

OHIO'S COLLEGE-CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM

The CC+ program allows Ohio high school students to earn college credit (and/or high school graduation credit) through the successful completion of college courses.



Coldwater High School

STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK
for the 2020-2021 school year
College Credit Plus Opportunities & Program Requirements

1. COST

- There is no cost (tuition, books, fees, etc.) to students for participating in CC+ at an Ohio Public University electing Division B. (If choosing to attend a private institution, students may have to pay a fee.)
- Students will pay for classes that they fail (unless economically disadvantaged).
- Students will pay for textbooks that are lost, damaged, or not returned.
- Students must arrange their own transportation to and from CC+ classes, and may be subject to pay parking fines at the college.

2. COUNSELING

- Students must attend an informational meeting about CC+ with the high school counselor. Partner colleges will also be in attendance.
- Students choosing CC+ must attend a counseling session with an advisor at the college.

3. OPTIONS

- Students may earn high school credits through any combination of college classes and classes taken at the high school.
- Students may attend multiple colleges in one school year.
- Students may follow the listed pathways with the partner institution; or select other courses. All CC+ courses a student elects to take must count toward a college degree.
- To see the complete list of available CC+ courses, you can view the college course catalog online. (Wright State: <https://catalog.wright.edu/>)
- Students may take CC+ classes at the university, online, or at the high school (if available).

4. DEADLINES

- Students choosing to participate in CC+ must complete, sign, and submit the “College Credit Plus Intent to Participate” forms to Mrs. Kanney by April 1.
- Students must fill out and submit an application to the college by the specified deadline.

5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Each college has its own standards for admission. The college application will list specific requirements.

CHS Suggested Criteria for Participation in CC+

- For upcoming seniors:
 - 3.25 cumulative GPA
 - 13 college prep classes
 - A grade of “B” or better in the subject area for the college course he/she wishes to enroll
 - Passed all parts of the EOC / score of 3 or better on all end of course exams
 - College ready scores on the ACT (English 18 / Math 22 / Reading 22 / Science 23)

- For upcoming juniors:
 - 3.5 cumulative GPA
 - 9 college prep classes
 - A grade of “B” or better in the subject area for the college course he/she wishes to enroll
 - Passed all parts of the EOC / score of 3 or better on all end of course exams
 - College ready scores on the ACT (English 18 / Math 22 / Reading 22 / Science 23)

- For upcoming sophomores and freshmen:
 - 3.5 cumulative GPA
 - A grade of “A” or better in the subject area for the college course he/she wishes to enroll

College Prep classes: *English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language and Fine Arts*

AP Grading Scale:

97-100 = A+	93-96 = A	90-92 = A-
87-89 = B+	83-86 = B	80-82 = B-
77-79 = C+	73-76 = C	70-72 = C-
67-69 = D+	63-66 = D	62-60 = D-
59-Below = F		

CC+ and High School Credits

- CC+ students are permitted to earn a **maximum of 30 semester hours** (through any combination of courses between the high school and college) per year.
- All CHS students are required to take the equivalent of 6-8 HS credits per year.
- Students who are expelled from school are not eligible to receive credit for CC+ courses for the term of the expulsion.

Credit Hour Conversions:

- **Each 3 (or more) semester hour college course = 1 high school credit**

Credit Hour Formula:

- **$30 - (\# \text{ of H.S. Credits} \times 3) = \text{max \# of eligible college semester hours}$**

EXAMPLE:

If a student is taking 4 credits at the high school, he/she would be eligible to take up to 18 (total) semester hours at college that year.

$$30 - (4 \times 3) = 18$$

Potential Risks and Consequences of CC+

1. BIGGEST ISSUE: students cannot schedule classes at CHS to work out with the classes they want at the college
2. Desired college class is full and student cannot get in
3. Increased student responsibility for learning because of less instructional guidance (more independent study time)
4. Increased travel time (at least 1 hour/day)
5. Reduced opportunities to participate in high school co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
6. Potential loss of after-school employment opportunities
7. Possible effect on grade point average and class standing
8. Possible delay of graduation

Potential Benefits of CC+

1. Expanded curriculum offerings
2. Opportunities to study in more depth those areas of special interest or need
3. Opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school
4. Opportunities for financial support for taking college courses while still in high school
5. Opportunities to experience college level work (and life) prior to making final decisions about whether and/or where to attend college

***** Frequently Asked Questions *****

1. **Question:** *Is CC+ the only way I can earn both HS and College credit?*

Answer: No. There are other options. Some HS courses can be applied to college! We currently have articulation agreements with several area colleges for **Tri-Star, Accounting, Vo-Ag**, etc.. Students who complete these programs can earn **up to 21 college credits**. CHS students can also earn college credit by taking an **AP Exam**.

2. **Question:** *Can you explain more about the Advanced Placement (AP) program?*

Answer: Advanced Placement courses are taught at CHS and offer college-level coursework. We currently offer 5 AP courses: **AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Literature and Composition, AP U.S. History, and AP Calculus**. Because the coursework is more demanding, CHS uses an adjusted grading scale.

College credit is not guaranteed in an AP course; a student must score a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam to earn the credit. Each AP exam is given in May and costs about \$80 (the student is responsible for the exam fee). **In most cases, paying for an AP exam and earning college credit costs far less than the gas money a student will pay driving to CC+ classes.** AP credits are accepted by colleges across the nation. In some cases, a student can earn up to **10 college semester credits per AP exam**.

During the 2019-20 school year, we have an enrollment of 64 AP students and 20 CC+ students.

3. **Question:** *Can I attend Tri-Star and take college classes?*

Answer: Yes. However, you must keep in mind that this may mean you will have to travel to Tri-Star, back to CW, and then to college all in the same day.

4. **Question:** *Can I attend college classes during the school day?*

Answer: Yes. Students with daytime college classes may be permitted to have release time from CHS. **Release time must be approved by the principal, and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.** CC+ students should see Mrs. Kanney in August to finalize their CHS schedule/release time.

5. **Question:** *If I decide to take CC+ classes, what should I take?*

Answer: I suggest that you take courses that are *required* for the college degree you plan to pursue. You should obtain a degree checklist from the university you hope to attend after high school and take classes that will substitute for the ones on that list.

If you are unsure about what CC+ courses to take, each college has academic advisors and a pathway of suggested courses.

6. **Question:** *Will CC+ classes affect my GPA?*

Answer: Yes (for Division B). Because CC+ classes count for HS credit, the grades you earn will factor into your GPA.

7. Question: Will my CC+ classes transfer to the college I attend after high school?

Answer: Because CC+ courses are transcribed credits, they should. However, each university has the right to accept or deny transfer credits toward a degree. Some CC+ courses may only count as “electives” at another university. You can check the website: <http://transferology.com> or call the university you wish to attend to inquire about transferring credits.

You will need an official college transcript to transfer credits to other universities.

8. Question: Will CC+ classes help me get into college? Will I graduate from college early if I take CC+ classes?

Answer: CC+ classes make no difference when applying for college. Graduating from college early depends on a variety of things (course load, credits earned, student motivation, etc.).

9. Question: I cannot take CC+ classes in the evening due to sports/work. Will this be a problem?

Answer: Students who take more than 2 or 3 classes at CHS have an extremely difficult time scheduling CC+ classes during the day. There are online courses available.

10. Question: How active should my parents be in the CC+ process?

Answer: Your parents can be very helpful in weighing the pros and cons of the program for you. They will (most likely) accompany you to your first advising appointment and attend orientation. However, you (the student) should schedule your appointments, pick up your books, and take the leadership role in scheduling your classes.

11. Question: Are there any other factors to consider while deciding about my participation in CC+?

Answer: There are a lot of things that can influence your decision, so it is important to get as much information as possible. Here are a few other things that I feel you should know:

- **Pace of a college course:** College courses move much faster than courses at high school. For example, AP Calculus at CHS is taught for 36 weeks. This same course at college is taught in about 15 weeks. A 3-credit hour course at college means the student should spend about six hours per week completing homework for that course.
- **Accessibility of the instructor:** At high school, you have contact with your teacher every day. When taking a college class, you may only see your professor one time a week. Contacting your professor can prove to be a challenge.
- **You may experience frustration throughout this process** because there can be many unknowns.
 - o The college schedules are not yet available.
 - o The HS and college course terms begin and end at different times.
 - o The college classes that you plan to take may not be offered, or offered at a different location.
 - o CC+ students are often the last ones allowed to register for college classes—and are often closed out of classes.
 - o Mrs. Kanney does not work in the June and July, and will not be available for scheduling questions until August.

This is your only chance to experience high school: think about the social ramifications, music, athletics, clubs, etc.

What should I do now?

Use this as a checklist for CC+

1. Go home and talk about CC+. Discuss the advantages/disadvantages for YOU (the student). Think about how this will affect your high school experience.
2. Register for your 2020–2021 CHS courses with your classmates, and follow the deadlines given to you by Mrs. Kanney.
3. **IF** you choose to participate in the CC+ program:
 - a. Fill required forms, and return to Mrs. Kanney by April 1.
 - b. Turn in your completed application to Mrs. Kanney ASAP. Be sure to select Division B.
 - c. Once accepted, attend any college orientations and take required placement tests.
 - You must take care of your CC+ responsibilities on your own time. You will NOT be excused from classes at CHS to take placement tests, register, etc. at the college.
 - d. Meet with an advisor at college and select your classes for fall term.
 - **Remember, your CC+ class schedule must work around your schedule at CHS.** You may not leave early (or arrive late) from CHS classes. If the drop date has passed, your CHS schedule cannot be changed to accommodate your college classes.
 - If you have **final exams** at college that interfere with your CHS classes, you must notify the office AT LEAST one week prior, or you will be counted absent/tardy.
 - e. **Bring Mrs. Kanney a copy of your college class schedule in early August** so your college/HS schedules can be finalized and approved. Be sure it includes the day/times of the classes.
 - f. Keep in mind: **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU MISS AT CHS WHEN YOU ARE NOT HERE.**
 - You may miss out on the speakers, special events, and classroom visits throughout the year, so stop in the offices and ask what you may have missed.
 - Keep up to date on the CHS announcements daily.

Register on time and always obey your deadlines!!!!!!

This form must be submitted to the HS Guidance Counselor no later than April 1 if you wish to participate in the CC+ Program next year.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

*Date: _____

* No later than April 1, unless special permission is received from the Superintendent.

School: Coldwater High School

Name: _____

Grade for the 2020-2021 School Year: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

I plan to enroll in CC+ at: _____
(list college)

This is to serve as notification that this student intends to participate in the College Credit Plus Program. We understand that it is our responsibility to notify my school if he/she does not gain College Credit Plus admission or fails to participate for some other reason.

We have participated in the District's counseling program for students who wish to enroll in the CC+ program.

We understand the potential positive and negative consequences that could result from such participation and take full responsibility for the decision. We agree to release the District from any liability or responsibility related to participation in the program.

This is to serve as notification that I intend to participate in the College Credit Plus Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify my school if I do not gain post-secondary admission or fail to participate for some other reason.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____