WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education have created the College Credit Plus (CCP) program, which provides eligible students in upcoming grades 7-12 with an opportunity to earn college and high school credits simultaneously at no cost to families. In most cases, but not all, students wait until their junior year to begin CCP courses. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. This document provides notice of the CCP program to Buckeye Valley families/students (upcoming 7-12) by February 1st, as required by law. College Credit Plus courses may be taken online, on a college/university campus or at Buckeye Valley through a qualified BV instructor. Additional information about the CCP Program can be found on the Ohio Department of Higher Education website. Below are details and dates about the College Credit Plus Program.

INTERESTED IN CCP?

Students/families who are **new** to College Credit Plus and interested in CCP courses for the 2025-2026 academic year must attend an information session. (Three options listed below) There will be Baron Time meetings during the school day for returning CCP students to discuss general information (forms, deadlines, scheduling, etc.)

*There are virtual sessions hosted by Columbus State and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO): **Wednesday, December 11, 2024 and Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 6:30– 7:30 pm.** There will be presenters from several Central Ohio colleges and universities, including Columbus State Community College, Franklin University, Kenyon College, Otterbein University, and The Ohio State University. **There is no registration required. You may join using this https://us02web.zoom.us/s/84380705745**

*Buckeye Valley will also host an in-person informational meeting on **February 6th, 2026 at 6:00 PM, BVHS, Baron Hall.**. Representatives from Columbus State Community College will also present.

(i) College Credit Plus Costs:

(a) College Credit Plus opportunities have no cost to students, including the free option to attend public and participating private institutions of higher education. School districts have the option to seek reimbursement for the tuition the district has paid to the college on behalf of the student if the student receives a non-passing grade or withdraws after the no-fault deadline date.

(b) There is a potential cost of participation with some nonpublic/private institution of higher education. Private colleges/universities have the option of charging a minimal fee to students.

(c) Students who are economically disadvantaged who choose to attend a nonpublic institution of higher education cannot be charged a minimum fee.

(d) Buckeye Valley is not a nonpublic/private school. Students attending nonpublic/private secondary schools or are homeschooled must apply for state funding to participate and this funding may be limited for students.[1]

(ii) Criteria for student participation, including, but not limited to, the following:

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(a) Parents and students are strongly encouraged to participate in a counseling session prior to participation, which will be included as part of the Virtual/In-Person Information Sessions

(b) Students must submit a **written notice of their intent to participate** in the upcoming academic year, by **April 1**, in accordance with section 3365.03 of the Revised Code, but may submit the written notice of intent to participate as early as February 15. Students desiring to participate in College Credit Plus in the summer are strongly encouraged to submit Letters of Intent and begin the admissions process starting in February and prior to the April 1 notice of intent deadline in order to improve chances of meeting summer registration timelines.For students attending nonpublic/private secondary schools, students must submit their intent to participate within the funding application.

Appeal Options when missing the April 1 deadline:

Any student who fails to provide the notification by the required date may not participate in the program during the following school year without the written consent of the principal, or equivalent. If a student seeks consent from the principal after failing to provide notification by the required date (April 1), the principal shall notify the Ohio Department of Education of the student's intent to participate within 10 days of the date on which the student seeks consent. If the principal does not provide written consent, the student may appeal the principal's decision to the district superintendent. Not later than 30 days after the notification of the appeal, the district superintendent or governing entity shall hear the appeal and shall make a decision to either grant or deny that student's participation in the program. The decision of the district superintendent or governing entity shall be final.[1]

There is no appeal for missing the April 1 deadline for students attending nonpublic/private secondary schools or homeschooled students.

[1] See Ohio Revised Code 3365.03 for additional details.

(iii) Student participation options:

(a) Secondary schools cannot limit a student's participation in the College Credit Plus program to only the courses offered in that school and students may also participate online or at any other participating institution of higher education, or any combination thereof.

(b) Participating students may be concurrently enrolled in multiple postsecondary institutions and may take postsecondary courses from more than one institution of higher education, concurrently.

(c) List of courses offered at the secondary school through an agreement with an institution of higher education. Courses are subject to change. Buckeye Valley partners with Columbus State Community College and currently offers Composition I/II, College Algebra, 21st Century WorkPlace Skills, Beginning Spanish I/II

(d) Students should review the course catalog of an institution of higher education for a full listing of course offerings by the institution.

(e) At Buckeye Valley, students do have the option to participate in the College Credit Plus program at the high school. Students can also participate online or at an institution of higher education.

(f) Students have the opportunity to participate during the summer term. For any student participating in a summer term that transfers to a new secondary school, **the student has the responsibility to notify the institution of higher education and the student's prior and new secondary school of such transfer.**

Deadlines:

December 11, 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM Virtual CCP General Overview

January 22, 2025, 6:30-7:30 PM Virtual General Overview

February 4, 2025, 6:00-7:00 PM Virtual CCP General Overview

April 1, 2025 Letter of Intent form is due (A Letter of Intent is needed every academic year)

Tammy Cress, Buckeye Valley School Counselor, is the designated point of contact for College Credit Plus and will answer questions regarding the program's operation. She may be reached at tcress@mybvls.org or 740-363-1349.