

**Answer:  
YES**

Fewer students earned credits in APEX than in the traditional setting.

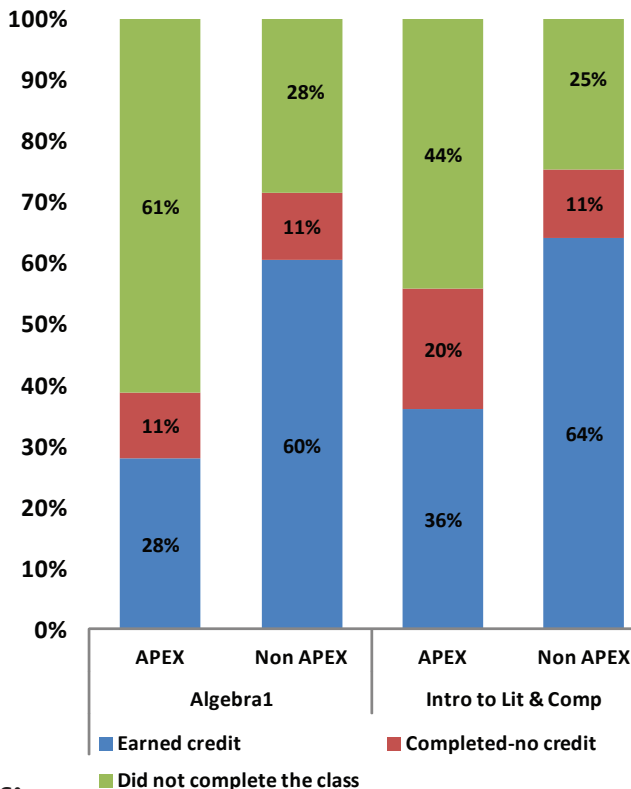
Students who earned APEX credits were *more likely* to earn credits in subsequent courses than students who earned credits in the traditional setting.

# Question:

Are APEX courses as rigorous as courses taught in the traditional classroom setting?

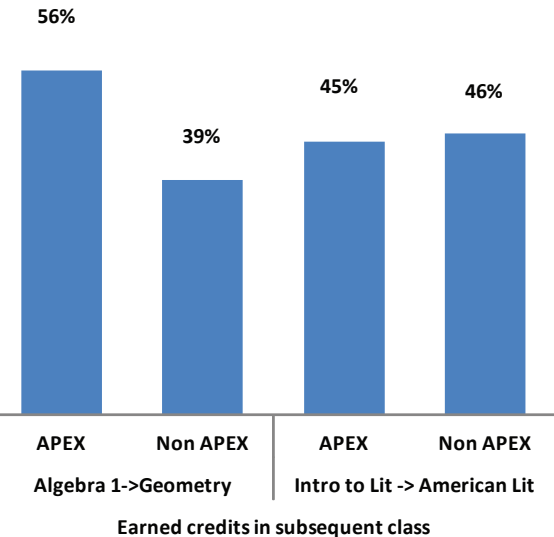


Only a small percentage of APEX students earned credits at the end of the courses.



Compared to students who earned credits in the traditional setting:

- Students who earned APEX Intro to Lit & Comp credits were as likely to earn credits in American Lit, and
- Students who earned APEX Algebra 1 credits were *more likely* to earn credits in Geometry.



## Recommendations:

1. Ensure grades granted in the traditional classroom setting are solely based on student mastery of the content. This will help prepare students for subsequent courses and decrease college remediation rates.
2. Continue to expand the use of the APEX program beyond students who have previously failed a course. This will allow high performing students to acquire high school course credits more rapidly and increase the likelihood they will enroll in advanced courses and earn college credit.
3. Conduct a follow-up study to investigate the high attrition rates associated with the APEX program.