



Newark High School
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Newark High School 2026-27 College Credit Plus

College Credit Plus allows students to take a college course and earn college credits while in grades 7-12, on a full- or part-time basis. The goal of this option is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and expose students to options beyond the high school classroom. Students enrolled in college courses will adhere to the requirements of the college. To participate, a student must be an Ohio resident. For more information, please see <https://higher.ed.ohio.gov/initiatives/access-acceleration/college-credit-plus/ccp-home>.

What are the advantages of College Credit Plus?

- Earn both transcribed college credit and high school credit upon successful completion of the course.
- Eliminate duplication of high school and college course content.
- Increase the rigor and challenge of course offerings while in high school.
- Decrease (or eliminate) the cost of college tuition.
- Success in CCP increases the likelihood of College success after high school graduation.
- Open doors for first-generation college students and underrepresented students.

How are College Credit Plus Courses delivered?

- Courses may be delivered on the college campus.
- Courses may be delivered on our high school campus.
- Courses may be delivered online or in a blended learning format.

Which College Credit Plus courses are available outside of NHS?

Students can take a number of courses as long as they qualify as CCP. There is a 15-hour state rule which requires CCP students to take 15 hours of level 1 courses prior to progressing to level II courses. There are some exceptions to the rule, and each institution must publish their level 1 course list.

How do students qualify for CCP & become eligible for college courses?

To qualify students must demonstrate college readiness by submitting test scores from ACT, SAT, or college-specific placement tests. CCP revised rules state the students qualify with a 3.0 unweighted GPA. To become eligible for a course a student must meet the postsecondary institution's readiness for the chosen course. Each postsecondary institution establishes their own college readiness and entrance criteria. The postsecondary institution has the final decision on admission. To become eligible for a course a student must meet the postsecondary institutions readiness for the chosen course.

How will College Credit Plus courses impact my GPA and transcript?

All CCP courses taken through CCP will be weighted on a 5.0 scale. The post-secondary institution's grade scale will be used to determine the college GPA. All grades the student earns in CCP will be on both the high school and college transcript.

How does College Credit Plus impact athletic eligibility?

Students must remain eligible in accordance with the OHSAA bylaws. Any student who is taking a CCP course on a college campus or via the internet as part of the 5 credits for athletic eligibility will be required to submit documentation of current passing grades each quarter to the NHS athletic department in order to determine athletic eligibility for the subsequent nine weeks.

- Every 3+ hour college course = 2 classes toward the 5 class requirement for eligibility.
- Summer CCP courses cannot be used for athletic eligibility.

How are high school graduation requirements affected?

Seniors taking CCP courses need to meet their high school graduation requirements prior to the Spring semester. High school graduation requirements will not be waived as a result of participation in CCP. Students will not be permitted to walk in the graduation ceremony if grades for graduation requirements are not received before it.

- CCP students are still required to complete all high school graduation requirements.
- CCP students must take required end-of-course exams as required.
- See the state course substitution crosswalk for details on how HS & College courses match up. Can be found on the OhioHigherEd website.

How are college credits converted to high school credits?

- 3+ semester credit hours = 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
- 2 semester credit hours = .67 high school Carnegie Credit
- 1 semester credit hour = .33 high school Carnegie Credit

Will College Credit Plus credits transfer to other colleges/universities?

Many credits earned through CCP are transferable to both public and private institutions in Ohio and out of the state. Here are two websites that can help students understand what courses will transfer:

www.Transferology.com,

https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/students/student-programs/ogtp/ogtp_for_ccp_students

Who pays for college admission, textbooks, fees, and transportation?

The cost for families to participate in CCP is dependent on where the student takes the course. There is no cost for courses taken at a public university (like OSUN or COTC). Courses taken at a private college vary by college. MVNU does not have a fee for students.

Responsibility for transportation rests with the student. All required college books will be paid for by Newark City Schools, as long as proper book procedure is followed. Students taking courses on campus or online will need to follow the book procedure associated with their postsecondary institution. **Students are never to purchase books on their own without prior approval for purchase from the School Counseling Office. The counseling department secretary is the contact person for books. Many books are available to borrow from the counseling office. All Books and materials borrowed or purchased need to be returned to the NHS counseling office at the end of the semester. Failure to return books and materials will result in an obligation being added to your fees.**

What if I fail or withdraw from a College Credit Plus class?

Classes failed with an "F" will receive an "F" on both the high school and college transcript. This will be computed into the high school and college GPA. Classes withdrawn after the college's final withdrawal date will receive the same mark as noted on the college transcript. If the student does not receive a passing grade or withdraws after the withdrawal date, the NCS district will seek reimbursement for the amount of state funds paid to the college on the student's behalf for that college course. As an example, if a student fails or withdraws from a 3 hours course, they would owe approximately \$500. The price will vary based on the number of hours the class is and how much the college charges for the class. This will be added to the student's fees.

What if I want to retake a College Credit Course that I passed?

For a college course to be transferable a student must earn a grade of C or better. There are some courses that are prerequisites to other courses and they must be passed with a C or better grade. (Example: a student must pass Composition 1 with a C or higher to take Composition 2). For these reasons or to improve a GPA, a student might want to retake a course. If a student wants to retake a CCP course that they earned a grade of D or higher in, they must have the building Principal's approval and must **self-pay** for the course.

Poor performance in college courses can place a student on academic probation or dismissal by the college.

Any CCP student achieving underperforming student status must be placed on CCP probation. An underperforming student is defined as a student who meets at least one of the following conditions:

- Has cumulative GPA lower than a 2.0 in the college courses taken through the CCP program.
- Withdraws from or receives no credit for two or more courses in the semester. (Withdraw would be after the deadline to drop without W)

Any CCP student who meets the definition of an underperforming student for two consecutive terms of enrollment must become an ineligible student.

College Content and Legal Disclaimer.

In accordance with State law, it is required that both parents and students realize that the courses taken through CCP are college courses and the course content, materials, requirements, and discussions will not be adjusted for high school or middle school students. In order to participate in the CCP program, both the student and the parent will be required to sign a permission slip stating that the student is mature enough to handle the college coursework. The student will also need to affirm they possess the necessary social and emotional maturity for the college classes. Each college will handle these requirements and they must be completed before any course enrollment can occur.

What are my academic and social responsibilities?

Students in a College Credit Plus program are College students and the college rules and regulations supersede the high school rules and regulations.

The student is expected to follow the rules and regulations set by the college/university in addition to being expected to follow the rules and regulations detailed in the NHS handbook. Once enrolled, the student is eligible to receive advising from campus-based support services of the college or university. Additionally, the student will continue to have access to their NHS

counselor and all other resources available to NHS students. Participation in CCP does not guarantee admission to college after high school. Students should follow the regular undergraduate application process for whatever college she/he plans to attend after high school. Students participating in CCP are socially responsible for what goes on both at their college and their home school. Full-time CCP students who do not attend NHS in person are responsible for following NHS events and dates. Information can be found on the NCS website, social media, and emails.

How does FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy ACT) affect CCP students?

In high school, parents are strong advocates and work closely with teachers and counselors. At college, parents are mentors and support students. The college views the student as an independent decision maker.

CCP students are college students and are subject to the federal FERPA. For CCP college students, this means that college records are not released to anyone, even parents, without written permission from the student. For CCP students, the high school and the college may exchange information.

What if I have a Specialized Education Plan?

Students who have a specialized education plan, such as a 504 or IEP, will need to contact the college's disability service department for eligibility determination. The college's disabilities service department will determine the support a student may have in the CCP course. It is important that the student be proactive and self-advocate for their needs. Accommodations cannot be delivered until the college identifies and approves the appropriate accommodations. In college, a written plan is designed for access.

What is the maximum number of credits a student can take in CCP?

A student can enroll in up to 30 credit hours per college year. (Summer, Fall, and Spring Semester)

A student can take up to 120 credit hours over the course of 7 through 12 grade.

For any given school year, maximum credit availability to a student is determined by the following formula: $30 - (\text{HS credits} \times 3) = \text{Maximum credits for the college year}$.

What should be considered prior to enrolling in CCP courses?

Plan Backwards: What are the student's post-secondary plans? How and when will CCP support these goals? Just because a student can qualify for CCP, does not mean they are academically and/or socially ready to take CCP.

Consider the student's:

- *emotional readiness
- *academic readiness
- *future academic path
- *personal desire

- *time management
- *organizational skills
- *future career goals
- *daily schedule and commitments

Some college classes have content that is oriented toward a mature or adult student. Colleges are not required to modify course content based on the ages of the students. The Ohio Revised Code 3365.12(A) requires: "All courses offered under the college credit plus program shall be the same courses that are included in the partnering college's course catalog for college-level, nonremedial courses."

How does my student get involved in College Credit Plus?

- Step 1: Complete the College Credit Plus Intent to Participate form.**
This application must be signed and returned to the School Counseling Office by April 1.
- Step 2: Apply to the college/university offering course(s) of choice.**
Students who are taking CCP courses on a college campus or online need to follow the directions as stated by the college. All questions regarding applying should be directed to the college to which the student is applying. Pay close attention to deadlines.
- Step 3: Follow up with your school counselor for needed transcripts or school reports**
- Step 4: If needed, register for ACT/SAT or Accuplacer/ALEKS test to qualify for CCP. (If GPA is not high enough)**
ACT registration is done online at www.actstudent.org (written portion not required)
Juniors will be taking this in at NHS in February.
Sat registration is done online at www.collegeboard.com
When registering for the ACT/SAT be sure to include Newark's school code and the college's school code to ensure that the scores will be sent directly to both places:
Newark High School Code: 363-635
Ohio State Newark ACT Code - 3312
COTC ACT code - 3365
Mount Vernon Nazarene ACT Code - 3372
Accuplacer/ALEKS will be scheduled with the college, if needed.
- Step 5: Stay in communication with your school counselor.**
Molly Stayer 740-670-7414 mstayer@newarkcityschools.org Last name A-Di
Scott Koebel 740-670-7413 skoebel@newarkcityschools.org Last name Do-Ki
Luke Johnston 740-670-7415 ljohnston@newarkcityschools.org Last name KL-Ri
Michelle Lott 740-670-7412 mlott@newarkcityschools.org Last name Ro-Z
Melissa Banks 740-670-7410 mdhall@newarkcityschools.org Counseling Office
- Step 6: Work with the College's Academic Advisor to schedule college courses.**
- Step 7: Provide documentation of the college schedule to NHS Counseling Office as soon as you are registered, but no later than the first day of NHS classes in August.**
- Step 8: See the Counseling Office Secretary for textbook ordering procedures: Students are never to purchase textbooks on their own without prior approval. We have many books in the counseling office for students to check out before purchasing.** If you are not attending COTC, OSUN, or MVNU, we need to know asap, so that we can work with the university to arrange for textbooks, so that there is no delay in receiving your textbooks by the first day of class.
- Step 9: Return all CCP books and materials to the Counseling Office at the end of the semester. Failure to return these materials will result in an obligation being added to your fees.**
- Step 10: Provide a copy of 2nd semester schedule to your counselor as soon as you are registered, but no later than the 1st day of class.**
- Step 11: Repeat steps 5-9 for 2nd semester.**

Important Dates

Intent to Participate Form is Due by - April 1, 2026.

OSUN application deadline:

- For Summer: February 1st
- For Autumn: May 1st
- Online application available at
- <https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/application-process/how-apply>
- High school information form signed by school counselor or principal
- Official transcript of course work
- Standardized test scores that meet the state College Readiness Standards
- ACT: English - 18; Reading - 22; Math - 22
- SAT: Evidence Based Reading and Writing - 480; Mathematics - 530
- Next Generation ACCUPLACER: Writing - 263; Reading -250; Math - 263

COTC

- Online application available at <https://www.cotc.edu/public-school-students>
- Official transcript of coursework
- Placement testing will be scheduled with the Gateway, as needed.

Mount Vernon Nazarene:

- <https://www.mvnu.edu/dualenrollment>

Ohio University Zanesville

- <https://www.ohio.edu/dualenrollment/collegecreditplus/overview/procedures>
- Application due date May 1st for Fall Semester

Annual Notice for 2026 – 2027 School Year

This document provides notice of the College Credit Plus (CCP) program to **Newark City Schools** students in grades 6 through 11 and their parents by February 1. This information will be posted on the school's website, and written communications including those generally distributed to students, course booklet, student assembly, or information night.

Michelle Lott is the designated point of contact for College Credit Plus at **Newark High School** and can answer student and parent questions related to the program.

College Credit Plus Costs:

- (a) College Credit Plus opportunities have no cost to students, including the free option to attend public 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. However, students that are considered economically disadvantaged CANNOT be asked to reimburse CCP costs.
- (b) There is a potential cost of participation with a 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 cannot be charged for anything related to College CreditPlus. This includes students who choose to attend a nonpublic institution of higher education; they cannot be charged a minimum fee. See Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-65.6(2) for details and the definition of economically disadvantaged.
- (d) **Newark City Schools** is not a nonpublic/private school. For students attending nonpublic/private secondary schools, students must apply for state funding to participate, and this funding may be limited for students.¹

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

Parents and students must participate in a counseling session prior to participation (which may be included as part of the Information Session).

(b) Important Notice:

"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 CollegeCredit 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."

¹ See higher.ohio.gov/ccp for funding application deadline, information, and links.

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 administrator. 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 either grant or deny that student's participation in the program. The decision of the district superintendent or governing entity shall be final.²There is no appeal for missing the April 1 deadline for students attending nonpublic/private secondary schools or homeschooled students.

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.
- (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 **Newark City Schools** students **do not** 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:

- 4/1/2026** Intent to Participate Form is due for participation in the upcoming academic year.
- 11/1/2026** Intent to Participate Form is due for participation for the following semester or term.

²See [Ohio Revised Code 3365.03](#) for additional details.

