

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Concurrent Enrollment (CE) Fees

Guidance Document on School Fees

Treatment of fees for AP, IB and concurrent enrollment courses and exams is dependent on the entity that recognizes the revenue and costs, regardless of whom the student pays. Local Education Agency (LEA)/School fees are subject to Utah Administrative Code (UAC) R277-407 school fee and fee waiver rules. Higher Education fees are not subject to UAC R277-407 school fee and fee waiver rules. The treatment of the fees depends on what costs the fees will be used to pay and what entity incurs those costs:

LEA/School recognizes and incurs costs:

1. Fees charged by the LEA for high school graduation credit:
An LEA may charge fees for a student's enrollment in an AP, IB or concurrent enrollment course in the same manner that the LEA may charge fees for any other course that it offers. These fees are **not** a charge for college credit and **ARE** subject to the fee and waiver requirements established in UAC R277-407. (R277-407-5(5))
2. Fees for textbooks for AP, IB, and concurrent enrollment courses:
An LEA may charge a fee for a textbook used for a concurrent enrollment or advanced placement course. A fee for a textbook used for an AP, IB, or CE course is fee waivable as described in Section R277-407-9. (R277-407-11(2)(a) & (b))
3. Fees for AP or IB exams:
An LEA may charge a fee for administrative and proctoring costs associated with administering the exams. These fees are separate from the amount set by the College Board or by the International Baccalaureate Organization for exams and therefore **ARE** subject to the fee and waiver requirements in UAC R277-407. (R277-407-5(1))

Institution of Higher Education recognizes and incurs costs:

An institution of higher education may charge fees for a student's enrollment in a concurrent enrollment course according to the levels set in Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 53E-10-305 and may charge fees for examinations according to those set by the College Board of the International Baccalaureate Organization. These fees are a charge for college credit and are **NOT** subject to the fee and waiver requirements established in UAC R277-407. (R277-407-2(4)(a)(ii))

UCA 53E-10-305 Tuition and Fees.

(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), an institution of higher education may charge partial tuition of no more than \$30 per credit hour for a concurrent enrollment course for which a student earns college credit.

(b) An institution of higher education may not charge more than:

- (i) \$5 per credit hour for an eligible student who qualifies for free or reduced-price school lunch;*
- (ii) \$10 per credit hour for a concurrent enrollment course that is taught at an LEA by an eligible instructor described in Subsection 53E-10-302; or*
- (iii) \$15 per credit hour for a concurrent enrollment course that is taught through video conferencing.*

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UAC R277-407-2 School Fees. Definitions.

(14) "Non-waivable charge" means a cost, payment, or expenditure that:

(a) is a personal discretionary charge or purchase, including:

(ii) a charge for college credit related to the successful completion of:

(A) a concurrent enrollment class; or

(B) an advanced placement examination;

Additional Resources:

Though the AP and IB test fee for college credit may be considered a non-waivable charge through R277-407, there are additional resources available for low-income students to lower the cost.

College Board website: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-policies-guidelines/exam-fees>

- Provides the amount the College Board is charging for college credit. Also states that fee reductions are available to students with a significant financial need. Families need to contact their AP administrator.

UCA 53F-2-408.5 Early College Programs:

- Utah Code requirement for LEAs to allocate money for advanced placement course test fees for eligible low income students. (53F-2-408.5(1) & (2))

UAC R277-701-4 Distribution and Use of Funds for AP and IB Programs:

- Board Rule requiring LEAs to use a portion of allocated early college money for AP test fees for eligible low income students. (R277-701-4(4))

Please reach out to the LEAs AP administrator for assistance for students with a significant financial need.

Questions, Comments, or Concerns? Contact the state School Fees team at schoolfees@schools.utah.gov.