

# Council of Presidents

## REPRESENTING WASHINGTON'S PUBLIC BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTIONS

### Concurrent Enrollment Programs and College Preparatory Programs with Exams Fall 2017

Washington's public four-year college and universities recognize a **rich and diverse selection** of concurrent enrollment programs and college preparatory programs with exams to quality degree completion. The multiple programs in Washington provide high school students **interested and academically prepared** with the opportunity to find a pathway that meets their educational goals. In addition, these programs offer the ability for the public four-year sector and K-12 to partner in providing opportunities to prepare students for postsecondary education.

#### Concurrent Enrollment and College Preparatory Programs with Exams Efforts

- Washington's six public college and universities **recognize multiple concurrent enrollment programs and college preparatory programs with exams and value the college and preparatory experiences these programs provide.** This includes concurrent enrollment programs, such as College in the High School (CiHS) and Running Start, college courses that meet the same standards as the courses taken by students in college. Students create a college transcript and the credit earned is transferrable to other institutions of higher education in- and out-of-state; and college preparatory programs with exams such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge, high school classes in which students may earn college credit through assessment exams.
- We strongly believe that **emphasis should be placed on student fit and a student's educational goals** when determining in which programs to enroll.
- These programs offer valuable college and college-preparatory experiences for students. Washington's public four-year institutions **do not elevate one program over another in the admissions process.**
- We work with our partners in higher education and K-12 on the **alignment of a student's educational goals and programs** and communicating clearly with students, families and schools about the opportunities and challenges associated with each program. These efforts ensure students successfully start their college experience.
- We provide on an annual basis the most recent institutional **college credit equivalencies** for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate to the Washington Student Achievement Council's Dual Credit Look-Up tool.

Concurrent Enrollment Programs	College Preparatory Programs with Exam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concurrent Enrollment Programs in Washington include College in the High School (CiHS) and Running Start.</li> <li>These are <b>college courses</b> that meet the same standards as the courses taken by students in college.</li> <li>Students create a college transcript and the credit earned is <b>transferrable</b> to other institutions of higher education in- and out-of-state similar to college credit earned while attending a university or college and transferring that credit to another institution.</li> <li>Washington's public four-year institutions <b>offer</b> both Running Start and College in the High School programs and <b>recognize</b> the college credit earned from these college courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge are <b>high school classes</b> in which students <b>may</b> earn college credit through assessment exams.</li> <li>Emphasis should be placed on <b>student fit and a student's educational goals</b> when determining in which programs to enroll.</li> <li>In the process of drafting sector-wide minimum awarding credit for <b>Cambridge Exams.</b></li> <li><b>In 2016</b>, Washington's public four-year institutions established <b>sector-wide minimum credit awarding language</b> for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate (see back for details).</li> </ul>

**Washington's Public Four-year Institutions  
Sector-Wide Minimum Credit Awarding Language for  
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate**

<b>Advanced Placement</b>	<b>International Baccalaureate</b>
<p>The public baccalaureate sector will grant at a minimum elective credit for College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams completed with a score of three (3) or higher. May be subject to maximum credit limits. Please contact the institution for additional details.</p>	<p><u>IB Exam Minimum Credit</u> The public baccalaureate sector will grant at a minimum elective credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level exams completed with a score of five (5) or higher, with exceptions. May be subject to maximum credit limits. Limited credit is granted by Central Washington University and Evergreen for some standard level exams. Please contact the institution for additional details.</p> <p><u>IB Exam Diploma and Credits Awarded</u> The public baccalaureate sector recognizes the International Baccalaureate Diploma and awards up to 45-quarter credits (30 semester credits). Upon receipt of a diploma credit will be awarded for 3 courses (15 quarter credits) and distributed evenly among three general education areas (natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities). An additional 30-quarter credits (20 semester credits) can be awarded in the areas of the students' higher-level subject exams with a score of 5 or better, subject to maximum credit limits. Please contact the institution for additional details.</p>

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