

# College Credit Plus (CCP) Information and FAQ's for Olentangy Students

Olentangy Local Schools participates in the College Credit Plus Program (CCP) where college-ready students in grades 7-12 can earn high school and college credit at the same time. We are pleased that you have chosen to pursue this great opportunity. Detailed information is available at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp>.

## Advantages of College Credit Plus

- Students can earn free college credit.
- Students have the opportunity to enroll in classes not available at their high school.
- Students have the opportunity to experience a college classroom environment.

## Risks of College Credit Plus

- College courses may be challenging and require additional time commitments.
- Students may find that they have less time to be involved in extra-curricular activities and/or after school jobs.
- Calendars will likely not match between the high school and college.
- Students who enroll will be asked to repay the local school district for the cost of tuition and books if they fail the course (earning a grade of E or F), or withdraw from a course after the "drop date" unless the student is considered economically disadvantaged.
- Transportation is not provided.
- CCP courses will be utilized in calculating financial aid after high school.
- It may have an impact on athletic eligibility.

## How will College Credit Plus courses impact my high school GPA?

Per HB 487, CCP courses must receive the equivalent weight as the highest weighted courses a district offers. Since Olentangy Advanced Placement courses are on a 5.0 scale, CCP courses are also on a 5.0 scale.

## How are college credits converted to high school credits?

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| • 5 semester credits | 1.0 high school Carnegie unit |
| • 4 semester credits | 1.0 high school Carnegie unit |
| • 3 semester credits | 1.0 high school Carnegie unit |
| • 2 semester credits | .67 high school Carnegie unit |
| • 1 semester credit  | .33 high school Carnegie unit |

## Transfer of credits

Credits earned through College Credit Plus are transferable to many public and private institutions in Ohio and throughout the nation. Many of the CCP courses apply toward the general education requirement or as electives. To learn more about transfer credits, visit these websites: [www.transfer.org](http://www.transfer.org) or [www.ohiomeanssuccess.org](http://www.ohiomeanssuccess.org)

## Cost

Students are limited to the equivalent of 30 credits per academic year paid for by Olentangy. Students wishing to earn more than 30 credits per academic year will be responsible for all cost of attendance for each credit above the 30 credit limit. High school academic classes are equivalent to 3 college credits for purposes of this calculation, so a student with an academic course in each of 8 high school class periods already uses 24 credits ( $8 \times 3 = 24$ ). In this scenario, the student would be eligible for 6 CCP credits ( $30 - 24 = 6$ ) at no cost to the student

## Traditional College Experience:

Students have the opportunity to take college courses offered by any area college or university. Admission for CCP does not guarantee availability of courses or seat in particular class. Students may not be able to enroll in course for a variety of reasons including:

- A course may not be offered every semester
- A course may not fit into a student's schedule
- The class may be full, course enrollment will be limited by the number of seats available in the course
- The class may be restricted to students in a particular major, or to students who have completed required pre-requisite courses or achieved required placement test scores

**To apply:** Students must follow the [eligibility process](#) and meet [eligibility assessments](#) to be admitted to any college for CCP.

**What courses are eligible as CCP courses?** Click [here](#) for the eligible course list.

**What happens if I am on CCP probation?** Click [here](#) to learn more about CCP probation.

For additional information please contact your high school counselor or college advisor.

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## Frequently Asked Questions about CCP

- **How do I know when classes begin?** Please check the website of the college you are attending.
- **Do I follow my college calendar or OLSD calendar?** You will need to follow the college calendar for your college classes and the OLSD calendar for your high school classes. Not all holidays are observed at both schools.
- **My CCP class starts after OLSD begins their school year/semester. Do I go to my high school?** No, you do not attend your high school during your scheduled CCP class period. However, please check for important Homebase meetings/information at the beginning of each semester.
- **Do I attend college classes when OLSD has a delay/cancellation due to weather?** If your college classes are in session, you need to attend unless otherwise notified by the college. Check your college email.
- **How can I keep up-to-date with current information?** It is very important to regularly check your college email, college website or management system for important course information, dates and deadlines. You are responsible for the rules, regulations, and code of responsibility of the college you are attending.
- **How many credit hours can I take each year?** In order to determine the number of credit hours a student can take, the secondary school must calculate the number of course credits that are for high school credit only and multiply that by 3. That number is then subtracted from the allowable 30 hours a public school student can take in an academic year. The result is the maximum number of credit hours a student can take in the College Credit Plus program. (This is based on a semester system.)

$$30 - (\text{High school only credits} \times 3) = \text{Maximum number of College Credit Plus credit hours}$$

This calculation must be completed each year for a student as the high school credits may change. Also, students may only take a maximum of 120 credit hours in the program. If students would like to take more than the maximum number of credit hours, the student can arrange to register and pay for those additional credit hours as a "self-pay" student. Those hours would be outside of the College Credit Plus program.

- **Who pays for my books? How do I get my books for my class? How and to whom do I return my books?** The Olentangy Local school District pays for CCP books. We are invoiced by the college (some use a voucher system) or will reimburse the student for CCP books. It must be for an authorized CCP class. If purchasing a CCP book, return your itemized receipt to your guidance counselor for reimbursement.

Know the guidelines for your college. Some of the more common ones are listed below:

- **CSCC**-You must be approved for a CSCC CCP electronic book voucher. [Click Here](#) for more information about CSCC books. At the end of the semester, you will receive an email from CSCC stating which books should be returned to their bookstore. All books that are not included in that list should be returned to the Guidance Secretary in your building.
  - **OSU Academy Program**- OSU Academy Program-Textbooks/course materials are most often provided through the OSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore, but may also be e-textbooks through the University (CarmenBooks) or through a third party. Instructions will be given prior to the semester start on how to order books through the bookstore, where they will be invoiced to Olentangy. If it is a CarmenBook, Olentangy will be billed by the University for the textbook. For more information, visit <https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/hs-resources/book-options>
  - **Otterbein**- Go to their bookstore and inform them you are an OLSD CCP student. The bookstore will provide you with your book and invoice Olentangy. Return your book to your Guidance Secretary at the end of the semester.
  - **All other colleges and universities**- Go to their bookstore or any online book source and purchase your book. Give your receipt to your Guidance Secretary and you will be reimbursed by the District. Return your book to your Guidance Secretary at the end of the semester.
- **What do I do if I have problem with a teacher, homework, or a grade?** Once enrolled in a college credit plus course, all correspondence needs to take place at the university or college level. Contact your professor, college advisor, or other college support staff member if you have any questions regarding your course.
  - **What about my Parking Pass?** OLSD is not responsible for payment of a students' parking. Students who purchase a college level parking pass will not need to purchase a parking pass at their high school.
  - **What if I have an IEP or a 504?** Students are responsible for informing the University and arranging for accommodations.
  - **What if I fail a class or Drop a Class after the "Drop Date"?** Students will be responsible for reimbursement to OLSD for failed classes or classes dropped after the "Drop Date". Please check the college website for Drop Dates. The Ohio Higher Ed website provides details on financial and grade impact.