

*Annual Information Sessions
Public Schools
Families and Students*

*Information for the
2023-2024 School Year*

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
 - ▶ May apply to any public college or participating private college
 - ▶ May apply to multiple institutions
 - ▶ May choose from a variety of college-level courses (as determined by placement testing)

What is College Credit Plus?

- ▶ Students in Grades 7 through 12:
 - ▶ Can only participate in CC+ up to the anticipated HS graduation date
 - ▶ Can earn credit to satisfy both high school and college requirements
 - ▶ 3+ Credit Hours = 1 High School Unit
 - ▶ Must successfully complete the courses in order to earn the credit
- ▶ May take classes in the summer, fall, and spring semesters
- ▶ May take courses at the high school¹, college campus, or online

**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:

-Turn in the letter of intent to the school. (This paper will be at the end of this presentation)

▶ Step 2:

-Students must apply for admission **Students** must contact the college to learn about their processes, paperwork and deadlines.

How can students participate?

- Step 3:
 - Students must be “eligible” for College Credit Plus participation based on assessment exam scores or other college admission policies.
 - Assessment exam examples:
 - ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer

Some colleges have changed this because of COVID so you will need to contact the college to see if this still needs to be done. If a college is not doing the assessment they will look at G.P.A and class grades.

How can students participate?

▶ Step 4:

-If the student is considered eligible and has been admitted to the college/university, then the college will discuss course options with the student.

*Students will need to meet with college admission counselor to determine what class(es) they can take if they are taking courses at the campus or online through the college.

How can students participate?

- ▶ Each college/university has different exam/admission requirements.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Colleges have the final decision on student admission.

What courses can a student take?

- ▶ College advisors will help students know which courses they can take
 - Based on assessment scores
 - Based on course prerequisites
- Courses can satisfy high school graduation requirements

HIGH SCHOOL counselors can help students understand requirements for HIGH SCHOOL and course substitutions

Schools might have additional requirements in addition to the state minimum

What courses can a student take?

- ▶ Courses must be college-level or non-remedial
- ▶ Courses must be nonreligious

FYI...if you are taking CC+ courses off of Elida's campus that are being used as a graduation requirement and final grades are not received prior to graduation, your diploma may be withheld until official final grades are received.

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
 - ▶ Grades will be factored into the high school and college GPA
 - ▶ Students must still complete End of Course exams for English, math, and science

What are other requirements?

Grades cont.

- ▶ CC+ courses that are taken spring semester of a student's senior year on a college campus or online CANNOT be used in calculation for class rank, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Graduates of Distinction
- ▶ Only CC+ classes that correlate back to a specific honors class at EHS will be counted as an honors course.

How many classes can students take?

- ▶ Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credit hours including high school only courses each year
- ▶ The maximum number of credits allowable during the program is 120

$$30 - (\text{high school credits} \times 3) =$$

Maximum college credit hours available

How many classes can students take?

- ▶ Between EHS and CC+, a student CANNOT take more than 30 credits per year, including summer term.

Student Example: (wants some EHS and some on-campus)

- ▶ At EHS: Alg. 2, Chemistry, PED, Band, Chamber Choir, A&P
- ▶ This equals 6 classes X 3 credits = 18 credits, so you would have 12 credits left that you could take CC+
- ▶ This basically means four CC+ classes that are 3 credits each for the entire year

How many classes can students take?

- ▶ If a student enrolls in more than 30 credit hours:
 - ▶ School will discuss with the student whether to:
 - ▶ Drop the course or student will pay for the entire course that puts the student over 30
- ▶ 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

What are differences between high school and college?

- ▶ Tests:
 - ▶ High School: Tests are sometimes given weekly or at the end of the chapter
 - ▶ College: Tests are generally fewer in number covering more material (midterm and final)
- ▶ 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?

▶ 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

▶ 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

What are differences between high school and college?

- ▶ 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. You do **NOT** have access to your students records.
 - ▶ College: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student education records

FYI. . . This means that if the student does not sign a FERPA form teachers can not give the parent information on the students grades/progress in class, even if this class is on EHS campus.

What are the benefits of participating?

- ▶ Students can earn high school and college credits at the same time
- ▶ Students can get a “head start” on college degrees or certificates
- ▶ 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 may seek reimbursement for the tuition costs from the student/family
- ▶ The grades that students earn are on the college transcript forever
- ▶ If students perform poorly, they may be placed on academic probation or dismissal by the college
- ▶ If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be impacted negatively

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 private colleges or universities, a small cost per credit hour may be charged to student
- ▶ Some other expenses are the responsibility of the student/family
 - ▶ Example: Supplies, Parking, transportation, student negligence

What are the support services for students?

- ▶ **High school** counselors continue to provide guidance to students on how CC+ will impact their **high school** credits/graduation.
- ▶ **College advisors** provide course selection assistance for students taking courses at the college campus or online
- ▶ **Colleges** must provide the same supports to College Credit Plus students as they do other students

What about athletic eligibility?

Student athletes should:

1. Confirm their school is an Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) member
2. Learn the OHSAA requirements
3. 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 public college to another public college
- ▶ Students must check with colleges to confirm transferability
- ▶ Students should check <https://transferology.com> for credit transfer info
- ▶ FYI...participation in CC+ does NOT guarantee your admission to college after high school.

CC+ Courses at Elida HS

- ▶ Human Anatomy & Physiology (Findlay)**
- ▶ Advanced Biology (Findlay)
- ▶ Advanced Comp./American Lit. (Rhodes)
- ▶ Advanced Comp. II/Brit. Lit. (Rhodes)
- ▶ Public Speaking (Rhodes)
- ▶ Computer Applications I (Rhodes)

What are the deadlines?

- April 1, 2023
 - Students must complete and return to the school office the *Intent to Participate* form
 - Once you have applied to the college, the college will/should communicate your next steps to you (any testing required or are they looking at G.P.A only?) What dates are the assessment tests given, if needed?
 - Check deadlines for admission (must adhere to the EHS deadlines for CC+)
 - Summer semester deadline will be early as classes usually start in May

Additional CC+ Information

- ▶ EHS calendar and college calendars aren't the same...for example, college spring semester typically starts second Monday of January while EHS 2nd semester starts two weeks later. The **EHS calendar and schedule** takes precedence, so you may have to miss some college classes to take HS semester exams...that may also affect your college class grade. You will need to communicate this situation with your professor.
- ▶ **A copy of the student's final CC+ college courses for fall semester is due to the EHS academic office by August 15th...for spring semester, the schedule is due by December 15th.**

Additional CC+ Information

- ▶ All students and parents will need to sign a financial agreement prior to the start of the semester in order to receive textbooks.
- ▶ During scheduling process, if a student signs up for a class offered at EHS that can also be taken for college credit and intends to take the course for college credit, **it is the student's responsibility** to notify their counselor to send a transcript **once they have applied to the college.**
- ▶ CC+ class grading follows the college grading scale. (some colleges DO NOT have A+, A-, B+, B-. . .)

Additional CC+ Information

- ▶ We **DO NOT** have access to the college side and they **do not** have access to the high school side. We can not schedule college classes, set up admission tests, see grade progress . . . The colleges DO NOT have access to things that are done at Elida. Please be aware that much of this process is on the responsibility of the student.
- ▶ If the student needs a college transcript, they will need to request this from the college. We do not have access to do this.

RISKS of CC+

► Impact on EHS GPA and Class Rank

- CC+ courses are transcribed onto your EHS transcript even if you are in 7th or 8th grade
- Full time CC+ students (off our campus) may not be a part of EHS honor roll because, for instance, our 1st Grading Period Honor Roll comes out in the middle of a college's semester...we do NOT get midterm grades from colleges
- No guarantee you'll get courses you want/need...pay attention to college deadlines
- Course credits may NOT transfer to private or out-of-state colleges
- If a student drops a course and doesn't tell us, then we won't know to get them into a replacement course at EHS:
 - 1) not full time
 - 2) athletic eligibility
 - 3) Graduation risk???

RISKS of CC+ continued

Social Impacts:

- ▶ Very impressionable 13-17 year olds taking college courses in a non-structured college setting with much older students; an adult learning environment; college-level textbooks with adult level language and content; course subject matter not screened as you would typically expect at EHS. You really need to make sure you are ready for that. You now have to sign a waiver with the college stating that you know the risks.
 - ▶ ** Parents now have to sign a waiver stating they know these risks.**

Who Should Think of Participating in CC+

- ▶ A student who is motivated and mature
- ▶ A student who is and has been academically strong
- ▶ A student who wants to explore academic areas not available in the HS setting
- ▶ A student who is organized and has the time to devote to college course work

Do you have any other questions?

Please contact your guidance counselor:

You can call the high school office at 419-338-6801 or e-mail them, students with the last names A-K

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