
ANNUAL INFORMATION SESSION

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO BE USED DURING 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
IN PREPARATION FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual credit program

- Students can earn high school and college credit at the same time
- Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the policies and requirements of the college

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12

- Must complete an assessment exam and be determined “eligible” based on exam scores for College Credit Plus
- May apply to any public college or participating private college
- May apply to multiple colleges
- Must be Ohio residents

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12

- May choose from a variety of college-level courses
 - As determined by placement testing & course eligibility rules
- Can earn credit to satisfy both high school and college requirements
 - 3 or more Credit Hour College Course converts to One High School Unit

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12

- Must successfully complete the courses in order to earn the credit
- Even if a student fails or withdraws from the course, the college transcript and high school transcript will reflect the student's final grade

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12

- May take classes during the summer, fall, & spring semesters
- May take courses at the high school*, college campus, or online

**The option to take courses at the high school is only available if the high school has partnered with a college or university to offer college courses at the high school*

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Step 1: Eligibility

Students must be “eligible” for College Credit Plus participation based on assessment exam scores

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT EXAMS

- Students' scores must show that they are ready for “college-level” courses in at least one subtest on an exam such as ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ALEKS, PlaceU, or MapleSoft
- Each college/university may have different exam requirements

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT EXAMS

- Colleges and universities will review students' scores using statewide standards
- If a student's scores are not "college-level," colleges can consider the student's exam scores if the scores are within a specific range and if the student has:
 - Overall high school GPA of at least 3.0 **or**
 - Recommendation form/letter (from school counselor, principal, or career-technical advisor)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT EXAMS

- Due to COVID-19, eligibility assessment testing was impacted during Spring 2020 and beyond and flexibility was provided for the 2020-2021 academic year
 - This flexibility has not yet been determined for future semesters

*In the event that COVID-19 continues to cause disruptions, this requirement might be amended – see www.ohiohighered.org/ccp for the most up-to-date information

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Step 2: College Admission

- Students must apply for admission
- Students must meet admission requirements of the college
- Contact the college to learn about their requirements, processes, paperwork, and deadlines
- Colleges have the final decision on student admission

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Step 3: Course Registration

If the student is considered eligible and has been admitted to the college, then the college will discuss course options with the student, based on assessment scores, prerequisites, and other requirements.

WHAT COURSES CAN A STUDENT TAKE?

CCP courses can satisfy high school graduation requirements

- School counselors can help students understand graduation requirements and CCP course substitutions
- Some high schools have more requirements for graduation than the state minimum

COURSE ELIGIBILITY RULES

Students must complete their first 15 credits in Level I courses, which include:

- Transferable courses
- Courses in IT, Computer Science, Anatomy & Physiology, foreign language
- Courses that are part of a technical certificate
- Courses that are part of a 15- or 30-credit pathway
- Courses in study skills, academic or career success

COURSE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- Colleges must post their Level I courses – see website for details
- Once a student completes the First 15 credit hours in Level I, he or she can move to Level II courses
- Level II courses are any other allowable college courses for which a student meets the prerequisites

COURSE ELIGIBILITY RULES

Non-allowable courses include:

- Private applied courses with one-on-one instruction (such as performing art lessons)
- Courses with high fees
- Study abroad courses
- Physical education courses
- Pass/Fail graded courses
- Remedial courses or sectarian/religious courses

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Grades

- College Credit Plus grades earned in the college course is the same grade that will be on the high school transcript
- CCP course grades will be factored into the high school and college GPAs

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Grade Weighting

- If a high school uses a weighted grading scale for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Honors courses in a subject area, then College Credit Plus courses in the subject area will be weighted using the same scale

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

- Students should consider courses in a career pathway that interests them
- Students should ask about pathways that identify courses leading to a major or degree requirements

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Graduation Requirements

- Students may take College Credit Plus courses in subject areas that will satisfy graduation requirements
- Students must work with school counselors to ensure they are meeting any mandatory testing or other high school graduation requirements

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credits per year, which includes high school courses:
- Calculation:
$$30 - (\text{secondary school units} \times 3) = \text{max CCP credits}$$
- The maximum number of credits allowable for a student while participating in the program is 120

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

If a student enrolls in more than 30 credits for the year, the school will discuss with the student whether to:

- Drop the course (prior to the no-fault withdrawal date) or
- Pay for the entire course (including tuition, fees, books) at the college's standard rates

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Tests

- High School: Tests are sometimes given weekly or at the end of the chapter
- College: Tests are generally fewer in number and cover more material

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Study Time

- High School: Required homework ranges between 1 to 3 hours per day
- College: Standard rule of 2 to 3 hours of homework for every hour spent in class (3 to 5 hours per day)

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Knowledge Acquisition

- High School: Information provided mostly in-class. Out-of-class research is minimal
- College: Coursework will generally require more independent thinking, longer writing assignments, and out-of-class research

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Grades

- High School: Numerous quizzes, tests, and homework assignments
- College: Few tests and fewer, if any, homework assignments will be used to determine final grades

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Role of Parents

- High School: Parents are strong advocates working closely with teachers and counselors
- College: Parent serves as a mentor and support for the student; the college views the student as independent decision-maker
- College: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student education records

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Accommodations

- High School: Parents and students work with high school staff to determine what assistance or accommodations can be made for students with IEPs or 504 plans.
- College: Students must work directly with college staff to determine if accommodations are needed. IEPs and 504 plans may or may not be included in the discussions.

WHAT ARE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students can:

- Earn high school and college credits at the same time
- Get a “head start” on career planning and degree or certificate completion
- Experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- Save tuition and textbook costs

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERPERFORMING?

- If students do not earn a passing grade or if they withdraw too late from college courses, the district may require students/families* to reimburse the tuition that the district had paid
- The grades that students earn will be on the students' college transcripts permanently

*If a student is considered “economically disadvantaged,” a school may not seek reimbursement

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERPERFORMING?

- If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be also impacted negatively
 - For more information, contact the college's financial aid office for details
- If students perform poorly, they may be placed CCP Probation, CCP Dismissal or on academic probation or dismissal by the college

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

College Credit Plus Probation

- A student will be placed on CCP probation if he or she **earns less than a cumulative 2.0 GPA** in CCP courses or withdraws from 2 or more courses in one academic term

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

While on CCP Probation, the student:

- May only enroll in one College Credit Plus course for one college term (semester or quarter)
- May not enroll in a college course in the same subject in which student previously earned D, F, NC grade (or equivalent grade)

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

CCP Dismissal

- If students on CCP probation do not increase their CCP GPA to a 2.0 or above during the probation term, they will be placed on CCP Dismissal
- While on CCP Dismissal, students may not enroll in any College Credit Plus courses
- A student can request (appeal) to be reinstated in the program

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

CCP Probation & Dismissal Appeals

- **CCP Probation:** Student may appeal to take a course in the same subject in which he or she previously earned a D, F, or received no credit
- **CCP Dismissal:** Within 5 days of being dismissed, the student may submit an appeal to the secondary school to appeal CCP Dismissal or the student may appeal at the end of the CCP Dismissal semester
- *Each school must have a policy describing the process for appeals*

WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

- At public colleges or universities, there will be no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books
- At private colleges or universities, there will be no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books AND students may be charged a small cost per credit hour
 - Check with the private college to see if they will charge this fee
- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/family (*Examples: Parking and transportation*)

WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

- Students must complete the Intent to Participate form and provide to the public school by April 1, 2021*
- On the Intent to Participate form, students must indicate a tentative plan to use Option A or Option B for payment of the College Credit Plus courses

*In the event that COVID-19 continues to cause disruptions, this date might be extended – see www.ohiohighered.org/ccp for the most up-to-date information

WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

There are 2 Options for payment – “Option A”

- Students can choose Option A – the family/student will “self-pay” for college courses at the standard rate of tuition, fees, and textbooks
- Under Option A, students can choose to earn college credit and high school credit OR only college credit (students must inform the school of their choice of credit for courses)
- Students will indicate a tentative plan to use either option on the Intent to Participate form
- Students must elect this option by informing the college when registering for courses
- The final date to change the election of Option A or Option B is on or before the college’s no-fault withdrawal date

WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

There are 2 Options for payment – “Option B”

- Students can choose Option B – all college course tuition, fees, and textbooks will be paid by the state of Ohio (supported by the school’s foundation funds and the college’s funds)
- Under Option B, students will earn college credit and high school credit
- Students will indicate a tentative plan of either option on the Intent to Participate form
- Option B is the “default” or standard option for College Credit Plus
- Students may be asked to confirm the election of Option B during the college advising process
- The final date to change the election of Option A or Option B is on or before the college’s no-fault withdrawal date

WHAT ARE SUPPORT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS?

- High school counselors continue to provide assistance to all College Credit Plus students
- College advisors provide course selection assistance
- Colleges must provide the same academic supports to College Credit Plus students such as tutoring, library access, advising/counseling

WHAT ABOUT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY?

Student athletes should:

1. Learn the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) requirements
2. Know that summer term CCP courses cannot be used to bring a student into compliance with the OHSAA requirements for interscholastic athletic participation

WILL THE COURSE CREDITS TRANSFER?

- Certain general education and technical courses will transfer especially from one Ohio public college to another Ohio public college
- Students must check with colleges to confirm transferability
- Students should also visit <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov> for transfer information

WHAT DOES BEING “COLLEGE-READY” MEAN?

Being “college-ready” is more than just being academically ready

- Consider emotional and social transition and college expectations
- Consider time management and organizational skills

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- Grades earned in a CCP course are for high school AND college credits and will be calculated into the student’s GPA at both places
- College Credit Plus credits will be utilized in the calculation of financial aid (after high school)

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

April 1, 2021

- Students must complete and return the Intent to Participate form to the school office

Check ACT and SAT testing dates

- Test early to meet college/university admission deadlines (if required)

Semester deadlines

- Summer semester deadline will be early as classes usually start in May
- Check with the college for all other semester deadlines

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HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

- Complete the Intent to Participate form and provide to the school office before the deadline
- Apply for admission at the college of choice before the deadline
- Contact the college and discuss assessment testing requirements
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss scheduling and graduation requirements

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DO YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Visit the CCP website for additional resources:

www.ohiohighered.org/ccp



