Dual credit classes do only transfer to certain colleges, but it is college credit that the student is earning for free.  Same for foreign language credits - it is $60+ to take the test in college from what I've experienced, but free to earn the credits in high school instead.

If it is on the Course Transfer Library list then the colleges in Indiana have to give credit for it...however, they can decide how to award that--either as the actual course or counting it as an elective.

I think dual credit is a good thing, no matter what (as long as they can do well) b/c they get credits and it is cheap.  If they know what college they want to go to, then they can go to their website to see what the transfer would be and whether or not they want to do it that way.

(Example:  My husband teaches a dual credit drawing class thru Ivy Tech at our local HS.  At almost every other school in Indiana that we checked it will count as a Fine Arts credit.  At IU Bloomington, they will only count it as an elective credit and his students have to take another class to meet their Fine Art requirement--if they have one for their major.  Now, his kids did really well on their AP portfolio so they are taking that in to the Art Dept., with their score and their dual credit grade and petitioning for it to count...I don't know if that will happen or not.)

Our Students have been able to go into college with at the most around 42 credits. This not only benefits them financially but they are able to register earlier than others, double major if they want to, and not have to take college classes they have already taken. Many of our students don't even have to test out of foreign language, they just take their credits.

I can only provide my experience via my son who graduated in 2016.   He had over 30 dual hours and is going to Purdue.    They accepted the hours as 'undetermined hours'.    He started as a student in the Exploratory Studies program.   The impression I get is that when he finally makes his determination of his major, that school will decide which of these hours will count towards his actual degree.   He obtained an A in a dual credit calculus course but he has to take this class at Purdue, so that didn't help.

Yet, as far as his school standing, he is now considered a junior due to having over 60 hours of college credit.      Some of his classes will probably count towards his actual degree but I know all 30+ won't.      But I only paid for the hours from ISU - $150 for 6 hours and $250 at IU for 8 hours of chemistry.     If the dual credit is free via Ivy Tech,  I'd go ahead and get the hours.    If the student has to pay, I would debate what their college degree plans are.   If they are going into a STEM degree, that university will probably want them to take their math and science courses.     If they are going for something else, it all may count.

Purdue's statement to us was:  Dual credit will be taken as an elective if it is a core-required class in the major.  If it is not a core-required class, it is accepted in its placement.  So, an engineer would get credit for French.  However, a French major would get credit as an elective and still need to test.

I always tell my students, its free money don't turn it down..

It's absolutely worth it for a few reasons...

-- The students can earn college credit and spend less time in college, which is a cost savings,

-- They usually pay less per credit hour than the cost of tuition to take it at the college (for example, Indiana State University is $25 per credit hour, which usually means $75 for a 3 credit class vs. ~$750?, and Ivy Tech is free).  Students on free/reduced lunch usually pay a reduced amount or free too,

--The experience of taking a college level course taught by a certified teacher--if they are college bound--is a no brainer,

-- It counts toward Academic and/or Technical Honors diplomas, which qualifies them for scholarship money,

Really, the only "downside" might be if they earn a poor grade, but even then they would just choose not to accept/pay for the credit for college.

As far as transferability goes it depends on the college, but if it's a college level class at an accredited college and on the CTL--Course Transfer Library--it most likely will.

\*Bonus info:  Indiana State University has an Early ISU program where students take dual credit courses their junior and senior years of high school and classes during the summer (at a reduced rate) and are able to "skip" their freshman year of college!  There, the cost savings is huge!

I feel like it is better than AP because there isn't the pressure of getting a 3 or higher or 4 or higher depending on the college.  If they don't get a 4 or 5 most schools will only give a general elective credit, so I feel like paying for the credit and passing with a C or better is a better deal to get credits. Even if there isn't direct transfer-ability at least they will have elective credits to put towards their degree.  I cannot speak to the FL aspect, most of my kids were AP language and passed pretty high, that was at Martinsville a few years ago.

I have multiple students tell me they were able to knock out almost an entire year of classes with all the dual credit they have.  We work with Ivy Tech so we tell them it will transfer to most schools in Indiana.  But I did have one student who went to the University of South Carolina and his credits transferred.  So YES, it is worth it.

You could have them visit [transferin.net](http://transferin.net/) to see if it would transfer to schools that they are interested in.  Also, let them know that the grade they get goes on their college transcript.

If the class is on the list, it will transfer and it shows how it will transfer. Some of my dual credit Ag classes may not transfer, but they are not on the list.

We encourage our students to check with their possible college to see if the classes would transfer.  If the class is on the core transfer library almost all colleges will accept them.

Earn the dual credit!!! TOTALLY worth it. My daughter just turned 18 and is a junior in college thanks to her dc's. She received credit for one whole year of classes with her dc's from HS. She went to a local college for one year to get the rest of her prerequisites (junior grad and wasn't ready to go away yet), and she has just started at the IUSD at IUPUI to be a dental hygienist. We saved on a year of tuition and a year of room & board, and she will be finished with a professional degree at the age of 20.