

OHIO'S COLLEGE-CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM

The CC+ program allows Ohio high school students to earn college credit (and/or high school graduation credit) through the successful completion of college courses.

ST. HENRY HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK 2018-2019

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College Credit Plus Opportunities & Program Requirements

1. COST

- There is no cost (tuition, books, fees, etc.) to students for participating in CC+ at an Ohio public university unless the student does not return his/her book to the college bookstore if it is a rental or to Ms. Armstrong if it is a new or used book. If choosing to attend a private institution, students may have to pay a fee.
- Students will pay for classes that they fail (unless economically disadvantaged).
- Students must arrange their own transportation to and from CC+ classes and may be subject to pay parking fines at the college.
- Cost savings are dependent upon student course load in college.

2. COUNSELING

- Students **must** attend an informational meeting about CC+ with the high school counselor. Partner colleges will also be in attendance if available.
- Students choosing CC+ must attend a counseling session with an advisor at the college.

3. OPTIONS

- Students may earn high school credits through any combination of college classes and classes taken at the high school.
- Students may attend multiple colleges in one school year.
- Students may follow the listed pathways with the partner institution or select other courses. All CC+ courses a student elects to take must count toward a college degree.
- To see the complete list of available CC+ courses, you can view the college course catalog online. Wright State: <https://catalog.wright.edu/>, Edison: <http://catalog.edisonohio.edu/>, and Rhodes State: <http://www.rhodesstate.edu/en/Current%20Students/College%20Catalog.aspx>.
- Students may take CC+ classes at the university, online, or at the high school (if available).

4. DEADLINES

- Students choosing to participate in CC+ must complete, sign, and submit the “College Credit Plus Intent to Participate” form to Ms. Armstrong by April 1st.
- Students must complete and submit an application to the college by the specified deadline.

5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Each college has its own standards for admission. The college application will list specific requirements.

SHHS Suggested Criteria for Participation in CC+

- For upcoming seniors:
 - 3.25 cumulative GPA
 - 13 college prep classes
 - A grade of “B” or better in the subject area for the college course he/she wishes to enroll
 - Score of 3 or better on all end of course exams
 - College ready scores on the ACT (English 18 / Math 22 / Reading 21 / Science 23)
 - SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1020
- For upcoming juniors:
 - 3.5 cumulative GPA
 - 9 college prep classes
 - A grade of “B” or better in the subject area for the college course he/she wishes to enroll
 - Score of 3 or better on all end of course exams
 - College ready scores on the ACT (English 18 / Math 22 / Reading 21 / Science 23)
 - SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1020
- For upcoming sophomores and freshmen:
 - 3.75 cumulative GPA
 - 5 college prep classes
 - A grade of “A” or better in the subject area for the college course he/she wishes to enroll
 - ACT composite score of 26
 - SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1190
 - Letter of recommendation from 3 teachers/administrators

College Prep classes: *English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language and Fine Arts*

CC+ and High School Credits

- CC+ students are permitted to earn a **maximum of 30 semester hours** (through any combination of courses between the high school and college) per year.
- All SHHS students are required to take the equivalent of 7 school periods per year. Online CC+ classes will count as one (1) class period. CC+ classes taken off campus will be given “drive” time.
- Students who are expelled from school are not eligible to receive credit for CC+ courses for the term of the expulsion.

Credit Hour Conversions:

- Each 3 (or more) semester hour college course = 1 high school credit

Credit Hour Formula:

- $30 - (\# \text{ of high school credits} \times 3) = \text{max \# of eligible college semester hours}$

EXAMPLE:

If a student is taking 4 credit hours at the high school, he/she would be eligible to take up to 18 (total) semester hours at college that year.

$$30 - (4 \times 3) = 18$$

CC+ Timeline & Responsibilities of the Student

What should I do now?

Use this as a checklist for CC+

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1. IF you choose to participate in the CC+ program:
 - a. Complete page 8, and return to Ms. Armstrong by April 1st.
 - b. Return your completed application to Ms. Armstrong ASAP.
 - c. Once accepted, attend any college orientations and take required placement tests.
 - You must take care of your CC+ responsibilities on your own time. You will NOT be excused from classes at SHHS to take placement tests, register, etc. at the college.
 - d. Meet with a college advisor and select your classes for Fall term.
 - **Remember, your CC+ class schedule must work around your high school schedule.** You may not leave early (or arrive late) from your high school classes. If the drop date has passed, your high school schedule cannot be changed to accommodate your college classes.
 - e. **Bring Ms. Armstrong a copy of your college class schedule by August 7th** so your college and high school schedules can be finalized and approved. Be sure it includes the day/times of the classes.
 - f. Keep in mind: **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU MISS AT HIGH SCHOOL WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE.**

Frequently Asked Questions about College Credit Plus

What is College Credit Plus?

- College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual credit program
 - Students earn high school and college credit at the same time
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- Students in Grades 7 through 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
 - May choose from a variety of college-level courses (as determined by placement testing)
 - Must be Ohio residents
 - Can earn credit to satisfy both high school and college requirements
 - 3+ Credit Hours = 1 High School Unit
 - Must successfully complete the courses in order to earn the credit
 - May take classes in the summer, fall, and spring semesters
 - May take courses at the high school¹, college campus, or online

¹ *This option is 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:
 - Students must be "eligible" for College Credit Plus participation based on assessment exam scores
 - Assessment exam examples:
 - ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ALEKS, PlaceU, MapleSoft
 - Each college/university has different exam requirements
 - Students' scores must indicate that they are ready for "college-level" courses in at least one subject area
 - 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 GPA (3.0) or
 - Recommendation form/letter
- Step 2:
 - Students must apply for admission
 - Contact the college to learn about their processes, paperwork and deadlines
 - Colleges have the final decision on student admission
- Step 3:
 - If the student is considered eligible and has been admitted to the college/university, then the college will discuss course options with the student

What courses can a student take?

- College advisors will help students know which courses they can take
 - Based on assessment scores
 - Based on course prerequisites
- Courses can satisfy high school graduation requirements
 - School counselors can help students understand requirements and course substitutions
 - Schools might have additional requirements in addition to the state minimum
- Courses must be college-level or non-remedial
- Courses must be nonreligious

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
 - Grades will be factored into the high school and college GPA

- 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
- Students may take College Credit Plus courses in subject areas that will satisfy graduation requirements
- Students must complete End of Course exams for English, math, social studies and science

How many classes can students take?

- Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credit hours including high school only courses:
30 – (High school credits x 3) = Maximum college credit hours
- The maximum number of credits allowable during the program is 120
- If a student enrolls in more than 30 credit hours:
 - School will discuss with the student whether to:
 - Drop the course or
 - Pay for the entire course
- If a student enrolls in more than 30 credit hours and PAYS for the course:
 - Student/family will assume the cost of course credits and books at the college's standard rates

What are differences between high school and college?

- Tests:
 - High School: Tests are sometimes given weekly or at the end of the chapter
 - College: Tests are generally fewer in number covering more material
- 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)
- 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
- Grades:
 - High School: Numerous quizzes, tests, and homework assignments
 - College: Fewer tests and fewer, if any, homework assignments will be used to determine final grades
- Parent Role:
 - 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 the benefits of participating?

- Students can earn high school and college credits at the same time
- Students can get a "head start" on college degrees or certificates
- Students can experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- Students can save tuition and textbook costs

What are the consequences of underperforming?

- If students fail or withdraw too late from a college course, the district may seek reimbursement for the tuition costs from the student/family
- The grades that students earn are on the college transcript forever
- If students perform poorly, they may be placed on academic probation or dismissal by the college
- If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be impacted negatively

What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

- At public colleges or universities, no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books
- At private colleges or universities, a small cost per credit hour may be charged
- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/family
 - Example: Parking and transportation
- Cost savings are dependent upon student course load in college

What are the support services for students?

- High school counselors continue to provide assistance
- College advisors provide course selection assistance
- Colleges must provide the same 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 may not 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 public college to another public college
- Students must check with colleges to confirm transferability
- Students should check [https:// transfercredit.ohio.gov](https://transfercredit.ohio.gov) for transfer info

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 & organizational skills
 - Grades earned in a College Credit Plus course are for high school AND college credit and will be calculated into the student’s GPA
 - College Credit Plus credits will be utilized in the calculation of financial aid

What are the deadlines?

- April 1, 2018
 - Students must complete and return to the school office the Intent to Participate form
- Check ACT and SAT dates
 - Test early to meet college/university admission deadlines (if required)
- 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

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

*Date: _____

* No later than April 1st.

School: St. Henry High School

Name: _____

Grade you will be in for the 2018-2019 school year: _____

I plan to enroll in CC+ at: _____
(List College)

This is to serve as notification that this student intends to participate in the College Credit Plus Program. We understand that it is our responsibility to notify my school if he/she does not gain College Credit Plus admission or fails to participate for some other reason.

We have participated in the District's counseling program for students who wish to enroll in the CC+ program.

We understand the potential positive and negative consequences that could result from such participation and take full responsibility for the decision. We agree to release the District from any liability or responsibility related to participation in the program.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Phone: _____

This form must be submitted to the HS Guidance Counselor no later than **April 1st** if you wish to participate in the CC+ Program during the 2018-19 school year.