

College Credit Plus Program

ELIGIBILITY:

Your child must be a bona fide seventh grader, eighth grader, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior for the year in which participation is sought. In addition, your child must meet the college's or university's standards for admission and course placement.

A student who has been expelled by the Struthers Board is ineligible to enroll during the period of expulsion. The Struthers Board shall deny high school credit for College Credit Plus courses any portion of which is taken during the period of a student's expulsion. If the student has elected to receive both high school and college credit that election is automatically revoked for all the college courses in which the student enrolled during the college term in which the expulsion is imposed.

The institutions of higher education to which the College Credit Plus program applies are: both public colleges as defined in R.C. 3365.01 and participating private colleges as defined in R.C. 3365.01.

OPTIONS:

Your child will be able to elect to take courses for college credit only or for both high school and college credit.

A student may not enroll in courses to receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of:

- A. four (4) academic school years, if the student so enrolls for the first time in grade nine;
- B. three (3) academic school years, if the student so enrolls for the first time in grade ten;
- C. two (2) academic school years, if the student so enrolls for the first time in grade eleven;
- D. one (1) academic school year, if the student so enrolls for the first time in grade twelve.

ENROLLMENT:

By March 30 of each year, you and your child must complete and submit the **“Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus”** form which signifies a student's intent to participate in the program for the following school year. Prior to completing this form, you and your child must participate in the SPECIAL counseling sessions presented by the school and various colleges, and confirm receipt by signing the Tuition Agreement. Return your intent letter to the applicable office: Struthers High School will be received by the guidance office and Struthers Middle School should be submitted to the 7th & 8th grade guidance counselor.

PARTICIPATION:

Participation is contingent upon admission to the college or university. The District will assist your child in gaining admission by providing transcripts and other related documents, but will accept no responsibility if he/she is NOT accepted by the college or university. Your child, if awaiting acceptance, should register for District classes as if he/she were not participating in the program. Schedule changes

will then be made prior to the start of each semester if your child receives notice of admission which must be provided by the college, in writing, to your child, the District, and the Department of Education within ten (10) days of acceptance.

If your child withdraws from the college class for high school credit within the first week of the college course, he/she will be re-enrolled in high school classes.

Reasonable efforts will be made in scheduling to accommodate the needs of your child when leaving the high school campus in order to participate in this program. However, scheduling conflicts are not the responsibility of the District. Revising the master schedule and/or unduly overloading classes are not required in order to accommodate schedule requests.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

If your child elects to take the college course for college credit only, you will have the financial responsibility for tuition, textbooks, materials, and fees. The District accepts no financial responsibility for those parents who will be paying for tuition, fees, or textbooks. Those arrangements are between the college and you and your child.

You and your child assume no financial obligations if he/she elects to take the college course for both college and high school credit. Tuition, textbooks, materials, and fees are assumed by the District.

Should your child fail to complete a course taken for credit, any and all financial obligations assumed by the District will default to you and your child.

Unless your child was expelled by the school, the Superintendent of chief administrator will not seek reimbursement from you and your child if your child is identified as economically disadvantaged according to rules adopted by the Department of Education.

PROCESS FOR GRANTING ACADEMIC CREDITS:

When your child has elected to receive high school credit for college courses, credit will be awarded for successful completion of courses in accordance with the following:

- A. The Principal shall require your child to submit a course syllabus or detailed description of each college course taken so that a comparison can be made with existing high school courses.
- B. If the Principal determines that the college course is comparable to one offered by the high school, the equivalent high school credit shall be granted.
- C. If the Principal determines that the college course is not comparable to the one offered by the high school, credit shall be granted in a subject area similar to that taken by the student at the college.

EFFECT ON COMPLETION OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Your child may use college courses for credit toward high school graduation. However, it is you and your child's responsibility to be sure that the courses undertaken will meet graduation requirements. No high school graduation requirements shall be waived for any student as a result of participation in this program.

ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR CHILD

When attending either regular classes or co-curricular/extra-curricular activities at the high school, your child will be expected to abide by all District policies and the Student Code of Conduct. You and your child assume all responsibility and liability related to attendance at a college and must agree to hold harmless the Struthers Board of Education, the administration, and the staff for any incidents arising out of participation in this program.

INFORMATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO USE COLLEGE COUNSELING SERVICES

The school counselors, during the individual counseling sessions, shall make available any information provided by the college concerning its counseling services. In addition, counselors will encourage your child to utilize counseling services available at the college to better ensure successful completion of the college courses.

GRADE POINT COMPUTATION AND REPORTING OF GRADES

For those college courses taken for high school credit, the grade for that course will be computed at the end of the next regular grading period at the high school following receipt of an official transcript from the college. All grades to be entered on the high school transcript must be taken from an official transcript from the college. It is you and your child's responsibility to provide an official transcript to Struthers High School or Struthers Middle School. Should there be an urgent need for a letter grade, notification on official letterhead from the college instructor advising of the grade will be accepted to verify the grade.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

Note: If a student is participating in the College Credit Plus program, regardless of where or how the post-secondary course is delivered, the calculation of equivalency has changed. Please note that in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, all courses taken in CCP must count toward high school graduation.

An eligible student selecting to participate in CCP must be certain that 1) the faculty members at the post-secondary institution understand that they will need to provide grades or a progress report at the time when the high school's grading period is over; and 2) the student-athlete is taking enough post-secondary course work exclusively or between the post-secondary institution and the high school combined to be equivalent to five one-credit courses. Calculating equivalency of credits in the post-secondary institution is conducted in the same manner as in the high school, based on the Carnegie unit. College courses for which three or more semester hours of credit are earned shall be awarded one Carnegie unit. Fractional Carnegie units will be awarded proportionately.



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Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus

PLEASE PRINT

Date _____ (AFTER April 1, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM)

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____

PLEASE INDICATE PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT:

☛ Parent Phone Number (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

☛ Parent Email Address _____

Student Contact Info _____

School _____ Grade _____

- I would like to declare my intent to participate in the College Credit Plus program. I understand that signing this form does not require that I participate during the coming school year and I may decide not to participate without consequence.
- I understand that admission into the program isn't guaranteed. I understand that I must meet state and school requirements to become eligible.
- I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify my school if I do not gain admission to my selected institution of higher education or choose not to participate for some other reason.
- In addition, I certify that I have received counseling about the College Credit Plus program concerning the rules and regulations for both my school and the college, and that I understand my responsibilities, the benefits and possible risks of participating in the College Credit Plus program.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

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