
ANNUAL INFORMATION SESSION

FOR PRIVATE/NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO BE USED DURING 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
IN PREPARATION FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



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
- Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the policies and requirements of the college

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students in Grades 7 through 12:

- Must be Ohio residents and
 - Attending an Ohio secondary school (public or private) or
 - Receiving homeschooling instruction

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students in Grades 7 through 12:

- May apply to any Ohio public college or participating Ohio private college (or approved out-of-state college)
- May apply to multiple colleges

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students in Grades 7 through 12:

- Must complete an assessment exam and be determined “eligible” based on exam scores for College Credit Plus

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students in Grades 7 through 12:

- May choose from a variety of college-level courses
 - As determined by placement testing & course eligibility rules
- Can earn credit to satisfy both high school and college requirements
 - 3 or more Credit Hour College Course converts to One High School Unit

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students in Grades 7 through 12:

- Must successfully complete the courses in order to earn the credit
- Even if a student fails or withdraws from the course, the college transcript and high school transcript will reflect the student's final grade

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Students in Grades 7 through 12:

- May take classes during the summer, fall, & spring semesters
- May take courses at the high school*, college campus, or online

**The option to take courses at the high school is only available if the high school has partnered with a college or university to offer college courses at the high school*

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Step 1: Eligibility

Students must be “eligible” for College Credit Plus participation based on assessment exam scores

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT EXAMS

- Students' scores must show that they are ready for “college-level” courses in at least one subtest on an exam such as ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ALEKS, PlaceU, or MapleSoft
- Each college/university may have different exam requirements

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT EXAMS

- Colleges and universities will review students' scores using statewide standards
- If a student's scores are not "college-level," colleges can consider the student's exam scores if the scores are within a specific range and if the student has:
 - Overall high school GPA of at least 3.0 **or**
 - Recommendation form/letter (from school counselor, principal, or career-technical advisor)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT EXAMS

- Due to COVID-19, eligibility assessment testing was impacted during Spring 2020 and beyond and flexibility was provided for the 2020-2021 academic year
- This flexibility has not yet been determined for future semesters

*In the event that COVID-19 continues to cause disruptions, this requirement might be amended – see www.ohiohighered.org/ccp for the most up-to-date information

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Step 2: College Admission

- Students must apply for admission
- Students must meet admission requirements of the college
- Contact the college to learn about their requirements, processes, paperwork, and deadlines
- Colleges have the final decision on student admission

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Step 3: Course Registration

If the student is considered eligible and has been admitted to the college, then the college will discuss course options with the student, based on assessment scores, prerequisites, and other requirements.

WHAT COURSES CAN A STUDENT TAKE?

CCP courses can satisfy high school graduation requirements

- School counselors can help students understand graduation requirements and CCP course substitutions
- Some high schools have more requirements for graduation than the state minimum

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

- Colleges must post their Level I courses – see website for details
- Once a student completes the First 15 credit hours in Level I, he or she can move to Level II courses
- Level II courses are any other allowable college courses for which a student meets the prerequisites

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

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Grades

- College Credit Plus grades earned in the college course is the same grade that will be on the high school transcript
- CCP course grades will be factored into the high school and college GPAs

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Grade Weighting

- If a high school uses a weighted grading scale for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Honors courses in a subject area, then College Credit Plus courses in the subject area will be weighted using the same scale

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

- Students should consider courses in a career pathway that interests them
- Students should ask about pathways that identify courses leading to a major or degree requirements

WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Graduation Requirements

- Students may take College Credit Plus courses in subject areas that will satisfy graduation requirements
- Students must work with school counselors to ensure they are meeting any mandatory testing or other high school graduation requirements

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credits per year, which includes high school courses:
- Calculation:
$$30 - (\text{secondary school units} \times 3) = \text{max CCP credits}$$
- The maximum number of credits allowable for a student while participating in the program is 120

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

Nonpublic/Private School Students must apply for College Credit Plus funding every year

- Families must establish an OH | ID and request access to the CCP Funding Application
- Families must complete the entire CCP Funding Application by the deadline

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Approximately five weeks after the deadline, funds will be awarded to families with completed applications in the form of “Credit Hours”
- The number of “Credit Hours” a student is awarded is the maximum a student can enroll with state funds

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Funds are limited and students may not be awarded all credit hours that the student/family has requested
- Funding awards are distributed based on student grade level
 - 12th grade students are awarded first, then 11th grade, and so on until all funds are awarded

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Students must provide a copy of the Funding Award letter to the college
 - When a student uses the state funds for college courses, this is Option B
 - Option B is the default option of College Credit Plus
 - Students will earn both college credit and high school credit

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Students must be awarded enough credit hours for the entire college course
 - If a student was not awarded enough credit hours for the entire college course, the family must pay for the entire course without state funds
 - By paying for the course that exceeds the funding award, this is Option A
 - Under Option A, the student/ family must work directly with the college to arrange to make payment

HOW MANY CLASSES CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Option A allows the student to choose to earn both college credit and high school credit OR only college credit
- Option A must be elected at the time the student registers for college courses
- Students must inform the college and the secondary school of electing Option A and which credit the student wants to earn

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- Step 1:
 - Parent/guardian must create an OH|ID at <https://ohid.ohio.gov>
 - This step can be completed at any time
 - Allow a few days for the OH|ID to be assigned
 - If a parent already has an OH|ID, the parent should use the existing OH|ID

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- Step 2:
 - Parent/guardian will use the OH|ID to log into the <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>
 - Parent /guidance should follow the steps in the Instruction Manual to request access to the College Credit Plus Funding Application
 - The Instruction Manual will be available when the Funding Application is “opened” in February 2021

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- Step 3:
 - When the parent/guardian has access to the Funding Application, one of the first sections to complete is the Intent to Participate
 - There is no separate form for this step; it is included in the electronic Funding Application
 - Read the information and click on the appropriate field to confirm the Intent to Participate

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- Step 4:
 - Complete all sections of the Funding Application and upload the required documents
 - Click on “Submit” when the application is finished

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- Step 4 (continued):
 - The deadline for submitting the application is April 1, 2021*
 - You will receive an email confirmation that you have successfully submitted the application
 - No exceptions to the deadline are available

*In the event that COVID-19 continues to cause disruptions, this date might be amended – see www.ohiohighered.org/ccp for the most up-to-date information

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- If parents have any difficulties with the Funding Application, contact ccp@education.ohio.gov for assistance as quickly as possible
- Keep in mind that many families will be applying and possibly seeking assistance – Apply early!
 - Remember the Funding Application will be available in early February and the deadline is April 1, 2021
 - Check the website for information: www.ohiohighered.org/ccp/students-families

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR FUNDING?

- Approximately five weeks after the deadline, “Credit Hour” funds will be awarded to families with completed applications
 - The number of “Credit Hours” a student is awarded is the maximum in which a student can enroll with state funds
- Families will be instructed to log into the OH|ID portal and the application to download a Funding Award Letter
- Families should provide that letter to the college

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Tests

- High School: Tests are sometimes given weekly or at the end of the chapter
- College: Tests are generally fewer in number and cover more material

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Study Time

- High School: Required homework ranges between 1 to 3 hours per day
- College: Standard rule of 2 to 3 hours of homework for every hour spent in class (3 to 5 hours per day)

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Knowledge Acquisition

- High School: Information provided mostly in-class. Out-of-class research is minimal
- College: Coursework will generally require more independent thinking, longer writing assignments, and out-of-class research

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Grades

- High School: Numerous quizzes, tests, and homework assignments
- College: Few tests and fewer, if any, homework assignments will be used to determine final grades

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Role of Parents

- High School: Parents are strong advocates working closely with teachers and counselors
- College: Parent serves as a mentor and support for the student; the college views the student as independent decision-maker
- College: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student education records

WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE?

Accommodations

- High School: Parents and students work with high school staff to determine what assistance or accommodations can be made for students with IEPs or 504 plans
- College: 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 with the college

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 degree or certificate completion
- Experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- Save tuition and textbook costs

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERPERFORMING?

- If students do not earn a passing grade or if they withdraw too late from college courses, the nonpublic school may require students/families* to reimburse the tuition that the state had paid
 - The school will then submit the reimbursement to the state
- The grades that students earn will be on the students' college transcripts permanently

*If a student is considered “economically disadvantaged,” a school may not seek reimbursement

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERPERFORMING?

- If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be also impacted negatively
- For more information, contact the college's financial aid office for details
- If students perform poorly, they may be placed CCP Probation, CCP Dismissal or on academic probation or dismissal by the college

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

College Credit Plus Probation

- A student will be placed on CCP probation if he or she **earns less than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in CCP courses** or withdraws from 2 or more courses in one academic term

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

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 the college course in the same subject in which student previously earned D, F, NC grade (or equivalent grade)

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

CCP Dismissal

- 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
- 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

UNDERPERFORMING STUDENT RULES

CCP Probation & Dismissal Appeals

- **CCP Probation:** Student may appeal to take a course in the same subject in which he or she previously earned a D, F, 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
- *Each school must have a policy describing the process for appeals*

WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

- At public colleges or universities, there will be no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books
 - Private school families must apply for state funding
 - Any course that exceeds the state funding is the financial responsibility of the family
- At private colleges or universities, there will be no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books AND students may be charged a small cost per credit hour
 - Check with the private college to see if they will charge this fee
- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/ family (*Examples: Parking and transportation*)

WHAT SUPPORT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS?

- 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 College Credit Plus students such as tutoring, library access, advising/counseling

WHAT ABOUT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY?

Student athletes should:

1. Learn the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) requirements
2. 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 DOES BEING “COLLEGE-READY” MEAN?

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 DOES BEING “COLLEGE-READY” MEAN?

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

- Grades earned in a CCP course are for high school AND college credits and will be calculated into the student’s GPA at both places
- College Credit Plus credits will be utilized in the calculation of financial aid (after high school)

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

April 1, 2021

- Private school families must complete the electronic the Intent to Participate and the Funding Application at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>

Check ACT and SAT testing dates

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

Check college application dates

- Each college may have different application deadlines and students must have an acceptance letter form the college to apply for funding.
- Summer semester deadlines will likely be early as classes usually start in May

*In the event that COVID-19 continues to cause disruptions, requirements may be extended or changed – see www.ohiohighered.org/ccp for the most up-to-date information

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

- Apply for admission at the college of choice before the deadline
- Contact the college and discuss assessment testing requirements
- Start the funding process early and submit the application by the deadline
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss scheduling and graduation requirements

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DO YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Visit the CCP website for additional resources:

www.ohiohighered.org/ccp

