

# Annual Information Session for Public School Families & Students

2019-2020 School Year



# What is College Credit Plus?

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## 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 requirements of the college

## Students in Grades 7 -12

- Must complete an assessment exam and be determined “eligible” for College Credit Plus
- May apply to any public college or participating private college
- May apply to multiple institutions
- Must be Ohio residents

## Students in Grades 7 -12

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- 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 (One 3+ Credit Hour Course = One High School Unit)
- Must successfully complete the courses in order to earn the credit

## Students in Grades 7 -12

- May take classes during the summer, fall, & spring semesters
- May take courses at the high school<sup>1</sup>, college campus, or online

*<sup>1</sup>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 subject area on an exam such as ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ALEKS, PlaceU, or MapleSoft
- Each college/university may have different exam requirements

# Student Eligibility Assessment Exams

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- Colleges and universities will review students' scores using statewide standards
- If a student's scores are not "college-level," other conditions may be considered depending on the exam scores 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)



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## Step 2: College Admission

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

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## 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?

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## 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

What courses  
can a student  
take?

College advisors will help students know which courses they can take, based on:

- Assessment scores
- Course prerequisites
- Course eligibility rules

# Course Eligibility Rules

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**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, which are any other allowable college courses for which a student meets the prerequisites.

# Course Eligibility Rules

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## **Non-allowable courses include:**

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

What are other requirements?

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## 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 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

What are other requirements?

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## 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 semester credit hours per year, including high school courses:  
 $30 - (\text{secondary school units} \times 3) = \text{max CCP credits}$
- The maximum number of credits allowable over the life of the program is 120

How many  
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If a student enrolls in more than 30 credit hours for the year, the school will discuss with the student whether to:

- Drop the course or
- Pay for the entire course (including tuition, fees, books) at the college's standard rates

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

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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)

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## 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.



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## 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

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## 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 benefits  
of participating in  
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Plus?

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Students can:

- Earn high school and college credits at the same time
- Get a “head start” on college degrees or certificates
- Experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- Save tuition and textbook costs

What are the  
consequences of  
underperforming?

- If students fail or withdraw too late from college courses, the district may require students/families to repay the cost of tuition that the district had paid
- The grades that students earn will be on the students' college transcripts permanently

## What are the consequences of underperforming?

- If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be also impacted negatively [*Contact the college's financial aid office for more information about Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)*]
- 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).

## 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
- At the end of the dismissal term, the student can request (appeal) to be reinstated in the program



## Underperforming Student Rules

## CCP Probation & Dismissal Appeals

- **CCP Probation:** a student may appeal in order 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.
- ***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
- At private colleges or universities, students may be charged a small cost per credit hour
- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/family (*Example: Parking and transportation*)

What are support services 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 as they do other students

What about  
athletic eligibility?

## **Student athletes should:**

1. Confirm their school is an Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) member
2. Learn the OHSAA requirements
3. 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?

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- 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?

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

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

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## 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, 2020

- Students must complete and return the Intent to Participate form to the school office

## Check ACT and SAT testing dates

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



What are the  
deadlines?

## College/Universities

- Check each college's deadline for admission
- Find out about assessment testing requirements
- Summer semester deadline will be early as classes usually start in May

