

2025-2026 College Credit Plus Information & Planning Guide



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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Letter of Intent to Participate

Each year, families have the opportunity to complete a *Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus Form*, which is **required to be submitted annually (by April 1) to remain eligible for participation under Option B (school-funded) for the upcoming summer, fall and / or spring semesters**. If a student is not interested in the program for the upcoming school year, they do not need to submit anything at this time. Students and families who have an interest in a CCP program should review the [CCP Annual Notice Letter](#) as well as the resources on the [CCP Program website](#) for general program information, eligibility, benefits / risks, and student expectations.

College Credit Plus Program Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by each participating *Institute of Higher Education* (IHE) and students are responsible for completing all requirements prior to the application deadline. Based on where students most frequently participate, the following information is provided below:

Columbus State Community College College Credit Plus

Term	Course Registration Opens	Application Deadline	First Day of Class
Summer 2025	February 17	May 23	May 26
Fall 2025	April 21	August 29	September 1
Spring 2026	October 19	January 16	January 19

Program Information: <https://www.csc.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/>

Application Link: <https://www.csc.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/ccp-Admissions.shtml>

The Ohio State University Academy Program

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Application Link: <https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/application-process>

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

Overview

[College Credit Plus](#) (CCP) is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to enhance students' career readiness and postsecondary success, while providing a wide variety of options to college-ready students, at no or limited costs to students and families.

Students may earn up to a maximum of 30 credit hours during each CCP calendar year (summer, fall and spring semesters) and up to 120 total credit hours prior to graduation. To learn more about the program, visit the [Ohio Department of Education \(ODE\) College Credit Plus](#) website.

CCP is entirely voluntary and students are not required to participate under any circumstances. Students who choose to participate in CCP coursework are responsible to meet all program requirements, responsibilities and ultimately the course(s) outcome.

CCP coursework may be used to satisfy a graduation requirement given it aligns with a specific course / credit requirement within the subject area. For example:

BHS Course	CCP Equivalent Course	Graduation Requirement Met
AP Language & Composition	Composition I (ENGL-1100)	English 11
American Government	Intro to American Government (POLS-1100)	American Government
N/A	Chinese I (CHIN-1101)	General Elective Credit

Eligibility

While subject to change by the *Ohio Department of Higher Education*, per the *Ohio Administrative Code* regarding student eligibility requirements ([rule 3333-1-65.14](#)), students must be in grade 7-12 and meet one of the following criteria:

- (a) Obtains a [qualifying score](#) (remediation-free) on one of the standard assessment exams ([ACT](#) / [SAT](#)) or approved placement test such as the [Accuplacer](#); or
- (b) Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 3.00; or
- (c) Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 2.75 but less than 3.00 and received an "A" or "B" in a relevant high school course.

Benefits

CCP offers many benefits, including (but are not limited to):

- Experience the demands and rigor of college-level coursework and faculty expectations
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- Enroll in classes not available at BHS
 - Accelerate achievement of educational goals
 - Simultaneously earn transcribed high school and college credit with limited cost to the student (under Option B)
 - Potentially reduce duplication of high school and college course content
 - Reduce tuition costs if credits transfer to the student's future post-secondary institution

Drawbacks & Risks

CCP does come with potential risks, which may include but are not limited to:

- College-level rigor and pace may be beyond the student's current capabilities
- May result in less time to participate in school (co-curriculars, extracurriculars, clubs and organizations and non-school related activities (work) due to time commitments on campus
- Students are responsible to provide their own transportation
- Required to reimburse the school district if the student fails or withdraws from a course
- Federal financial aid may be impacted: federal guidelines limit the number of courses a student may attempt (including while in high school) to 150% of the number of credits required to earn a degree

Where can students participate?

Upon acceptance, CCP allows students to pursue courses with any public Institution of Higher Education (IHE) in the state of Ohio. However, independent (private or specialized) IHEs' are not required to participate in CCP.

On Campus, Online and Blended Learning

CCP courses are available on campus, online (asynchronous or live online), or a combination of both (often referred to as 'blended'). The course formats vary by IHE, subject, academic term, etc.

Students who enroll in an online CCP course have the option to be assigned a class period to work on or attend (live online) the course. With that said, an assigned class period is not required if the student prefers to use the class period for another reason (additional BHS course, general study hall, etc.).

BHS Dual Enrollment (not currently offered)

CCP courses may at times be offered physically at BHS (often referred to as Dual Enrollment), allowing college-level courses to be facilitated by BHS faculty who meet CCP teaching requirements.

Dual Credit Program with *Capital University*

Bexley High School maintains a private, dual credit partnership with *Capital University*, allowing eligible students to participate in a dual credit program similar in structure to CCP. To learn more about the program, please refer to the [Capital University Dual Credit Program Guide](#).

Courses funded by CCP

[Rule 3333-1-65.12 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) provides a framework for the types of courses eligible for CCP funding. Often referred to as Level 1 courses ([15-hour pathways](#)), students should review the CCP program course eligibility summary prior to enrolling in a course. An example of a course eligibility summary is available [HERE](#).

CCP coursework may be used to satisfy a graduation requirement given it aligns with a specific course / credit requirement within the subject area (ex. Science) and category (ex. Advanced Science).

Cost to participate

Students who complete the [Letter of Intent Form](#) by April 1 (required annually) are eligible to apply and participate under [Option B](#) (school funded) for the upcoming summer, fall, and/or spring semesters. Costs above and beyond course tuition and required course materials are the responsibility of the student. The most common additional cost for a student is on campus parking.

Students who do not complete the letter of intent form by April 1 remain eligible to participate in CCP under [Option A](#) (self-pay).

Self-Pay Above 30 Credit Hours

Students may enroll in more than 30 semester credit hours per CCP academic year (summer, fall and spring) or 120 total credit hours prior to graduation but they are responsible for all costs (including tuition and course materials) above and beyond the maximum allowable credits funding under CCP.

Failing Grade & District Reimbursement

Students who earn a final grade of a D+ or lower may be required to reimburse the school district for the tuition costs and any other additional course fees (distance learning and hybrid course fees) incurred on behalf of the student's enrollment. The reimbursement policy may also apply should a student withdraw after the full reimbursement deadline set forth by the IHE.

Returning Course Materials

Students are required to return all course materials (books, lab equipment, etc.) within one-week after the end of the CCP academic term and should return the materials to their assigned School Counselor. Students who do not return course materials may be required to reimburse the district.

Athletic eligibility considerations

Students participating in a CCP program are held to the same eligibility standards for all high school student-athletes in accordance with the [Ohio High School Athletic Association \(OHSAA\)](#) bylaws. In order to be athletically eligible, students must be passing five, one-credit courses or the equivalent per grading period between the student's high school and CCP course work. Students should review the [OHSAA Eligibility Guidelines](#) and [Student Eligibility Guide](#).

Grade Reporting Requirement: End of Quarter

Depending on the total number of classes enrolled in at BHS, students may be asked to provide evidence of their CCP course progress / academic status if it is necessary to determine eligibility at the end of an academic grading period. Students are encouraged to have the information available upon request, as it may impact athletic participation if the student cannot provide the information in a timely manner or is determined to be ineligible based on the grade report.

Academic records and sharing information

CCP students are college students and subject to federal [FERPA](#) laws. For regular college students, this means IHE records are not released to anyone, even parents, without written permission from the student. However, for CCP students, in some situations the high school and IHE may exchange information when it is determined to be in the best interest of the student. With that said, **students are entirely responsible to meet all program requirements, responsibilities, and ultimately the outcome of their participation.**

CCP and Advanced Placement (AP) comparison

Both options carry college credit at many IHEs and post-secondary institutions. To earn college credit for an [Advanced Placement](#) (AP) course, students must take a national AP exam each May and achieve a specific score in order to earn college credit. In the state of Ohio, a score of 3 or higher (out of 5 points) must be earned to receive college credit. However, this will vary based on private and out-of-state colleges. CCP is based on the student's course grade and students must earn a grade of "C" or higher to accrue college credit as well as AP weight on their high school transcript.

Based on past experience, overall knowledge of post-secondary admissions criteria and the high school transcript evaluation practices by IHE; BHS considers *Advanced Placement* as the preferred opportunity / pathway for our students.

Grade Point Average (GPA) scale for CCP

Per the *Bexley Board of Education Policy on College Credit Plus (IGCH-R)*, all coursework is considered part of a student's permanent transcript (both high school and college). As such, all CCP coursework and grades will be reflected on the student's high school transcript and calculated into their high school grade-point-average using the same scale as the highest course level offered in the subject area at BHS. Examples are provided below:

CCP Course	Highest Course Weight at BHS	Outcome
ENGLISH 2367	English Department offers AP-level course(s)	AP weight on high school transcript (out of 5.0)
COLS-110	Not offered	Regular weight on high school transcript (out of 4.0)
ITALIAN 1101	World Language Department offers AP-level course(s)	AP weight on high school transcript (out of 5.0)

CCP course conversion to high school credit

Upon completion of a CCP course, the student's high school transcript will be updated based on the following conversion:

College Credit Plus Semester Credit	=	High School Carnegie Credit
5.0	=	1.0
4.0		
3.0		
2.0	=	0.66
1.0	=	0.33

15-Credit & 30-Credit Pathways

15 Credit Hour Pathway			
College Course	College Credits	H.S. Requirement	Location
ENG 110 - College Writing I	3	English	High School or College Campus
MAT 110 – College Algebra	3	Math	College Campus
Choose one: MUS 221 - Understanding of Music THE 110 - The Art of Theater	3 3	Fine Art Fine Art	High School or College Campus
Choose one: PHY 110 – Principals of Physics BIO 101 - Biological Foundations	3 4	Science Advanced Science	College Campus
Choose one: PSY 117 - General Psychology SOC 120 - Introduction to Sociology HIS 120 - History of the US ECN 220 - Microeconomics	3 3 4 3	Social Science Social Science US History Economics	High School or College Campus
Total possible credits:	15 to 16		
30 Credit Hour Pathway – Continuation (includes 15 credit hour “General Education” Pathway)			
Course Name	College Credits	H.S. Requirement	Location
ENG 220 – American Literature (prereq: ENG 110)	3	English	College Campus
Choose one: MAT 110 – Business Calculus MAT 110 – Trigonometry	3 3	Mathematics	College Campus
COM 150 - Intro to Communication	3	English	High School or College Campus
Choose one: GEO 110 (Non-STEM Major) – Earth's Physical Environment CHE 100 (STEM Major) – General Chemistry I	4 4	Advanced Science	College Campus High School or College Campus
Choose one: PSY 117 – General Psychology SOC 120 - Introduction to Sociology HIS 120 - History of the US POL 101 – American Politics	3 3 4 3	Social Science Social Science US History US Government	High School or College Campus
Total possible credits:	15 to 16		

Source: Ohio Department of Education: Resources for CCP Administration

Visit the [ODE High School Graduation: Course Substitution Crosswalk](#) site for more information.

Will the credit transfer to my future college / university?

With the [Ohio's Transfer to Degree Guarantee](#) program, many entry-level courses earned at an Ohio public college are guaranteed to transfer to any other Ohio public college. However, private colleges, universities and out of state institutions will evaluate credit transfer on a case-by-case basis. Students can research credit transfer options (for both CCP coursework and AP Testing) using [Transferology](#).

College transcripts for post-secondary college enrollment must be requested and provided directly by the student. Students will need to contact the IHEs website or registrar's office to request a transcript. Bexley City Schools cannot access official college transcripts on behalf of the student.

Important Considerations for Students & Families

1. Students taking CCP courses are subject to the rules and regulations of the participating Institution of Higher Education (IHE), including all application and enrollment requirements.
 2. Students should anticipate an increased expectation regarding workload, pace and overall rigor of the content in comparison to high school courses. Additionally, students should consider time commitments that may be required outside-of-class (group work, lab time, class projects, etc.).
 3. Academic calendars for the IHE and BHS may differ throughout the calendar year. Students are responsible for fulfilling all course requirements for each school regardless of any differences between the calendars. Ex: BHS spring break may occur during an IHE academic week.
 4. The CCP learning environment promotes an open exchange of ideas and content is presented at an adult-level, which may include mature subject matter, and a commitment to think critically on controversial subject matter. As such, CCP programs require students to sign a *Mature Content Permission Slip* (example [HERE](#)) acknowledging this expectation.
 5. Per the *Bexley Board of Education Policy* ([IGCH-R](#)), all coursework is considered part of a student's transcript (high school and college). As such, all CCP grades will be reflected on the student's high school transcript and calculated into the student's cumulative grade-point-average using the same scale as the highest course level offered in the subject area at BHS.
 6. Students may earn up to a maximum of 30 credit hours during each CCP calendar year (summer, fall and spring semesters) and up to 120 total credit hours under Option B (school-funded). Credits earned above 30 credit hours (per semester) fall under Option A (self-pay).
 7. Students who earn a final grade of a D+ or lower may be required to reimburse the school district for the tuition costs and any other additional course fees (distance learning and hybrid course fees) incurred on behalf of the student's enrollment. The reimbursement policy may also apply should a student withdraw after the full reimbursement deadline set forth by the IHE.
 8. Students with education plans (504 / IEP) are responsible for contacting the IHEs office for student support (or equivalent) to request any accommodations prior to the first day of the term. Accommodations are not guaranteed to be provided and will be evaluated on an individual basis.
 9. Students should consider how CCP credits may impact the ability to access / receive financial aid. Students who choose to complete more than 30 semester hours may not qualify for freshmen scholarship opportunities depending on the IHE where the student is applying.
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NEXT STEPS: STUDENT CHECKLIST

After reading this guide, students with interest in pursuing a College Credit Plus (CCP) program for the upcoming year (summer / fall 2025, spring 2026) should complete the following steps:

- ☐ **Review** the [CCP Annual Notice Letter](#) and resources available on the [CCP Program website](#).
- ☐ **Attend** the [CCP Informational Webinar](#) on **Wednesday, December 11th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm** hosted by the *Educational Service Center of Central Ohio* (ESC). The webinar will include a panel of CCP coordinators from area colleges and universities providing general and school-specific information regarding the CCP program.
- ☐ **Submit** the [Letter of Intent to Participate Form](#) by the annual **April 1 deadline**. Please note some CCP programs have summer application deadlines as early as January.
- ☐ **Apply** directly to the CCP program and complete all application requirements by the program deadline, which can vary by each program. Based on where BHS student most frequently participate, the following information is provided below:

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- ☐ **Upon acceptance** (which is not guaranteed), students will receive a confirmation notice from the IHE, which typically provides the next-steps in the registration process.
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Prior to finalizing the registration, students should meet with their current School Counselor to review their course selections (for both BHS and the IHE) to ensure the course(s) aligns during the academic day.

- Current 6th - 8th grade students: click [HERE](#) to schedule an appointment
- Current 9th - 11th grade students: click [HERE](#) to schedule an appointment

- ❑ **Complete the registration requirements** as required by the IHE. While every effort will be made to coordinate the student's course requests at both BHS and the IHE, students may need to prioritize their course interests based on any limitations / conflicts that exist.

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