



## A Guide to College Credit Plus for Students & Families

Ohio's new College Credit Plus can help you earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a college course from a public college or university College Credit Plus is free. That means no cost for tuition, books or fees. If you choose to attend a private college or university, you may have limited costs.

Your high school may have an agreement with a local college for specific courses, however, you can choose to take College Credit Plus courses from any college that offers a course that would benefit your future. This could include online courses. Horizon Science Academy has a partnership with Sinclair Community College and we have several students who are currently taking college courses at Sinclair.

### I'm interested. Now what?

- Talk with your school counselor. Discuss your interest in taking college courses and how it fits in with your overall academic plan and career goals.
- Your district will provide information about the College Credit Plus program to all students in grades 7-12. An informational session will be held and all colleges and universities within a 30-mile radius will be invited to attend before **March 30**. You can visit this link to see the available parents nights at Sinclair Community College <http://www.sinclair.edu/precollege/ccp/parentinformationnight/index.cfm> If you cannot attend, schedule an appointment with your school counselor.
- By **April 1**, notify your school counselor if you intend to participate in College Credit Plus next year. After April 1, you will need permission from the school district superintendent to participate.
- You and your family should contact colleges for information, application forms, and criteria for acceptance into College Credit Plus. Some materials are available from your high school counselor and at the college's website. You must go through the procedures established by the colleges/universities to apply to College Credit Plus and to enroll in the course(s). You may have to take a college placement test to make sure you are college-ready.
- Prior to college class attendance, your high school counselor will assist you in determining a course's equivalency to a high school course(s).

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, College Credit Plus(CC+) replaces Ohio's' Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program (PSEO)and all other dual enrollment program. In order to enroll in CC+ courses, a student must:

- Attend a parent/ student meeting informing all involved in the benefits and state wide changes in the program.
- Apply to college in accordance with the college's established procedures for admission.
- Meet the established standards for admission and for course placement of the college/ university.

Students may participate in CC+ on-line, or at any other participating institution of higher education. Likewise, students may be concurrently enrolled in and taking courses from multiple post-secondary institutions (ex Sinclair Community College).

For eligible students electing to participate in CC+ off-campus, transportation is not provided by the school district, nor is reimbursement costs for transportation, such as mileage. Transportation and associated costs are the sole responsibility of the student and his or her parents/guardian.

CC+ courses taken from public institutions of higher education are offered to eligible students cost-free. However, earning a grade of an "F" in a CC+ course, or failure to complete the course, other than for reasons generally accepted by the school district, may result in all financial obligations of the course defaulting to the students and his or her parents/guardian.

A student who enrolls in CC+ courses at a nonpublic institution of higher education, and who is not economically disadvantaged, may have to pay course fees and associated costs.

Final grades earned in all CC+ courses will post to the high school transcript and will be included in the calculation of grade point average.

In order to participate in this academic opportunity, parents and students must attend a mandatory information meeting regarding enrolling in CC+. Similarly, a student must participate in a counseling session prior to his or her participation in CC+.

A student or his or her parents/guardian must inform the HSADD Administration **by April 1st** of the student's intent to participate in this program during the following school year. This deadline is state mandated.

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