College Credit Plus vs. Credit Flexibility vs. Advanced Placement (AP)

College Credit Plus (CCP): Earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking college courses; Best for students looking for a structured college experience, earning dual credit immediately.

Credit Flexibility: Customize learning experiences outside traditional classes for high school credit; Ideal for students interested in personalized, hands-on learning experiences.

Advanced Placement (AP): Take college-level courses in high school and earn potential college credit through AP exams; Suitable for academically driven students seeking college-level coursework during high school, with potential for college credit based on AP exam performance.

	College Credit Plus (CCP)	Credit Flexibility	Advanced Placement (AP)
Eligibility	Grades 7-12, meeting college readiness standards	Grades 7-12 with an approved learning proposal/credit flexibility application	Grades 9-12 (recommended for students with strong academic skills)
Credit Earned	Dual credit (high school & college credit simultaneously)	High school credit only	High school credit; potential college credit based on AP exam score
Location	College campus, online, or high school if offered	Flexible; typically outside of school day	High school campus
Cost	Free for public high school students in Ohio who complete Intent to Participate form	May have costs depending on proposal/application	Exam fee (financial support available for those who qualify)
Subject Variety	Wide range of college-level courses	Customizable, subject to approval	Specific subjects (e.g., AP Chemistry, AP Calculus)
Application Process	Intent Form by deadline, apply to college and meet all requirements	Submit an application for approval meeting all deadlines	Enroll in AP course; take AP exam in May
Assessment	Graded by the college and by college standards/assessments	Custom assessments; or by online provider	AP exam score (1-5) determines eligibility for college credit
Flexibility	Structured by college's schedule and requirements	Highly flexible; driven by student interests and goals; must meet deadlines for completion	Follows AP course syllabus, set curriculum
College Credit	Earned immediately if completed successfully	High school credit only	May be awarded based on AP exam score and college-specific policies