

\*Must meet with your counselor and sign letter of intent by March 30th

## **College Credit Plus Program**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) created the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program to provide more access to college. This program allows qualified students to take college courses on local college campuses if they apply and are accepted. If students choose to take courses on the college campus, they can enjoy tuition free classes that will count for both high school and college credit. Students need to be college ready in order to participate (please see ODE's *28 Skills of a Really Ready Student* listed below). Students will begin their college transcript and must report all grades to the colleges to which they apply senior year. Students also need to meet all state and college deadlines while working with the director of college and career counseling, and their school counselor regarding their schedule.

ODE also notes - Parents: "The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the college credit plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will not be modified based upon college credit plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs."

Students should consult the director of college counseling or their school counselor with questions. Students are required to have a meeting with their school counselor and parents/guardians prior to March 30th if they are interested in CCP for the next year, as well as complete a letter of intent. Below is more information regarding the benefits and potential risks of College Credit Plus, as well as some links to resources they may be helpful.

### **Helpful Resources for CCP**

ODE's 28 Skills of a Really Ready Student:

<https://cdn.apexlearning.com/al/28-Skills-of-a-Really-Ready-Student-2.pdf>

University of Cincinnati's CCP Requirements:

<https://www.uc.edu/aas/ccp/requirements.html>

Miami University's CCP Information:

<https://miamioh.edu/admission-aid/apply/college-credit-plus/index.html>

Cincinnati State's CCP Page:

<https://www.cincinnati-state.edu/college-credit-plus/>

ODE's CCP FAQs:

<https://higher.ed.ohio.gov/initiatives/access-acceleration/college-credit-plus/faqs>

## **Benefits**

- Allows students to earn simultaneous high school and college credit
- Helps students achieve college readiness
- Provides quality education close to home with free tuition and textbooks  
\*\*Textbooks must be returned after course ends
- Can shorten the time to complete a college degree
- Firsthand idea of what is required of college coursework
- Helps ease the transition from high school to college

## **Potential Risks**

- Credits are not guaranteed for transfer toward private or out-of-state institutions
- Students are responsible for arranging transportation and parking
- Grades will be reflected twice- on high school and college transcripts, meaning low grades could negatively impact college admissions and financial aid opportunities
- CCP transcripts will follow students to the colleges they apply to senior year of high school
- Can be difficult scheduling CCP classes around high school classes
- If a student receives a failing grade, they are help responsible to pay for the course