COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS
PARENT INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

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Hilliard City Schools College Credit Plus Informational Guide

What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus is a program that gives high school/middle school students in grades 7–12 an opportunity to be enrolled in both high/middle school and college course work at the same time. Students must qualify academically and be accepted to participate in College Credit Plus. The tuition will be paid by Hilliard City Schools. By taking College credits, students will earn high school credit while taking college courses.

Advantages of College Credit Plus

For the student who is eligible for College Credit Plus, he/she must be academically ready for college level courses and be willing to follow the procedures outlined by the university while still in high/middle school.

Students will enjoy the following benefits:

- Students may earn (transcripted) college credit and high school credit upon successful completion of the course
- Accelerate achievement of educational goals
- Eliminate duplication of high school and college course content
- Increase the rigor and challenge of course offerings while in high school
- May decrease time and cost towards an Associates or Bachelor's Degree

~CCP courses are considered "gifted services" for students who have gifted identification in superior cognitive ability or the corresponding specific academic area.

Potential Risks and Consequences

- Increased responsibility for learning
- Reduced opportunities for participation in high school activities
- Affects GPA (high school and college)
- Increased time for travel
- Potential scheduling conflicts between high school and college courses
- Potential Athletic Eligibility issues - must be scheduled for five credits per semester
- Increase potential for social discomfort
- Reduced parent involvement, due to FERPA restrictions
- Courses move at an accelerated pace

Students can participate in any Ohio college or university that offers the CCP Program. This includes private Institutions like Cedarville, Kenyon, Ohio Christian, etc. Below are the programs that most Hilliard students have participated in over the past eight years.

What colleges/universities partner with Hilliard City Schools?

1. Columbus State Community College (CSCC)

College courses taken on campus or online

CSCC offers many (Level 1) courses your student can take either on-campus or in an online setting. Students can begin to complete these courses anytime in grades 7-12.

College Jumpstart

These courses are offered at the Innovation Campus and are taught by either an adjunct instructor approved by CSCC or full-time faculty. This is a two-year program where students take these courses at the ILC with other Hilliard students during the school day (Juniors and Seniors only).

Courses planned for the school year include:

Year 1

Autumn Semester:

- *ENGL 1100: Composition I* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*
- *PSY 1100: Introduction to Psychology **or** POLS 1100* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*

Spring Semester:

- *ENGL 2367: Composition II* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*
- *POLS 1100: Intro to American Government **or** PSY 1100* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*

Total Year 1: ***12 semester credits***

Year 2

Autumn Semester:

- *SOC 1101: Introduction to Sociology* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*
- *COMM 1105: Oral Communication **or** PHIL 1130: Ethics* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*

Semester:

- *PHIL 1130: Ethics **or** COMM 1105: Oral Communication* — *3 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*
- *Student Choice: Students will have a choice of an online course or a course taught on campus that aligns with their academic pathway.* — *3, 4 or 5 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*

Total Year 2: ***12 , 13 or 15 semester credits***

Total credits: ***24 - 27 credits***

Academy EDU

Academy EDU is designed as an introduction to the teaching profession. Students in Academy EDU experience an authentic and realistic view of the career and 100+ hours of hands-on observations in the classroom. Students develop skills in the following areas: career awareness and employability, leadership and communication, day-to-day tasks that support teaching and learning, social/emotional development principles, impact of culture in the classroom, creation of a physically and emotionally safe environment for all learners, classroom management, understand the organization and structure of education systems and the importance of productive relationships with family members, caregivers and community partners.

Year 1:

- *1st Semester* — *Teaching Professions 1A* — *1.0 HS credit*
- *2nd Semester* — *EDUC2210 Intro to Education* — *3.0 sem credit/ 1.0 HS credit*
  Teaching Professions 1B — *.50 HS credit*
  ***OR** Teaching Professions 1B* — *1.5 HS credit*

Year 2:

- *1st Semester* — *EDUC2220 Ed Technology* — *3.0 semester credits = 1.0 HS credit*
  Teaching Professions 2A — *.50 HS credit*
  ***OR** Teaching Professions 2A* — *1.5 HS credit*
- *2nd Semester* — *Teaching Professions 2B* — *1.0 HS credit*

College Credit Plus @ Columbus State Community College (step by step)

Step 1: Turn in paperwork:

- Intent to Participate form – This is a Google doc. Below is the link to CCP information and the Intent form. Go to the Hilliardschools website and click on the "student" tab, then on "academics", then on College Credit Plus - College Credit Plus - HCSD
  *****This is due by April 1**

Step 2: Apply to CSCC – Please be sure to fill out the CCP application – www.cscc.edu:

- Students must fill out the College Credit Plus application (use email that is easy to check)

Step 3: Students must qualify by using one of these options:

- ACT/SAT scores for placement
- Accuplacer placement test and ALEKS for math
- Under CCP revised rules, students qualify with a cumulative 3.0 unweighted gpa. Any questions, please ask Mr. Maggied

Step 4: Complete the "Essential Next Steps":

- Complete the "Essential Next Steps" identified in your Welcome email from Columbus State. Once in Workday, you will complete all Tasks EXCEPT the Registration Agreement.

Step 5: Schedule an advising session with Mr. Maggied:

- This session will determine which courses will be taken, and complete the Registration Agreement.

Step 6: Once you have scheduled with Columbus State, and classes are visible in Blackboard, complete the Blackboard orientation to become familiar with the platform.

*** Once a student has qualified and been accepted into Columbus State's CCP program, students will need to fill out a registration form prior to the start of each semester to schedule classes.

Important Contacts:

- Mr. Trevor Maggied - Trevor_Maggied@hboe.org
- CSCC's Academic Advisor for Hilliard Schools: Michelle Miller-Owens - mmillero@cscc.edu

Deadlines for Registration!

***** For Autumn classes—Students must have applied, qualified, been accepted, and completed registration by **June 1**
***** For Spring classes—Students must have applied, taken placement tests/qualified and been accepted by **Dec. 1**
***** For Summer classes—Students must have applied, taken placement tests/qualified and been accepted by **May 1**

***** All College Jump Start scheduling and qualifying must be completed before we leave for Spring Break each year. Hilliard must request sections and instructors to meet our needs for the following year.

****Please be aware of these firm deadlines and plan accordingly.**

2. The Ohio State University (OSU)

The Academy at The Ohio State University

Students may take courses on the main campus in a traditional college setting and/or participate in online courses if available.

The Ohio State University requirements:

Step 1: Students must apply to The Academy Program at OSU. Refer to the following link for more information: OSU Academy

Step 2: Students must demonstrate college readiness by submitting ACT/SAT scores or by their cumulative GPA. Students must meet academic standards that are equal to students currently enrolled at OSU.

Step 3: Turn in counselor Recommendation Form to the College Counselor.

Step 4: Schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in admissions at OSU to schedule classes.

CCP Questions & Answers

How does my child get involved in these programs?

Students interested in participating in College Credit Plus must turn in an **Intent to Participate** form which must be in the Guidance office by **April 1st**. This form can be found on the district website - College Credit Plus - HCSD

How are College credits converted to high school credits?

5 semester credits	=	1.0 high school credit
4 semester credits	=	1.0 high school credit
3 semester credits	=	1.0 high school credit
2 semester credits	=	.67 high school credit
1 semester credit	=	.33 high school credit

***Another new opportunity will be coming soon.**

How many college credits can a student earn?

Students can earn a maximum of 30 college semester credit hours per year and a maximum of 120 college semester credits prior to their high school graduation. The Ohio Department of Higher Ed. has established a formula that students must refer to when registering for middle school, high school and college courses. This formula is utilized to assure students do not exceed full-time status.

Full-time status can be calculated as follows:

1. Determine student's number of middle school and high school ONLY credits,
2. Multiply that number by 3, and
2. Subtract the result from the number 30
4. That number is the total number of college credits that College Credit Plus students may earn that academic year.

- Any college course taken during the summer will count towards the 30 credit limit in the following school year. Yearly credits will reset in June.

Transfer of credits/transcripts

Credits earned through College Credit Plus are transferable to many public and private institutions in Ohio and out of the state. Students who want to transfer to another university will need to send their transcript from the Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) to the university they plan to attend. Many of these courses apply towards the general education requirement or as electives at that school. Two websites are available to help students fully understand what courses will transfer: collegetransfer.net or transferology.com

How will College Credit Plus courses impact my GPA?

Per HB 487, College Credit Plus courses must receive the equivalent weight as any weighted course within a given content area.

Weighting Grades

Hilliard will "weight" college courses if a course is weighted at the high schools in a particular subject area, per Ohio Revised Code 3365.04. Most CCP courses will be weighted on a 5.0 scale. Any questions, please see Mr. Maggied.

Underperforming students

Probation:

A student is placed on CCP probation when the student:
- Has earned lower than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in college courses **OR**
- Withdraws/drop from two or more courses in the same term

When on CCP Probation, the student:
- May enroll in no more than one college course
- May not enroll in a college course in the same subject in which the student previously earned a D or F or received no credit
- Students remain on probation until the their cumulative GPA (college) improves to 2.0 or higher

Dismissal:

- A student is placed on CCP Dismissal when the student has met the definition of CCP Probation for two consecutive college terms.
- Once a student is dismissed from the CCP program, the student may not enroll in college courses for the following college term.

Course Eligibility

Students must complete 15 credit hours in Level 1 before progressing to Level 2.

Level 1

- Transferable courses: Part of Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG), Ohio Transfer Module (OTM), or Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) or equivalent at private college/university. Go to ohio-transfer-36 for a full list
- Guide (TAG) or equivalent at private college/university. Go to Educational Partners for a full list.
- Course in Computer Science, Informational Technology, Anatomy, Physiology, or Foreign Language including American Sign Language
- Technical Certificate
- 15 hour or 30 hour pathway
- Study Skills, Academic or Career Success Skills Course
- Internship course
- Another course that may be approved by the Chancellor on an annual basis

Level 2

- Any other college course that is not a level 1 course

Exceptions to the "First 15" Rule may be made if the student wishes to continue with a course in the same subject or tests directly into Level 2 course.Students who attained the required scores on AP or IB course examinations may count the course toward the First 15.

Text Books

Students do not pay for books that are required with the CCP program. Hilliard City Schools will pay for the books. All books must be returned to the College Counselor at the end of the semester. Hilliard City Schools owns the books and if materials are not returned, then Hilliard City Schools will add the cost of the books to the students' fees. All textbooks are available at the college/university bookstore.

Selective Service Requirement

Under the provision of the Ohio Revised Code 3345.32, a male student born after December 31, 1959 who is at least 18 years old and is classified as an Ohio resident is required to register with the Selective Service within 20 days of his 18th birthday. If this is not completed, students will be charged "out of state" fees. Hilliard will not pay for "out of state" fees. The total cost of the course will be paid by the family.

Transportation

Students/Parents are responsible for transportation. Ohio Revised Code 3365.034, 3365.08.

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT)

College Credit Plus students are college students and subject to the federal FERPA. For regular college students, this means that college records are not released to anyone, even parents, without written permission from the student. For College Credit Plus students, the high school and the college may exchange information.

Cost

Students only pay for classes that are failed or withdrawn/dropped past the deadline. Fees will be placed on a student's Home Access Account.

Important Notice to Parents and Students

- Students taking College Credit Plus courses are subject to the rules and regulations of the university they are currently attending, including add/drop dates established by the participating institution.
- Each student will be assigned an "Academic Advisor" from the University. Any questions regarding curriculum should be addressed with the Academic Advisor provided by the University.
- While in college courses, students are introduced to a learning environment that promotes an open exchange of ideas. Course content is presented on an adult level and class discussions require a mature understanding of divergent viewpoints and the ability to think critically on controversial issues.

- Mature Content: Students must sign a student's questionnaire regarding "Mature Content Material" as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035. This is required for each college a student attends.
- Students should understand that these courses are college-level courses, and the amount of work, pace, and rigor of content in college courses may be much greater than high school courses. In addition, college course grades become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and are calculated into the college grade point average. Poor performance in college courses may affect future university admissions and financial aid. Therefore, it is important to perform well in college courses to realize the benefits of taking college courses while in high school.
- <u>If a student fails any college course the cost for tuition, fees, and books will be charged to the student's account in Hilliard.</u>
- Students must meet prerequisite requirements outlined by the University or College in which they are attending.
- These courses and the grades associated with them will be reported on both the student's high school transcript as well as the college transcript.
- College transcripts can be requested by visiting the respective college or university website associated with the courses taken. Hilliard City Schools does not have access to college transcripts.
- Students and parents must sign a Permission Form to participate in a college CCP program.
- It is the students responsibility to share academic progress and grades with parents/guardians. Due to FERPA laws, parents will be unable to communicate with CCP instructors. It is the students responsibility to know all important dates for the term they are enrolled.