

## CollegeCredit PLUS

**Annual Information Sessions  
Private (Nonpublic) Schools  
Families and Students**

**Information for the  
2018-2019 School Year**

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## 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
  - Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the requirements of the college

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## What is College Credit Plus?

- 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

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## What is College Credit Plus?

- Students in Grades 7 through 12:
  - May choose from a variety of college-level courses (as determined by placement testing)
  - Must be Ohio residents

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## What is College Credit Plus?

- Students in Grades 7 through 12:
  - 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

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## What is College Credit Plus?

- Students in Grades 7 through 12:
  - May take classes in the summer, fall, and spring semesters
  - May take courses at the high school (dual enrollment)<sup>1</sup>, college campus, or online

<sup>1</sup>SMCC partners with Bowling Green State University-Firelands for our dual enrollment sections

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### 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

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### What are differences between high school and college?

- 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)

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### What are differences between high school and college?

- 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

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### What are differences between high school and college?

- 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

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### What are differences between high school and college?

- 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

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### What are differences between high school and college?

- Parent Role:
  - College: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student education records

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### 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

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### What are the benefits of participating?

- Students can experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- Students can save tuition and textbook costs

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### What are the consequences of underperforming?

- If students fail or withdraw too late from a college course, the high school will seek reimbursement for the tuition costs from the student/family to send to the Ohio Department of Education
- The grades that students earn are on the college transcript forever

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### What are the consequences of underperforming?

- 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

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### 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

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### What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/family
  - Example: Parking and transportation

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### What are the support services for students?

- High school counselors continue to provide assistance to all College Credit Plus students
- College advisors provide course selection assistance
- Colleges must provide the same supports to College Credit Plus students as they do other students

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### 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/> for transfer info or <https://www.transferology.com>

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### 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

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### What does being “college-ready” mean?

- Being “college-ready” is more than just being academically ready
  - 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

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### 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

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### What about athletic eligibility?

Student athletes should:

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

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## How can students participate?

- Step 1:
  - Students must apply to a university. SMCC partners with BGSU-Firelands for dual enrollment classes. To apply to BGSU go to <https://choose.bgsu.edu/apply/access/>
  - Students may apply to other universities as well, please see Miss Howman for more information.

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## How can students participate?

- Step 2:
  - Ask Miss Howman to send your transcript to your future college
  - Take the placement test
    - Assessment exam examples:
      - ACT, SAT, Accuplacer<sup>1</sup>, ALEKS, PlaceU, MapleSoft
    - Each college/university has different exam requirements
    - <sup>1</sup>SMCC will offer the Accuplacer test on February 7th at 8:00am for all new students to the program. If a student is unable to make that date, or would feel more comfortable taking the test at BGSU-Firelands, please call 419-372-0886 to schedule your testing appointment.

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## How can students participate?

- Students' scores must indicate that they are ready for "college-level" courses in at least one area of the exam
  - For the Accuplacer test, students must score an 80 in the Reading section to be considered "College Ready"

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## How can students participate?

- 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

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## How can students participate?

### Step 3:

- Submit a completed Intent to Participate form to Miss Howman by April 1, 2018
- Parents must set up a SAFE account with the Ohio Department of Education. Safe accounts may be accessed February 15-April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Once the parent has a SAFE account, follow the online directions for requesting access to the College Credit Plus funding application
- Within the funding application, upload the student's college letter of admission (provided by Miss Howman)

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## How do students apply for funding?

- Complete the entire funding application and press "SUBMIT" on or before  
**APRIL 13, 2018 at 5 p.m. EST**
- You will receive an email confirmation that you have successfully submitted the application
- Within a few weeks, you will receive notification that the funding award letter is available.
- Follow the instructions to open your SAFE account and download the funding letter

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### How do students apply for funding?

- Visit [www.ohiohighered.org/ccp](http://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp)
- Click on the “Applying for College Credit Plus Hours (nonpublic and homeschooled families)” for updated instructions

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### What are the deadlines?

- April 1, 2018
  - Students must complete the *Intent to Participate* form and turn it into Miss Howman
- April 13, 2018 at 5 p.m. EST
  - Families must submit a complete funding application (no extensions or late applications are accepted)

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### What are the deadlines?

- 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

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### How can students participate?

- Step 4:
  - If the student is considered eligible and has been admitted to the college/university, then the college or school counselor will discuss course options with the student

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### What courses can a student take?

- College advisors will help students know which courses they can take
  - Based on assessment scores
  - Based on course pre-requisites

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### What courses can a student take?

- 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

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### What courses can a student take?

- Courses must be college-level or non-remedial
- Courses must be nonreligious

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### 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

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### What are other requirements?

#### Grades

- 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

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### What are other requirements?

- Students may take College Credit Plus courses in subject areas that will satisfy graduation requirements
- Students may use the College Credit Plus grades for points conversion to substitute a History End of Course exam.
- All other End of Course exams must be taken.

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### How many classes can students take?

- Students enrolled in private high schools must apply for College Credit Plus funding
  - After applying, families will be notified of the maximum number of credit hours that will be paid for through College Credit Plus

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