

## Talawanda High School: College Credit Plus Guidance Document

### The Basics:

- Students earn high school and college credit at the same time
- Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the requirements of the college

### Students in grades 7-12:

- Must complete an assessment exam (such as the ACT or Accuplacer) and be determined “eligible” for CCP
- May apply to any (multiple) public college or participating private college
- Variety of college-level courses are available (determined by placement testing)
- May take classes in the summer, fall, and spring semesters
- May take courses at the high school, college campus, or online
- Can earn credit to satisfy both high school and college requirements
  - 3+ college semester hours = 1 high school credit
  - Must successfully complete the course in order to earn the credit

### The Process

#### Step 1: Students must be “eligible” for CCP participation based on assessment exam scores

- ACT, SAT, Accuplacer- Each college/university may have different exam requirements
- Students’ scores must indicate readiness for “college-level” courses in at least one subject
- Colleges and universities will review students’ scores using statewide standards

#### Step 2: Applying

- Check the college’s website for their application and to learn more about their processes, paperwork, and deadlines.
- Colleges have the final decision on student admission

#### Step 3: Orientation/Course registration

- If the student is considered eligible and has been admitted, then the college will discuss course options with the student during orientation.
- College advisors will help students know which courses they can take based on course prerequisites.

#### Step 4: Review your HS schedule and CCP courses with your HS School Counselor

- Courses can satisfy high school graduation requirements
- School Counselors can help students understand how college courses may be used for graduation requirements
- CCP classes must be a college-level or non-remedial and nonreligious

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Will CCP grades appear on my high school transcript?

Yes, CCP grades will appear on the high school transcript. It will calculate into your high school GPA and will be the start of your college GPA. If the high school uses a weighted grading scale for Advanced Placement or Honors courses in a subject area, then CCP courses in the subject area will be weighted using the same scale.

### How are high school graduation requirements affected?

High school graduation requirements will not be waived as a result of participation in College Credit Plus. You will not receive a diploma until after the required courses are successfully completed and the Talawanda graduation requirements are met. College Credit Plus does not replace the local requirements to earn a high school diploma. This includes earning 18 points or more on the graduation tests. Even if you are enrolled in college courses, you must take the required State assessments in English II and Geometry. If you are enrolled in a CCP course on a college campus taking Biology, American History or American Government you may substitute for these required courses the student's end of course grade from the college course for the end of course exam. The final grade from the course will correspond with a point scale used for graduation requirements.

### How many credit hours can I take?

Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credit hours including high school only courses. The maximum number of credits is allowable during the program is 120.

### What is the cost?

At public colleges or universities, there is no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books. A small cost per credit hour may be charged for private colleges. Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/family such as parking and transportation.

### Are support services available?

High School counselors continue to provide assistance to all CCP students. College advisors provide college course selection assistance. Colleges must provide the same supports to CCP students as they do other students.

### Am I "college ready"?

It is more than just being academically prepared. Consider emotional and social transition and college expectations including time management and organizational skills.

### Athletic eligibility?

You must carry a minimum of 2.5 credits per semester- passing a minimum of 2.5 credits with at least a 2.0 GPA. Note: Summer CCP courses may not be used to bring a student into OHSAA compliance.

### What if I fail a class?

Classes failed will receive an "F" on the high school and college transcripts and the "F" will be computed into the high school and college GPA. If you do not receive a passing grade, the district will seek reimbursement for state funds paid to the college on your behalf for that college course and textbooks purchased for the course. Students will also be charged if they withdraw from a class after the deadline. Performing poorly (below 2.0 GPA) may result in academic probation or dismissal by the college.

### Do CCP credits transfer after graduation?

Thanks to Ohio's Transfer to Degree Guarantee, many entry-level courses earned at an Ohio public college are guaranteed to transfer to any other Ohio public college. Credits earned at private colleges, or those that you want to transfer to an out-of-state institution, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the institution you are seeking to attend. Go to <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov> to learn more about credit transfer among the state's public institutions of higher education.

### What are some of the differences in college classes versus high school classes?

#### High School

1. Tests are sometimes given weekly or at the end of the chapter
2. Required homework ranges between 1-3 hours/day
3. Information provided mostly in class. Minimal out of class research is required.
4. Numerous quizzes, tests, and homework assignments
5. Parents are strong advocates working closely with teachers and counselors

#### College

1. Tests are generally fewer in number, covering more material
2. The standard rule of 2-3 hours of homework for every hour spent in class (3-5 hours per day)
3. Coursework will generally require more independent thinking, longer writing assignments, and out of class research
4. Fewer tests and fewer, if any, homework assignments will be used to determine final grades
5. The parent serves as a mentor and support for the student. The college views the student as an independent decision-maker.