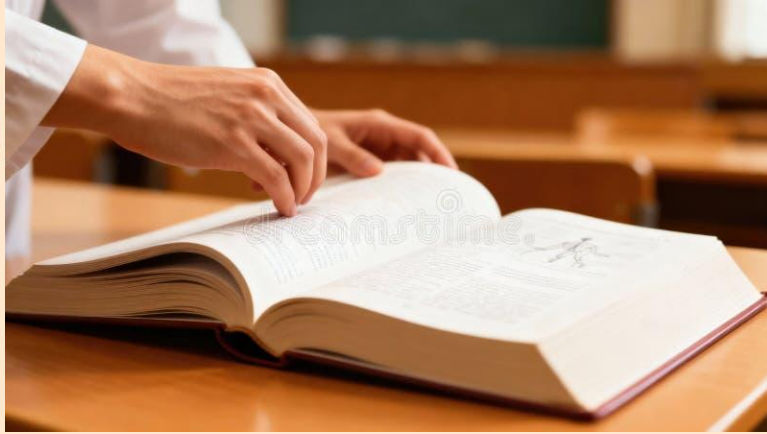
	ADVANCED	CONCURRENT (COLLEGE)	AP/HONORS (formerly Pre-AP)
TRANSCRIPTS/CREDIT	Students must earn a D or better to receive high school credit. No college credit is awarded.	Students must earn a C or above in the class to earn credit on their college transcript and a D or better for their high school transcript. The <i>semester</i> grade will go on both the college and high school transcript.	All colleges require at least a score of 3 on the exams they accept; not all colleges accept all exams for credit, especially Ivy Leagues.
OUT-OF-CLASS WORK	Varies by district, class, and teacher	Students should allow two hours of independent work/study per one hour of class.	Students will often have a substantial amount of homework and/or reading, depending on the class.
TIME COMMITMENT	One year	One semester per class (3 hours of college credit). Some classes have pre-requisites.	One year
GOAL	Advanced learning for bright students	Get a head start on college	Get a head start on college; learn to think deeply in preparation for college courses

RECOMMENDATION: Course selection depends on each student's Next Step. A combination of concurrent & AP is beneficial for most students.

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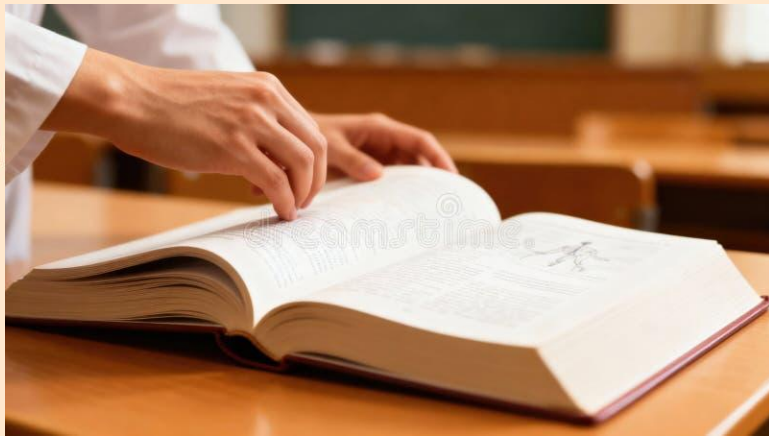
HOW TO DETERMINE COLLEGE CREDIT FOR AP & CONCURRENT COURSES

AP CREDIT



- [AP credit policy for Arkansas.pdf](#)
- [AP Credit Policy Search - College Board](#)

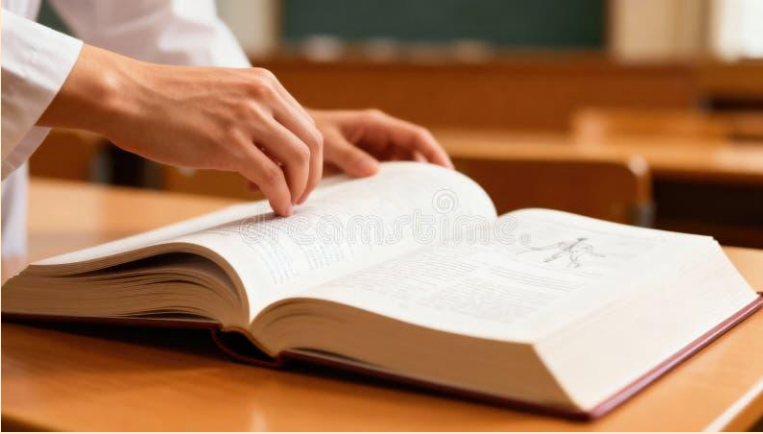
CONCURRENT CREDIT



- ACTS Courses List 7 12 23
- ACTS Course Transfer System

CLEP TESTS

- The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) helps you receive college credit for what you already know, for a fraction of the cost of a college course.
- CLEP



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NAVIGATING SCHOLARSHIPS

SAMS - Scholarship Application Management System for Arkansas

SAMS is a portal run by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) for state financial aid programs. It is used to apply for state-funded scholarships and other financial aid.

- [ADHE Scholarship](#)
- [ADHE Scholarship Application Management System](#)



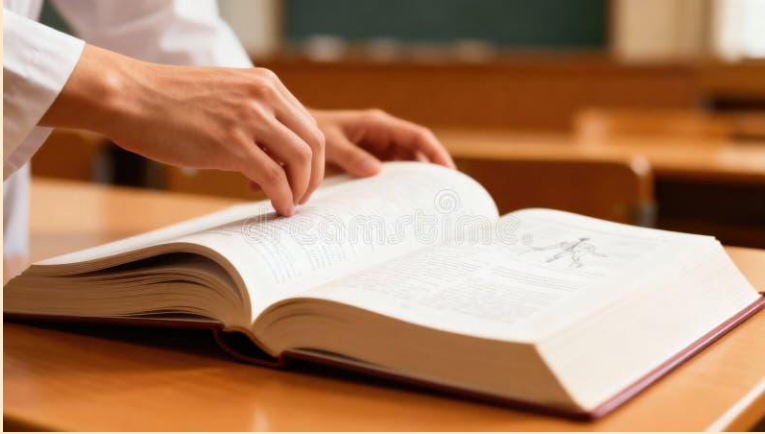
HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

- [How to Pay for College Request – Arkansas Student Loan Authority](#)
- [Student Scholarships.org](#)
- [Articles](#)
- [Scholarship Programs - Fisher House Foundation](#)
- [TASSELTime](#)

CHS username: gopanthers
CHS password: nextstep



Comparing Colleges



- [College Search - BigFuture](#)
College Board's search
- [College Scorecard](#)
U.S. Department of Education college search

Explore Careers ▾

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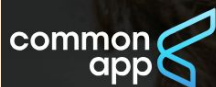
Pay for College ▾

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COMMON APP

- Common App® is a non-profit membership organization representing more than 1,100 diverse institutions of higher education. We connect applicants and those who support them to a wide array of public and private colleges and universities across all 50 U.S. states and 18 countries.
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OTHER GOOD SOURCES

- [The Magazines - Arkansas NEXT](#)

