College Credit Plus

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What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual credit program

- Students can earn high school and college credit at the same time
- Ohio residents in grades 7-12; enrolled at a public/private high school or homeschooled
- Take a variety of courses at any public and participating private college in Ohio
- Courses held at the high school, on a college campus, or online

How can students participate?

Step 1: Eligibility

- A student is eligible for the College Credit Plus program if the student meets any of the following criteria:
  - Obtains a remediation-free score on one of the standard assessment exams
  - Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 3.00
  - Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 2.75 but less than 3.00 and received an "A" or "B" grade in a relevant high school course.

How can students participate?

Step 2: College Admission

- Students must apply for admission at each institution
  - Admission is reviewed per the requirements of the college or university; contact the college to find specific information
- College applications include the permission slip for mature content and a questionnaire about emotional maturity
- Colleges have the final decision on student admission

How can students participate?

Step 3: Course Registration

- The college will discuss course options with the student, based on assessment scores, prerequisites, and other requirements
- School counselors can help students understand graduation requirements and CCP course substitutions
- High schools and colleges develop 15 and 30 credit hour pathways to help you determine your plan

Course Eligibility Rules

Students must complete their first 15 credits in Level I courses, which include:

- Transferable courses
- Courses in IT, Computer Science, Anatomy & Physiology, foreign language
- Courses that are part of a technical certificate
- Courses that are part of a 15- or 30-credit pathway
- Courses in study skills, academic or career success

Course Eligibility Rules

Non-allowable courses include:

- Private applied courses with one-on-one instruction (such as performing art lessons)
- Courses with high fees
- Study abroad courses
- Physical education courses
- Pass/Fail graded courses
- Remedial courses or sectarian/religious courses

How many classes can students take?

Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credits per year, which includes high school courses:

- Calculation: 30 – (HS units x 3) = max CCP credit hours
- The maximum number of college credits a student can complete while participating in the program is 120
- If a student enrolls in more than 30 credits for the year, they can:
  - Drop the course prior to the no-fault withdrawal date
  - Pay for the entire course at the college's standard rates (Option A)

Additional Considerations

Grades

- The final grades earned in the college course are the same grade that will be on the high school transcript
  - CCP course grades will be factored into the high school and college GPAs

Grade Weighting

- High schools must weight all advanced standing courses in a subject area consistently(CCP, AP, IB, Honors)-starting in the 2026-2027 school year, there will be **no additional bonus points** added for CCP, AP, IB, and Honors classes

Additional Considerations

Selective Service

- Male students who are at least 18 years of age and Ohio residents are required to be registered with the Selective Service System
- Students are required to provide their Selective Service number to the public college or university within 30 days of their 18th birthday
- Failure to submit the Selective Service number will result in the student not being considered a College Credit Plus participant for that semester or term
  - The student will be responsible for any tuition, textbooks, or fees associated with the course(s)

What are differences between high school & college?

	High School	College
Study Time	Required homework ranges between 1-3 hours per day	2-3 hours of studying/reading for each 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
Tests	Given weekly or at the end of each unit	Less frequent and cover more material

What are differences between high school & college?

	High School	College
Grades	Numerous quizzes, tests, homework assignments, etc.	Fewer tests and few homework assignments
Role of Parents/Guardians	Guardians advocate, involved and work with teachers & counselors	Student has more responsibility; guardians more of a mentor/support
Accommodations	Parents and students work with high school staff to determine what assistance or accommodations can be made for students with IEPs or 504 plans	Students must work directly with college staff to determine if accommodations are needed; IEPs and 504 plans may or may not be included in the discussions

What does it mean to be “college-ready”?

Being “college-ready” is more than just being academically ready

- Consider emotional and social transition and college expectations
- Consider time management and organizational skills

What are benefits of participating in College Credit Plus?

Students can:

- ❖Earn high school and college credits at the same time
- ❖Get a head start on career planning and earn degrees or certificate completions
- ❖ Experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- ❖ Save tuition and textbook costs

What are the consequences of underperforming?

Families will be asked to reimburse courses if:

- The student does not earn a passing grade in their course
- The student withdraws after the no-fault deadline at the college

College Credit Plus Probation

- A student will be placed on CCP probation if:
  - They earn less than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in CCP courses or
  - They withdraw from 2 or more courses in one academic term

What are the consequences of underperforming?

While on CCP Probation, the student:

- ❖ May only enroll in one College Credit Plus course for one college term (semester or quarter)
- ❖ May not enroll in a college course in the same subject in which student previously earned D, F, NC grade (or equivalent grade)
- ❖ If students on CCP probation do not increase their CCP GPA to a 2.0 or above during the probation term, they will be placed on CCP Dismissal

What are the consequences of underperforming?

College Credit Plus Dismissal

- If a student does not raise their grade during the probation term, they are dismissed from CCP
- While on CCP Dismissal, students may not enroll in any College Credit Plus courses
- A student can request (appeal) to be reinstated in the program

What are the consequences of underperforming?

Appeals for Underperformance:

CCP Probation:

- Student may appeal to take a course in the same subject in which they previously earned a non-passing grade or received no credit

- CCP Dismissal:
  - Within 5 days of being dismissed, the student may submit an appeal to the secondary school to appeal CCP Dismissal or the student may appeal at the end of the CCP Dismissal semester

What are the consequences of underperforming?

After HS Graduation:

- Grades earned in CCP will remain on students' college transcripts permanently
- If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be also be impacted negatively
  - Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is a requirement for financial aid
  - Standards vary by institution

What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

Option A:

- The family/student can choose to self-pay for college courses at the standard rate of tuition, fees, and textbooks
  - Students/families should arrange a plan for payment with the college or university
- Students can choose to earn college credit and high school credit OR only college credit
  - Students must inform the school of their choice of credit for courses

Option B:

- The "default" or standard option for College Credit Plus
- All college course tuition, fees, and textbooks will be paid by the state of Ohio
  - Supported by the school's foundation funds and the college's funds
- Students will earn college credit and high school credit

What are support services are available for students?

Students receive support from both the HS and College:

- High school counselors continue to provide assistance to all College Credit Plus students
- College advisors provide course selection assistance
- Colleges must provide the same academic supports to CCP students such as tutoring, library access, advising, etc.

What about athletic eligibility?

Student athletes should:

- Learn the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) requirements
- Know that summer term CCP courses cannot be used to bring a student into compliance with the OHSAA requirements for interscholastic athletic participation

Will the course credits transfer?

- Certain general education and technical courses will transfer, especially from one Ohio public college to another Ohio public college
- Students must check with colleges to confirm transferability
- Students should also visit https://transfercredit.ohio.gov for transfer information

What are the deadlines?

Intent to Participate

- April 1: Complete and return the form to the school office. Submitting your form before this deadline allows you to participate in CCP for the full academic year
- November 1: If you did not submit an Intent to Participate form before the April 1 deadline, you may complete and return your form before this deadline. Submitting your form before this deadline allows you to participate in CCP during the subsequent term.

Check ACT and SAT testing dates

- Test early to meet college/university admission deadlines (if required)

Semester deadlines

- Summer semester deadline will be early as classes usually start in May
- Check with the college for all other semester deadlines

Next Steps

- Contact the college and discuss assessment testing requirements
- Complete the Intent to Participate form and provide to the school office by April 1 (Full Academic Year) or by November 1 (Half Year)
- Apply for admission at the college of choice by the deadline
- Attend the required CCP Orientation at your CCP Institution
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss scheduling and graduation requirements

Do you have other questions?

Visit the CCP website for additional resources:
https://highered.ohio.gov/initiatives/access-acceleration/college-credit-plus

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