DUAL CREDIT OPTIONS

There are a number of programs in Washington which allow high school students to earn high school and college credit concurrently. They include the following:

College in the High School

College in the High School is a program offered through CWU which allows students to take college classes in their high school, and earn college and high school credit concurrently. These classes are taught by qualified high school instructors who have been approved as CWU lecturers. The Ellensburg School District will pay for up to 5 credits per semester. Currently EHS offers the following College in the High School classes: Leadership, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Physics 1, Spanish (3rd and 4th year), AP Environmental Science, Humanities I & II, Mathematics in the Modern World and Mathematical Decision Making, AP English Language & AP English Literature. Students taking math & CiHS classes must qualify with ACCUPLACER test scores.

Running Start

The Running Start program allows qualified juniors and seniors to take college classes on the CWU campus and apply the credits toward high school graduation and toward potential college degrees. Running Start students at EHS take classes through CWU. They must meet "pre-established criteria" and be on track to graduate. Students may take any classes available at CWU but must still meet all specific course requirements for an EHS diploma.

Advanced Placement (AP)

The Advanced Placement program is a nationwide opportunity for students to take college level curriculum in their high school. The students then have the option to take a national test at the end of the school year. After enrolling in college, their college may grant credit or may waive their equivalent course and allow the student to go on and take a higher level course based on their exam scores (this determination is dependent upon the score earned on the exam and each college's policy). AP courses currently offered at EHS include the following: AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP US History, AP Government & Politics, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus, AP World History, AP Physics 1, AP Psychology, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Computer Science A.

CTE Dual Credit

CTE Dual Credit courses are a partnership effort between Spokane Falls Community College, Yakima Valley College, Wenatchee Valley College and Ellensburg High School. CTE Dual Credit courses offer students Community College credit at no cost. Courses include: Ag Capstone, Agricultural Science & APT, Agricultural Biology, Metals I & II (must complete both courses), Natural Resources, Animal Science, Technical Applications in Agriculture, Financial Fitness, Leadership/Project Management and Photography I & II (must complete both courses).