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Save money by earning college credit in high school

One way to save money on higher education is to earn college credits while in high school, according to KHEAA–Alabama.

High school students, whether they plan to get a technical degree or four-year degree, can take advantage of several programs that let them earn college credits. These programs include:

- **Dual credit/dual enrollment courses.** These courses let students earn both college and high school credit. In many cases, students will pay less than the college tuition rate. Some dual enrollment programs don't provide high school credit for completing the course.
- **Advanced Placement courses.** AP classes count as high school credits, but many colleges will give students college credit if they earn a certain grade on AP exams. Offered by the College Board, which provides the SAT, AP classes are widely available.
- **International Baccalaureate Diploma and Cambridge Advanced International programs.** IB and CAI, for students 16 to 19 years old, are similar to AP. Students may be able to receive college credit for the IB and CAI classes they take.

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