

Frequently Asked Questions for Ethos at CA

Q: What is Ethos and why is CA partnering with them?

A: Ethos is a virtual school provided by Columbia Academy. CA is partnering with Ethos to provide more *Advanced Placement (AP)* and *Dual Credit (DC)* courses for our students. Research has shown us that colleges/universities look heavily at the rigorous courses taken during high school years. We want to afford our students every opportunity to have what they need for college, as well as put them in positions to attend the colleges of their choice. Ultimately, we feel Ethos gives us that availability to help our students.

Q: What is the process for knowing what colleges/universities accept which classes for credit?

A: Ethos courses are fully accredited by SAIS, NCSA, and AdvancED. In addition, our core courses are NCAA approved. Furthermore, many universities are now viewing students who have taken online courses in a positive light as they'll be expected to participate in such courses in the university experience.

Q: Who is eligible to take Ethos courses?

A: There is no age limit set by Ethos; however, these courses are designed for students in grades 10-12, primarily because of the rigor of the courses. Upper School Principal Jon Bennett will ultimately have final say on students who want to take Ethos courses based on their previous academic performance. Ninth graders will only be allowed to take Ethos courses under special circumstances and by principal exemption.

Q: With the addition of AP and DC classes provided through Ethos, are students still able to take AP and DC classes that Columbia Academy already offers?

A: Yes, the same courses CA has offered will still be available to students.

Q: How do we sign up for Ethos courses?

A: You may contact either Robin Smith or Karen Reece in our Guidance Office to sign up (robin.smith@cabulldogs.org / karen.reece@cabulldogs.org)

Q: If students sign up for an Ethos AP Course, do they have to take the AP exam?

A: Yes. The same standard is applied for all AP courses at CA. Students will be required to take the AP exam for Ethos courses.

Q: When will AP exams be given for Ethos courses?

A: There are varied dates for AP exams, which are dictated by College Board; however, since Ethos AP courses are done through College Board, as are CA's usual AP courses, students will be able to take their AP tests at CA on the scheduled date.

Q: What school administers the Ethos Dual Credit courses?

A: All Ethos DC courses are taught through Colorado Christian University.

Q: What is the process for signing up for an Ethos DC class?

A: Students aspiring to take dual credit Ethos classes will have to register with Colorado Christian University and then pay CCU upon registering. The Ethos fee will also apply, but will be paid to CA.

Q: How will students taking wellness be able to take Ethos courses?

A: There will be alternative arrangements made for students taking seven classes. As is CA policy, students who have seven academic classes during the day may document wellness hours through Mr. Bennett or Guidance.

Q: Will there be time during the school day for students to work on Ethos courses?

A: Yes. Students may work on their Ethos courses at CA if their schedule allows for it. That will be considered when setting up schedules by Guidance and Mr. Bennett.

Q: What happens if I sign up for an Ethos course, but then decide to drop it?

A: Students are allowed to withdraw from a course within the first 10 days of course commencement for full-year courses and the first five days of course commencement for semester-long courses. Course tuition will be refunded less a \$100 processing fee; only course tuition will be refunded less the \$100 processing fee; all other fees will not be available for refund. No refund will be given to students who choose to drop a course after the first 10 days of course commencement for year-long courses and the first five days of course commencement for semester courses. Students may add or drop courses without penalty up until course commencement.

Q: What are the course fees for Ethos courses?

A: Ethos course fees vary depending on texts, lab fees, exam fees, etc., for each course. Columbia Academy will cover a portion of these costs and families will be responsible for the remaining portion.

Q: Are there additional fees other than the cost of courses?

A: Yes. While fees for lab supplies, textbooks and exams are included in the Ethos course fee payable to Columbia Academy, DC courses require an additional \$200 fee payable directly to Colorado Christian University upon registration.

Q: How do I pay for Ethos courses and the additional fees involved?

A: The Ethos course fee payable to Columbia Academy will be added to the student's tuition account and will be billed on the same schedule that the family selected for tuition.