



## WORKSHOP NOTES

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Here is the handout from the speech *The Alphabet Soup of Early College*, complete with notes. These are highlights from my High School 101 four hour class which covers credits, grades, transcripts, scholarships, college admission and so much more! Contact me at [christine@tandemedu.org](mailto:christine@tandemedu.org) or 770-888-1717 to bring High School 101 to your group!

For more information about the new home school high school/early college co-op, TandemEDU, go to: [www.tandemedu.org](http://www.tandemedu.org).

If you are interested in hosting a TandemEDU co-op in your city, you may contact me at 770-888-1717 or [chirstine@tandemedu.org](mailto:chirstine@tandemedu.org).

High school can be an intimidating time for both parents and students. Decisions like courses, transcripts, early college and college admission are overwhelming! Let me help you map out a high school plan that's tailored to the unique gifts and talents of your teen. After a brief consultation, you'll walk away empowered to finish the high school race strong!

Thanks again,  
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## The Alphabet Soup of Early College

Visit [www.tandemEDU.org](http://www.tandemEDU.org) for information on graduating high school with 60+ college credits

### CURRENT TRENDS

- 66% of the class of 2011 graduated with student debt
- The average student loan debt was \$26,000 per graduate
- The unemployment rate for college graduates is 9%
- 19.1% of graduates worked part-time
- 37.8% are in positions not requiring a degree at all
- On average it takes 4.7 years for students today to earn a bachelors degree

### CURRENT TRENDS – COLLEGE COSTS

1. In the past 25 years college tuition has increased almost 600%
2. College tuition has risen far faster than family incomes over the same time period
3. Today, a college education at a public university costs about \$80,000; private \$160,000

### EARLY COLLEGE OPTIONS

1. Advancement Placement
2. CLEP Testing
3. Dual Enrollment

### EARLY COLLEGE BENEFITS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Broadens Course Offerings</li><li>2. Enhances Academic Rigor</li><li>3. Avoids Duplication of Coursework</li><li>4. Increases Schedule Flexibility in College</li><li>5. Earn a Technical Certificate or Degree</li><li>6. Shortens Time to Earn a Degree</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Reduces College Expenses</li><li>8. Provides Transferable College Credit</li><li>9. Earns both High School and College Credit</li><li>10. Take Upper Level Math/Science Classes</li><li>11. Bolsters College Applications</li><li>12. Builds Student Confidence</li></ol>
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### ADVANCE PLACEMENT COURSES

- Created by College Board
- Approved by College Board
- College Level
- Online or On Campus

## **AP ONLINE COURSE PROVIDERS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Academics - <a href="http://advancedacademics.com">advancedacademics.com</a></li> <li>• APEX Learning Virtual School - <a href="http://apexlearning.com">apexlearning.com</a></li> <li>• Aventa Learning/K12, Inc. - <a href="http://aventalearning.com">http://aventalearning.com</a></li> <li>• Connections Academy - <a href="http://connectionsacademy.com">connectionsacademy.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nat'l University Virtual High School - <a href="http://www.nuvhs.org">www.nuvhs.org</a></li> <li>• Patrick Henry Prep. Academy – <a href="http://phcprep.org">phcprep.org</a></li> <li>• The VHS Collaborative - <a href="http://thevhscollaborative.org">thevhscollaborative.org</a></li> </ul>
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## **AP COURSES OFFERED**

- \* ART- Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: 2-D, Studio Art: 3-D, Drawing
- \* MATH- Calculus, Computer Science, Statistics
- \* ENGLISH- Language and Composition, Literature and Composition
- \* SCIENCES- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental
- \* HISTORY- European History, US Govt and Politics, US History, World History, Comparative Govts
- \* SOCIAL SCIENCE- Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, psychology
- \* LANGUAGE & CULTURES- German, Latin, Japanese, French, Chinese, Italian, Spanish

## **AP EXAMS**

Test Mastery in Subject Area Accepted by 90% of US Colleges <a href="http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp">collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp</a>	Independent of AP Courses Include AP Exam Scores on Transcript Tests Administered Annually in May only
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## **AP ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF AP**

<b>ADVANTAGES</b>	<b>DISADVANTAGES</b>
Reduces College Spending Shows College Readiness Improves Study Skills Scores Validate Classes	Not All Colleges Accept AP Very Time Consuming May not Boost Admission Beware of Transfer Rules

## **CLEP EXAMS**

Developed by the College Board Accepted by 2,900 Institutions Test Mastery of College-Level Material Receive College Credit	Approximately 90 Minutes Long Instant Scoring Results Cost \$80 Plus Administration Fee
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## **STEPS TO TAKING A CLEP EXAM**

1. Learn your college's CLEP policy. [clep.collegeboard.org/search/colleges](http://clep.collegeboard.org/search/colleges)
2. Decide which exams to take. - [free-clep-prep.com/clep-difficulty-list.html](http://free-clep-prep.com/clep-difficulty-list.html)
3. Find a test center. [clep.collegeboard.org/search/test-centers](http://clep.collegeboard.org/search/test-centers)
4. Prepare for your exam(s) [speedyprep.com](http://speedyprep.com)

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## PSYCHOLOGY 101 COST COMPARISONS

	CLEP	GPC	Toccoa
Tuition/Test Fee	\$100	\$548	\$2325
Books (used)	\$25	\$137	\$37
Study Aids	\$52	-0-	
TOTAL	\$177	\$685	\$2362.00

## DUAL ENROLLMENT BENEFITS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump-Start College</li> <li>• Easier Transition into College</li> <li>• Get Core Courses Out of the Way</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates Rigorous Courses</li> <li>• Students Athletics</li> <li>• Earning Transferable College Credit</li> </ul>
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## DUAL ENROLLED STUDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO:

Graduate from high school, Enroll in college, Start college at a 4-year institution,	Enroll in college fulltime Stay in college at least two years. Earn a higher college GPA
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<u>Valuable Skills</u>	<u>Valuable Skills</u>
Research the Course	Daily means Daily
Master the Syllabus	Relationship Building
Create a Calendar	Get Help!
Review the Calendar	Extra Credit Rocks
Make Personal Due Dates	Drop the Class

## **PAYING FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT – HOW DOES YOUR STATE MEASURE UP?**

<b>Paying for Dual Enrollment</b>	
State Pays	Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Utah
College Pays	Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming
College Decides	Alabama, Arizona, Missouri, Montana, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia
Student Pays	Arkansas, California, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota

### **GA DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

1. Complete the college application
2. Pay the application fee
3. Submit Transcript/Course Descriptions
4. Complete the DE Application
5. Select DE approved courses
6. College Receives funds directly
  - a. Covers Tuition, books and fees for 30 college credits

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**

<b>16 years or older</b> <b>Minimum GPA</b> <b>Minimum SAT Score = 480-550</b> <b>Letter of Verification</b>	<b>High School Transcript</b> <b>Course Descriptions/Portfolio</b> <b>College Application</b>
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### **GA HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS – 23 CREDITS**

4 credits of English	4 credits in science
4 credits in mathematics	3 credits in social science
4 elective credits	1 health/PE credits
2 foreign language credits or CTAE	

### **PREPARING YOUR STUDENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Take High School Level Classes Early Select Challenging Curriculum Develop Time Management Skills Explore Career Options Early	Narrow Down Options Research College Admission Policies Keep Grades and a Transcript Prepare for the SAT /ACT/PSAT early
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## **TEST SCORES ARE REQUIRED!**

Standardized Tests are used to:  
Gain College Admission For:  
Dual Enrollment and Incoming Freshmen  
Most Popular Tests: ACT, SAT

## **WHAT IS A TANDEM EDUCATION?**

- Begin DE in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- No SAT/ACT required to start
- No high school transcript necessary
- Admission to TE=Admission to TFC
- Average 2.8 courses per quarter
- Choose from 3 paths: Distinguished, College Prep, Career Explorations
- College courses paid for by GA dual enrollment funds

## **DO YOU NEED HELP?**

- Creating a high school plan?
- Sorting out the early college options?
- Navigating the college admission process?
- College admission and planning?
- Creating a professional transcript?
- Navigating the high school years?
- Identifying home school friendly colleges?
- Planning for college/career and beyond?

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**Christine is available to speak to your group about:**

Free College  
Transcripts  
Early College Options  
Chart a High School Course  
College Admission  
Scholarships