College Credit Plus

ANNUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome and Introductions

1/13/2020

2 major questions:

1. *Is this a good fit for my student?*

2. *What is my purpose in doing this?*

What is College Credit Plus?

- College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual credit program
- *Students earn high school and college credit at the same time*
- *Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the requirements of the college*

Application to a college of university

- Students in Grades 7 through 12:
- Must complete an assessment exam and be determined "eligible" for College Credit Plus.
- May apply to any public college or <u>participating</u> private college.
- May apply to multiple institutions.

Requirements of CC+

- May choose from a variety of college-level courses (as determined by placement testing)

- Must be Ohio residents

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Who Can Participate & how are Credits Earned:

- Students in Grades 7 through 12:
- Can earn credit to satisfy both high school and college requirements
- *3+ Credit Hours = 1 High School Credits*
- *2 Credit Hours = .666 High School Credits*
- *1 Credit Hour = .333 High School Credits*
- Must successfully complete the courses in order to earn the credit

When and where can I take classes?

- May take classes in the summer, fall, and spring semesters
- May take courses at the high school[1], college campus, or online
- Classes must be a transferrable credit - first 15 credits

  (Must be level 1 courses for students new to CC+)

[1]This option is 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:
- Discuss with your parents and then see your guidance counselor.
- Students must fill out an "Intent to Participate" form/contract. *(This can be found online, you may begin to fill this out in January) The intent form needs to be filled out annually.*
  - *http://www.centerville.k12.oh.us/schools/chs/guidance*
- Students must be "eligible" for College Credit Plus participation based on assessment exam scores.
- Each college determines its own criteria for admissions and exam requirements.

Entrance Exam Examples

- Assessment exam examples:
- ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ALEKS, PlaceU, MapleSoft
- Each college/university has different exam requirements

How do colleges/universities examine my test results to see if I am eligible to participate?

- Students' scores must indicate that they are ready for "college-level" courses in at least one subject area

- Colleges and universities will review students' scores using statewide standards

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Alternative Pathways to participate in CC+

- If a student's scores are **not** "college-level," other conditions may be considered depending on the exam scores and if the student has:
- Overall GPA (3.0) or
- Recommendation form/letter

How can students participate?

- Step 2 *(Working with the College for acceptance):*
- Students must apply for admission
- Contact the college to learn about their processes, paperwork and deadlines
- Colleges have the final decision on student admission

Once I am admitted what are my next steps?

- Step 3:
- Student can begin to schedule with the guidance of the university.
  - –Based on assessment scores
  - –Based on course prerequisites

What courses can a student take?

- Courses *can* satisfy high school graduation requirements.

– School counselors can help students understand requirements and course substitutions.

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What courses can/not a student take?

- Courses must be college-level or non-remedial.
- No P.E. courses
- Student's begin with Level 1 courses
- College advisors will help students know which courses they can take.

Grade requirements?

Grades:

- College Credit Plus grades earned in the college course will be the same grade that will be on the high school transcript. ~ Required
- If CHS has an Advanced Placement or Honors courses in a subject area, then a student would receive a weighted grade utilizing the honors scale. *(English, Math, Science, Social St., Foreign L.,& Fine Arts)*

Grades, HS Graduation Requirements, and HS End of Course Exams

- Grades will be factored into the high school and college GPA.
- Students may take College Credit Plus courses in subject areas that will satisfy graduation requirements.
- Students must complete End of Course exams for English, math, and science.

How many classes can students take in one year & in the program

- Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credit hours including high school only courses:

  30 – (high school credits x 3) =

  Maximum college credit hours

- The maximum number of credits allowable during the program is 120 (student's career)

If you exceed 30 hours, what are my options?

- If a student enrolls in more than 30 credit hours, the school will discuss with the student whether to:

– Drop the course, <u>or</u>

– Pay for the entire course (Self Pay)

– The same would be true if a student exceeds 120 hours.

What are the financial obligations if a students exceeds 30 hours?

- If a student enrolls in more than 30 credit hours and PAYS for the course:
  - Student/family will assume the cost of course credits and books at the college's standard rates

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What are differences between high school and 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 and college?

- Grades:

– High School: Numerous quizzes, tests, and homework assignments

– College: Fewer tests and fewer, if any, homework assignments will be used to determine final grades

Parental Roles

- Parent Role:

– 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

– Students are on their own dealing with situations at the college level.

What are the BENEFITS of CC+?

- Students can earn high school and college credits at the same time

- Students can get a “head start” on college degrees or certificates

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What are the benefits of CC+ ?

- Students can experience college early to understand the expectations of college life

- Students can save tuition and textbook costs

What are the consequences of underperforming?

- If students fail or withdraw too late from a college course, the district will seek reimbursement for the tuition costs & materials from the student/family.

- The grades that students earn are on the college transcript are on forever.

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What are the consequences of underperforming?

- If students perform poorly, they may be placed on academic probation or dismissed from the program.

- If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be impacted negatively.

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What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

- At public colleges or universities, no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books.

- At participating private colleges or universities, a small cost per credit hour may be charged.

What are other possible expenses for College Credit Plus?

- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/family
  - Example: Parking and transportation, certain supplies…

What are the support services for students?

- H.S. counselors continue to provide assistance.
- College advisors provide course selection assistance.
- Colleges must provide the same supports to College Credit Plus students as they do other students.

What about athletic eligibility?

Student athletes should:

1. **<u>Speak with Mr. Dement in Athletics</u>**.

2. Learn the OHSAA requirements.

3. Know that summer term CC+ courses <u>may not</u> 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. (Contact Registrar's Office)
- Students should check https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/ for transfer info.

What does being "college-ready" mean?

- Being "college-ready" is more than just being academically ready:
  - Consider emotional and social transition and college expectations, and
  - Consider time management & organizational skills

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What are the deadlines?

- April 1, 2019 (CHS is asking for March 31st)
  - Students must complete and return to the school office the *Intent to Participate* form/contract. *(We are on Spring Break, my advice is to complete prior to the break)*

- Check ACT and SAT dates:
  - Test early to meet college/university admission deadlines (if required)

What are the deadlines for Colleges and Universities?

- Check each college's deadline for admission
- Find out about assessment testing requirements.
- Submit supporting documents required by the college/university to your Unit Counselor (by April 20th)
  - Summer semester deadline will be early as classes usually start in May.

Where do I get books?

- First, check at the CHS Library. Students are to go there first.

- If we do not have the book in stock, then go the university bookstore. (*non-Miami students*)

From past experiences, where do things breakdown?

- Be very mindful of all deadlines/dates.
- Clear communication with both the college and high school.
  (Students need to turn their college schedule into their unit counselor)
- Sending documents to the college.
  - Test scores
  - Transcripts
- Waiting until the <u>last minute</u> and in <u>summertime</u>.
- Student not taking responsibility. Students need to self-advocate.

Further Information

- http://www.centerville.k12.oh.us/schools/chs/guidance/college-credit-plus

- www.ohiohighered.org/ccp

Do you have any questions?

THANK YOU

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