# West Aurora High School

## College and Career Readiness

**Students should know and be supported to:**

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<td>Understand dual credit and/or AP courses and their relationship to College Credit</td>
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