

## **EARLY COLLEGE / DUAL ENROLLMENT**

- Courses offer possibility of earning an AA degree. However, you have to work w/ DSC to schedule classes to do this and the college you wish to enroll after high school and make sure credits will transfer
  - 2008-2009 58 seniors in Early College (students are encouraged to enroll in this program if they desire an AA program) and 19 students are on track to earn an AA degree
- No externally developed exams (no standardized tests)
- Courses receive 1.0 weighting

## **HONORS**

- Courses do not offer the possibility of college credit
- Curriculum is locally determined
- No externally developed exams (no standardized tests)
- Courses receive .5 weighting

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

- National Standard of Excellence/Policies are determined by national educators
- College level courses
- Students generally take AP exams in areas of strengths
- Exams are graded externally through ETS and student marks assigned
- Exams based on specific content of courses
- Oral exam in foreign language
- All teachers are specially trained and training is updated regularly
- College credit possible
- Test scores range from 1-5
- Courses receive 1.0 weighting

## **IB**

- International Standard of Excellence Policies are determined by international educators
- Comprehensive curriculum of college level work in all core subject areas
- Six exams in six subject area are required for the IB Diploma
- Six subjects per year (junior & senior years)
- Students must prepare in all areas: strengths as well as weaknesses but equal levels of proficiency are not expected in all areas
- Students must be enrolled in an authorized IB school
- Scores range from 1-7 and include teacher assessments as well as external assessments constructed and graded by educators from throughout the world
- Exams based on broad, general understanding of concepts and fundamental themes. IB tests emphasize essay writing on which students are to show a comprehensive understanding of their studies
- Oral assessments and independent research projects are evaluated, along with comprehensive essay tests, to determine the final IB grade in each subject area
- Other requirements: Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)
- College Credit Possible
- Coursework is integrated
- All teachers are specially trained and training is updated regularly
- IB Diploma = Florida Academic Scholar
- Courses receive 1.0 weighting (affects GPA)
- Coordinator supervises program