

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

Ohio's College Credit Plus program provides an opportunity for high school students to earn both transcribed college and high school credits by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. College ready students can pursue rigorous academic courses, have an introduction into ways to be productive on a college campus, provides high school students options as pathways to graduation and as gateways to career exploration, and reduces the time and cost needed to earn a post-secondary credential. There is no cost to the student for tuition, books, or fees if attending an Ohio public college. COTA bus passes will be provided by FHS to students in the CCP program. (State funds allocated for FHS are redirected to pay colleges for student participation at a reduced rate, FHS provides texts, and all college fees are waived).

### Pathways

In consultation with a partnering college, FHS will develop several examples of both 15-credit hour and 30-credit hour model course pathway for courses offered under CCP. Each pathway includes courses, which once completed, apply to at least one degree, professional certification, or associate degree offered at the college. These are trusted credentials that reliably document student qualifications and readiness for employment. The pathways are published among the school's official list of course offerings. Students are not required to enroll in the example courses.

### Program Promotion

1. FHS will provide information about the College Credit Plus program on its web site, and will make general announcements to its students.
2. An information meeting will be held for parents and students between October 1 and February 15 for the following academic year enrollment. The meeting will share information and resources about the program, costs, benefits, consequences, participation requirements, and available support services, including counseling services at both FHS and at the college.
3. School personnel will work with families and students to develop a schedule to complete college entrance assessment, identify the maximum number of college credit hours available to the students for CCP courses, identify appropriate courses toward graduation and/or identified pathway requirements, and will develop a CCP schedule with the student.

### Participation Eligibility

1. The College Credit Plus program permits students in grades 9 through 12 to apply for enrollment at any public, or participating non-public, college or university with the expectation to complete nonsectarian, nonremedial courses on a full or part-time basis.
2. Interested students are to inform the school principal, or other designated staff member, by April 1 of their intent to participate.
3. Students will apply to the participating college in accordance with the college's established enrollment and course placement procedures for admission.
4. Students are expected to demonstrate a remediation-free score on the college entrance assessment; or have a grade point average of at least a 3.0; or receive a recommendation from a school counselor, principal, or career-technical program advisor.

5. Students and parents will sign a form that they have received information about the program and understand the responsibilities they must assume while enrolled in the program. This includes information about the potential for mature subject matter in college courses, regardless of where the course is taught.

### Credits

1. Credits and grades of courses completed in the program shall appear on student transcripts. The name of the college where the credit was earned shall be included on the transcript.
2. Credits will be noted at the ratio prescribed by ODE for CCP courses. A 3 hour CCP course is equal to one (1) full high school credit. A CCP course of less than 3 hours is indicated as a proportional fraction of a high school credit.
3. Courses successfully completed shall be included in the student's GPA and class standing.
4. CCP courses are considered 'Honors courses' with weighted grades when calculating a student's GPA. A = 5 points; B = 4 points; C =3 points; D=1 point; Failure = 0 points.
5. Courses successfully completed shall count toward high school subject area and graduation requirements.
6. Students who successfully complete CCP courses in English, mathematics, or life science are required to participate in state End of Course tests in these subject areas to satisfy testing requirements of state and federal law. A final CCP life science course equivalent to a grade of "B" or higher will earn the student a Science Seal.
7. Students completing CCP courses in American History and/or American Government will not need to sit for the state EOC tests in those subject areas, and may earn graduation points based on the letter grade in the course. A final equivalent grade of "B" or higher in both courses will earn the student a Citizenship Seal.
8. Students earning an equivalent grade of "B" or higher in an appropriate CCP technology course will earn a Technology Seal.

### Other Considerations

1. FHS attendance policy, and Code of Conduct for curricular and extracurricular activities remain in effect for a student enrolled in the CCP program.
2. Courses taken in the CCP program will be included in athletic eligibility requirements.
3. A student who is expelled will be ineligible to apply for CCP enrollment, and high school credit will be denied if expulsion takes place while a student is enrolled in CCP courses.
4. Following high school graduation, CCP program participation shall not affect the student's eligibility for scholarships or other benefits or opportunities available to first-time college students awarded by that college, regardless of the number of credit hours a student completed under the CCP program.

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