



SUMMIT ACADEMY SCHOOLS

College Credit Plus Information Sheet & Annual Notice

Ohio's College Credit Plus is a program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to enroll in both high school and college courses at the same time. Taking a College Credit Plus course from a public college or university is free, which means no cost for tuition, books, or fees. Students choosing to attend a private college or university, may have limited costs. Interested students should talk to their Performance Coach or the Career Lead at their school to determine how College Credit Plus can fit into their career goals or academic plan.

In order to participate, students must qualify academically by completing an assessment exam and being successful in at least one subject area. Students' scores must indicate that they are ready for college-level courses. If a student's scores are not at a college-level, other conditions may be considered, depending on the exam scores. Conditions considered are if the student has an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, or if the student obtains the College Credit Plus recommendation form from a school administrator.

Between October 1 and February 15 of each year an informational meeting will be held to acquaint students and families with the College Credit Plus opportunity. Your school will contact you with the dates and times. A school counseling session prior to any College Credit Plus participation is required and may be part of the informational meeting. By April 1, or the last day before Spring Break when the date of April 1 falls within the Spring Break week, students must notify the school Performance Coach or Career Lead person of their intent to participate by submitting the Letter of Intent to your Career person. A verbal intent may be given, with the submission of the Letter of Intent to follow as soon afterward as possible. After April 1, permission will be needed from the school principal/director.

Once a student has passed the assessment exam and is admitted to a college, they may take any course offered in the course catalog that is not remedial or religious. (A History of Religions course would be acceptable.) It is encouraged that students review college course catalogs for a full listing of course offerings. Students may take classes in the summer, fall, and spring semesters and may also take courses at more than one college or university in the same semester. Classes are usually held at the college or university, but may be online. In rare cases it may be offered at the high school if this has been arranged. If a student transfers to a new secondary school for the summer session, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the college/university, the student's prior high school, and the new high school of the transfer.

High school graduation requirements will not be waived as a result of participation in College Credit Plus. A diploma will not be received until after the course is successfully completed and the graduation requirement is met. Working closely with the Summit Academy Performance Coach or Career Lead person will ensure course choices are aligned with individual graduation needs and that students are also aware of important deadlines for College Credit Plus participation. This is especially true for navigating the summer session, which usually begins in May. College advisors are also on hand to support high school students in course selection and in making adjustments to higher education.

The College Credit Plus program provides many benefits, including earning free college credits while attending high school, reducing the time and costs of attending college after high school. This is a chance for college-ready students to experience the emotional and social side of college while strengthening time management and organizational skills. Students can complete their freshman year of college or more and also explore college content of interest under the College Credit Plus program.

For questions about the College Credit Plus program, please call the school and ask for the Summit Academy Performance Coach or Career Lead person, who will provide assistance. To speak with the program coordinator for all Summit Academy schools about program changes or amendments made by the Ohio Department of Education and/or the Ohio Department of Higher Education, please contact:
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