



Due in Guidance by April 1, 2020

Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus

Date: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Student Contact Info: _____

I understand the benefits and consequences to participating in the College Credit Plus Program including the following:

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| 1. Student eligibility | 6. Scheduling | 11. Support services |
| 2. Program options | 7. Athletic eligibility | 12. Class failure and tuition cost billed to guardian(s) |
| 3. Academic credits | 8. Financial obligations | 13. Transfer credit variables |
| 4. Graduation requirements | 9. Transportation | |
| 5. Grade point averages | 10. Academic and social responsibility | |

I would like to declare my intent to participate in the College Credit Plus program. I understand that signing this form does not require that I participate during the coming school year and I may decide not to participate without consequence.

I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify my school if I do not gain admission to my selected institution of higher education or choose not to participate in the program.

In addition, I certify that I have received counseling about the College Credit Plus Program concerning the rules and regulations for both my school and the college, and that I understand my responsibilities, the benefits, and possible risks of participating in the College Credit Plus Program.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is the college credit I earned in high school through CCP guaranteed to transfer to another postsecondary institution?**

Thanks to Ohio's Transfer to Degree Guarantee, many entry-level courses earned at an Ohio public college are guaranteed to transfer to any other Ohio public college. Credits earned at private colleges, or those that you want to transfer to an out-of-state institution, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the institution you are seeking to attend. Go to the Ohio Transfer to Degree Guarantee website (<https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/>) to learn more about credit transfer among the state's public institutions of higher education. This tool allows you to find the best pathways to completing your degree and launching a successful career. Earning college credit will not affect applications for financial aid/scholarships limited to entering freshmen.

- **How are high school graduation requirements affected?**

High school graduation requirements will not be waived as a result of participation in College Credit Plus. You will not receive a diploma until after the course is successfully completed and the graduation requirement is met. However, you may participate in the graduation ceremony if proof is presented that you are progressing satisfactorily one week prior to graduation. Some school districts will have graduation requirements beyond the state minimum requirements. CCP students are still required to meet the local requirements for graduation.

- **What happens if I fail a class?**

Classes failed or withdrawn with an "F" (or equivalent failing grade) will receive an "F" on the high school and college transcripts and will be computed into the high school and college GPA. If you do not receive a passing grade, the district may, in some instances, seek reimbursement from you for the amount of state funds paid to the college on your behalf for that college course. The school district may withhold grades and credits received for high school courses taken until reimbursement has been made.

- **How do I earn high school credit by taking college courses?**

College Credit Plus allows high school students to earn college credit and apply that credit toward their high school graduation requirements. Successful completion of a three or more credit-hour college course will result in 1.0 Carnegie unit earned at the high school. A two credit-hour college course will earn students 2/3 of a high school credit and a one credit-hour college course will convert to 1/3 of a high school credit.

- **I thought that a public school student could take 30 credit hours each academic year. Why was my son/daughter told that he/she could only take a smaller number of credits this year?**

In order to determine the number of credit hours a student can take in a year, the secondary school must calculate the number of course credits that are for high school credit only and multiply that by 3. That number is then subtracted from the 30 hours. The result is the maximum number of credit hours a student can take in the College Credit Plus program. (This is based on a semester system.)

$$30 - (\text{high school only credits} \times 3) = \text{Maximum number of College Credit Plus credit hours}$$

This calculation must be completed each year for a student as the high school credits may change. Also, students may only take a maximum of 120 credit hours in the program. If students would like to take more than the maximum number of credit hours, the student can arrange to register and pay for those additional credit hours as a "self-pay" student. Those hours would be outside of the College Credit Plus program.

- **Who provides transportation?**

Responsibility for transportation rests with the student.

- **How does College Credit Plus impact athletic eligibility?**

If you are a student athlete, you must remain eligible in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) bylaws. To be athletically eligible, students must be passing five, one credit courses or the equivalent per grading period with the high school and college courses combined. Most College Credit Plus courses taken during a semester will equal one Carnegie unit, allowing students to earn more than the required five for athletic eligibility. Please check with your counselor to ensure that the course work you are taking is compliant the OHSAA.

- For more information visit: <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp/faqs>