



### **College Credit Plus**

The Governing Authority understands that its students may benefit by participating in college-level courses offered by accredited colleges and universities in Ohio. Accordingly, Eligible Students may participate in the College Credit Plus Program (the “Program”), which permits students to receive school credit for completing college-level classes.

#### **Program**

Eligible Students that participate in the Program may enroll in one of two options.

- *Option A.* Eligible Students enroll in college courses and seek only college credit for the course(s) taken. The student pays for all tuition and costs of all textbooks, materials, and fees associated with the course. Under this option, a student is not considered enrolled in the school
- *Option B.* Eligible Students enroll in college courses and seek college credit *and* high school credit. If the student successfully completes the course, the college and school shall award high school credit and the student will not pay any tuition or any fees. The student will not be charged any other fees. If the student does not complete the course, the student may be responsible for tuition and costs of all textbooks, materials, and fees. Under this option the student is considered enrolled.

#### **Participation Requirements**

Students in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to participate provided the student meets all criteria required by law[1]. To participate, the following must occur:

- Prior to April 1 of each year, the student or the student’s parent shall inform the School of intent to participate in the Program for the following year. If notice is not given by this date, the Head Administrator’s written consent is required. Within ten days of receiving a late notice, the Head Administrator shall notify the department of education of the student's intent to participate. If the principal does not provide written consent, the student may appeal to the State Board. Within 30 days of notice, the State Board shall hear the appeal and decide to either grant or deny that student's participation.
- The student must apply to an eligible college or university and meeting the standards for admission and course placement.



- The student and the student's parent shall sign a form stating they have received counseling and understand the responsibilities they must assume in the program.

The amount of credit a student may receive toward high school graduation is proportionate to the number of years a student has remaining.

- 9th Grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduate for more than the equivalent of four years.
- 10th grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of three years.
- 11th grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of two years.
- 12 grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of one year.

#### Effect of Expulsion

If a student is expelled from the School, the Head Administrator shall send a written notice to any college in which the student is enrolled at the time the expulsion is imposed. The Notice shall indicate (1) the date the expulsion expires, (2) whether the school has adopted a policy pursuant to R.C. 3313.613 to deny high school credit for courses taken under College Credit Plus during an expulsion. The School shall notify the college of any expulsion extensions.

If a college withdraws acceptance of an expelled student, the School shall not award high school credit for the college courses the student was enrolled. The School may require the student to return or pay for any textbooks and materials provided free of charge.

#### Awarding Credit

In order to receive high school credit, the student must enroll in Option B prior to beginning the course. The student will receive high school credit upon the successfully completing the course. Students who fail or do not complete the course will not be awarded high school credit.

The amount of credit received shall be determined by the School. If the School offers a comparable course, the School shall award comparable credit. If the School does not offer a comparable course, the School shall grant an appropriate number of credits in a similar subject



area. Disputes regarding the number of credits received may be appealed to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education's decision is final.

All classes taken for credit will be transferred to the student's permanent record. Included in the record shall be the course completed and the name of the college/university where the courses were earned. The grade earned may be averaged in the student's high school grade point average.

#### Information Regarding and Promotion of the Program

Pursuant to Ohio law, the School shall provide information about the Program to students and their parents/guardians in grades six (6) through eleven (11) by March 1 of each year.

The School shall promote the program on its website. The School shall also schedule at least one informational session per school year with partnering colleges located within thirty miles of the School.

#### Reimbursement Where Student Fails Course

If the Head Administrator determines that a student participant has not attained a passing final grade, the School may seek reimbursement for state funds paid to the college. Unless the student was expelled the School shall not seek reimbursement if the student is identified as economically disadvantaged. The School may withhold grades and credits received until the participant provides reimbursement.

*Ohio:* R.C. 3365.

*Cross Reference:* Policy 3550, Core Curriculum Requirements; Policy 3620, Credit Flexibility Policy; Policy 3660, Advanced Placement Program; Form 3670.1, College Credit Plus Program Counseling, Policy 3680, Policy on Career Advising.