



Covington Exempted Village School District
College Credit Plus Guide
2026-2027

College Credit Plus (CCP)

Current Ohio law permits 7th through 12th grade students to participate in a program called College Credit Plus (CCP). This program allows students at Covington to enroll in college courses for high school credit and college credit. Students may opt to take courses at a local college/university, at Covington High School (available to students in grades 9-12), or online.

Program Eligibility

- Open to students in grades 7-12.
- A participating college or university must accept the student. Qualifications and requirements are determined by the university. However, it is usually suggested that students have a "B" average or higher in prior courses in the subject area.
- Students/parents cannot participate without going through counseling services so the benefits and consequences of the program can be explained. If parents/guardians are unable to attend the CCP Information Meeting, the information found in this guide must be thoroughly read by both student and parent, and can serve as the required counseling. Students and parents are also encouraged to reach out, and schedule a meeting with the school counselor to go over this information.
- All required forms completed within deadlines:

Intent to Participate

April 1

Verification of Counseling Session

Both the student and parent must read through the CCP Guide, sign, and submit the Intent to Participate & Counseling Verification form by April 1st.

Applications

Students must apply to the institution(s) they wish to utilize. You can find guides on how to apply to Edison State Community College and Sinclair Community College on Covington's website or by stopping by the counseling office.

Once students apply, they must adhere to all college deadlines regarding placement testing, registering, etc.

Criteria Considered for Acceptance

Colleges/universities have established guidelines for qualifying students for the 2025-2026 school year. Each school has slightly different qualifications, and students must adhere to the requirements of the college/university they intend to use.

The following guidelines are for Edison State Community College

Program Eligibility	Course Eligibility
Establishing program eligibility permits a student to participate in the CCP program. Program eligibility must be established before a student can determine what courses they are eligible to take. Students can establish program eligibility one of three ways: Option 1: 3.0 GPA Students with a cumulative unweighted high school GPA of a 3.0 or higher. Option 2: 2.75 GPA & Relevant Coursework Students with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.75-2.99 with a grade of "A" or "B" in at least ONE of the following high school courses: - English 10 or higher - Algebra 2 or equivalent - Geometry or higher - Any AP course - Junior-level career technical course Option 3: College Ready Assessment Scores Students that meet college ready assessment scores in at least one area. - ACCUPLACER: 250 Reading or 263 Math (QRAS or AAF portions) - ACT: 18 English, 22 Reading, or 22 Math	Meeting course eligibility requirements, or course prerequisites, permits a student to enroll in specific college courses. Course eligibility requirements are set by Edison State. Students who are program eligible AND meet the criteria listed below qualify for these common ESCC course prerequisites. NO PREREQUISITES: - All students eligible for CCP qualify for courses with out prerequisites. <i>Course examples: BUS 110, COM 121, FIN 116</i> ENGLISH READY: 2.75 HS GPA and - A or B in English 10 or higher OR - Qualifying reading assessment score - ACT Reading 22+ - Accuplacer 250+ <i>Course examples: HST 126, ENG 121, PSY 121</i> STATS/REASONING READY: 2.75 HS GPA and: - A or B in Geometry - A or B in Algebra 2 or equivalent OR - Qualifying math assessment score - ACT Math 20+ - Accuplacer QRAS 263+ MATH READY: 3.0 HS GPA and: - A or B in Algebra 2 OR - Qualifying math assessment score - ACT Math 22+ - Accuplacer AAF 263+

Financial Obligations

- Students taking college courses through a public college or university will not be charged for tuition, books, or fees.

- Students taking courses through a private college may be charged based on the particular private college in accordance with the law.
- **If a student does not complete the course (fails, drops out, fails to attend, withdraws after the deadline, etc.) the school district will seek reimbursement for tuition and other fees from the student/parent.**
- Students opting to take courses at a local college or university are responsible for transportation and parking costs.
- Students opting to take online courses are responsible for the costs of home internet connectivity.

Credit Conversion

The state of Ohio has determined how college credits are converted to high school credits:

3 or more semester hours = 1 high school credit

2 semester hours = $\frac{2}{3}$ of high school credit

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Determination of College Credit Plus Hours Allowed per Academic Year

30 - (high school only credits x 3) = Maximum number of CCP credit hours

Transportation Obligations

- All transportation and transportation/parking costs are the responsibility of the students and parents for those students who wish to take classes at the college/university campus.
- The local school's responsibility ceases when the student leaves Covington school grounds. The student is then the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Availability of Support Services

- Mrs. Ayres will be available to advise students who wish to enroll in this program. Information may include the requirements of the program, and instructions for completing the applications. Students wishing to pursue college courses on a college campus as well as online are responsible for registering for classes.
- Completion of placement testing is the responsibility of the student!
- Students who qualify for special education services at the high school through an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 plan will have to submit appropriate paperwork through the Office of Disability Services with each college/university. The college/university will determine what support/accommodations may be available. **It is the responsibility of the student to submit this plan to the college/university.**

College Counseling Services

Students will be assigned a college advisor to meet with. All new CCP students are encouraged to attend an orientation with the college/university. Sinclair and Edison both use an online orientation. Once students complete the application process, they will receive more information regarding orientation.

Graduation and Other Requirements

- Students who enroll in this program will be expected to meet all Covington High School graduation requirements, and none will be waived.
- CCP does not replace the requirements to earn a high school diploma.
- The student is responsible for providing the Counseling Office proof of college registration and documentation of course work being completed on a college campus or online.
*Edison State Community College and Sinclair Community college provide registration and grade reports to the counseling office.
- Courses required for graduation must be completed prior to the day of graduation practice in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. Therefore, it is required that such courses be taken prior to the spring term of senior year.
- Seniors will NOT be permitted to take any courses required for graduation during 2nd semester at a local college/university or online unless absolutely necessary. Exception: Seniors wishing to take college courses at Covington High School during 2nd semester needed to graduate will be permitted.

Scheduling Conflicts

- Covington schedules for students will not be changed to accommodate class schedules for college classes. Students in band, agricultural classes, art electives, and other such classes that may only be offered one period throughout the school day can expect conflicts.
- Students should not expect coaches or club advisors to adjust practice schedules, bus departures, team meetings, etc. to accommodate their college course schedule.
- College classes may be taken at any time of day or night.
- All students with an early release/late arrive contract must take a college course either at the college campus, or online to qualify. Failure to complete the contract or to take at least one online/on campus course, will result in a full day schedule at Covington High School.

Academic and Social Impact

- Exposure to mature content in some courses.
- College grades will be figured into the students high school GPA and athletic eligibility the same as all other grades.

- Students must maintain academic eligibility to participate in athletics in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association bylaws. Contact the Athletic Director for specific questions.
- Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations set by the college/university. All college courses taught within the high school building must follow the same syllabi as those courses offered at the local college/university. (The Family Education Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA) protects student education records, and therefore, college professors and instructors cannot communicate with parents regarding student progress and grades).
- All grades will reflect not only on the high school transcript, but the student's college transcript as well. The grades are permanent record of college courses taken by a student.
- If students wish to transfer the college credits to another college, the college receiving the credits determines what credits are accepted, and how they are accepted. Please contact that college's Office of Admissions to discuss your specific situation. Visit transfercredit.oho.gov or www.transferology.com to learn more information.
- Participation in CCP does not guarantee admission to college after high school. Students must follow the regular undergraduate application process for whatever college they plan to attend after high school.
- Low performance can lead to CCP probation or dismissal from the program. If a student's college GPA falls below a 2.0 at any time, the student will initially be placed on probation for the following term. During probation, the student may only take one CCP course (no course in the same subject area in which a student may have previously received a D or F). If the student does not raise their GPA to 2.0 or above while on probation, they will be dismissed from the program.
- Low performance can impact financial aid in the future.

Overall Benefits and Potential Risks/Consequences

Benefits

- Enrichment of studies
- Free college credit
- Advanced standing in the first year of college

Risks

- Student not ready socially/academically
- Conflicts with extracurricular activities
- Travel and other safety factors
- Covington High School class schedule conflicts
- Failing a course—Cost falls upon student/parents, and student may have to return to Covington for the remainder of the year.
- Low grades permanent on college transcript

- Low performance can lead to CCP probation or dismissal from the program.
- Impact on financial aid

What are the Differences Between High School and College?

	High School	College
Study Time	Required homework ranges between 1-3 hours per day.	2-3 hours of studying/reading for each credit hour of class.
Knowledge Acquisition	Information provided mostly in class, assignments to follow what was covered.	Out of class work in advance of in-class discussion. Students in online classes will be expected to learn the material largely on their own.
Tests	Given regularly or at the end of each unit.	Less frequent and cover more material
Grades	Numerous quizzes, tests, homework assignments, etc. Opportunity for extra credit.	Fewer tests and few homework assignments. Online classes will likely have multiple assignments per week.
Accommodations	Parents & students work with HS staff to determine what assistance or accommodations can be made for students with IEPs or 504 plans.	<u>Students</u> must work directly with college staff to determine if accommodations are needed; IEP and 504 Plans must be submitted to the college's Office of Disability Services.