

As of October 1, 2021, colleges, universities, and secondary schools must provide information about mature subject matter in college courses to students and parents/guardians. The following **guidance statements** are the most current information available; however, there may be instances when it is more appropriate for a college/university to contact its own legal counsel for assistance.

PERMISSION SLIP

- As required in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035, the **Ohio Department of Education** and the **Ohio Department of Higher Education** have developed a permission slip for colleges and universities to use. This form is available on the College Credit Plus resources webpage.
- **Colleges/universities** must include the permission slip within the application materials.
- The **parent and student** must sign and provide the completed form with the application materials to the college at which the student wishes to apply.
- In addition to including the form with the application materials, **colleges/universities** must post this permission form on a prominent place on the colleges' College Credit Plus websites.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- Each **college**, upon admitting a student to the College Credit Plus program, must include a questionnaire in the college's enrollment materials.
- The questionnaire must include the two questions as described in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035: *1) Does the student acknowledge that the student possesses the necessary social and emotional maturity? 2) Is the student ready to accept the responsibility and independence that a college classroom demands and to resubmit to the college?*
- The questionnaire must be developed by the college; however, a basic template containing the minimum requirements has been made available for the convenience of colleges. The questionnaire template can be found on the College Credit Plus resources webpage.
- Students must complete the questionnaire by answering in the affirmative acknowledging that the student possesses the necessary social and emotional maturity and is ready to accept the responsibility and independence that a college classroom demands.
- Students must provide the completed questionnaire to the college.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Colleges** must provide guidance to students on reviewing any course materials available prior to enrollment in a course.
- **Colleges** must provide information about the college's policies and the College Credit Plus program policies on withdrawing from or dropping a course.
- **Colleges** must provide information about the student's right to speak with the student's high school counselor or with the academic advisor assigned to the student as prescribed in division (F) [of section 3365.035 of the Revised Code](#).
- **Colleges** must provide a discussion at student orientation about the potential for mature subject matter in courses taken through the program.
- The **Ohio Department of Education**, the **Ohio Department of Higher Education**, and **each college** participating in the program must post in a prominent place on their CCP websites the following disclaimer: "The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the college credit plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will not be modified based upon college credit plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs."
- **Secondary schools** must provide the following information during counseling sessions: Information about the potential for mature subject matter, as defined in section 3365.035 of the Revised Code, in courses in which the student intends to enroll through the program and notification that courses will not be modified based upon program enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs. The information shall include the permission slip described in division (B) of section 3365.035 of the Revised Code.



**Department of
Higher Education**

College Credit Plus

**Permission Slip
Mature Content**

This permission slip must be completed and signed by a student and parent/guardian in order for the student to enroll in college courses under the College Credit Plus program.

A student eligible to participate in College Credit Plus and admitted to a college/university will enroll in actual college courses, which *may* include “mature subject matter” as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

We _____ (*Student Name*) and _____ (*Parent Name*) hereby understand that by enrolling in College Credit Plus courses:

- The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the College Credit Plus program *may* include mature subject matter that will not be modified based upon College Credit Plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs.
- Further, we acknowledge that state law requires the signed form be submitted in the student’s application to the college/university. Follow the instructions of the college/university to submit this form with the application materials.

The signatures below indicate permission is granted to participate in College Credit Plus. It is the parent’s/guardian’s responsibility to be aware of and monitor the student’s enrollment based on information provided by the college.

Student Information

Student Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Name of High School (or homeschooled):

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Information

Parent Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Parent Signature:

Date:

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TO WHICH THE STUDENT IS APPLYING.
FOLLOW THE COLLEGE’S INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT THIS FORM.**



**Student Questionnaire
Mature Content**

Any student wishing to enroll in any college course under the College Credit Plus program must complete this questionnaire.

A student eligible to participate in College Credit Plus and admitted to a college/university will enroll in actual college courses, which *may* include “mature subject matter” as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035.

Circle one choice in response to each question:

1. Do you possess the necessary social and emotional maturity to participate in the College Credit Plus program?

[YES] [NO]

2. Are you ready to accept the responsibility and independence that a college classroom demands?

[YES] [NO]

Student Information – PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Student Name:

Name of High School (or homeschooled):

Student Signature¹:

Date:

¹ Although a signature by the student is not required by law, a college or university may wish to include it to ensure the student responds.

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