



# Newark City Schools

College Credit Plus Informational Meeting

# DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

- The College Credit Plus program (CCP) offers qualified high school students access to directly transcribed credit through dual-credit.
- Students passing CCP classes will receive both high school and college credit for the course at no cost and without taking an exit exam.
- Must apply to any public or participating private college
- Must be Ohio residents
- May take classes during the summer, fall and Spring semesters

# How Can Students Participate

- Students must be “eligible” for CCP participation based on assessment exam scores. (ACT or Accuplacer) or GPA.
- Students must return the “Intent to Participate” form. Due by April 1st in the Counseling Office.
- Pay attention to deadlines for colleges for applications, registering, and changing classes.
- Take placement test (either ACT or Accuplacer). College will help with this.
- Once accepted, work with the College Academic Advisor and NHS Counselor for scheduling.

# Eligibility for College Credit Plus

A student is eligible for the "College Credit Plus" program if the student meets any of the following criteria:

- u(a) Obtains a remediation-free score on one of the standard assessment exams such as the ACT.
- u(b) Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 3.00; or
- u(c) Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 2.75 but less than 3.00 and received an "A" or "B" grade in a relevant high school course.

# Considerations

- Selection of courses should further student's goals.
- Selection of courses should not impede graduation. HS Graduation 1st!!!
- Scheduling of courses should blend into the day that fits student. Choices may have to be made when conflicts occur. (extracurriculars, NHS schedule of classes, work).
- HS schedule comes first!
- Students are responsible for their own transportation to CCP.

# Transferability of Credit

- Successful completion of Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) coursework in the CCP program will earn students college credit that must be accepted by all of Ohio's public universities and colleges, and is accepted by many private and out-of- state institutions.
- If Private or Out-of-State college or university ask them if they will accept the course/credits.

# Benefits and Advantages

- No cost to the student or families (if passed)
- Full high school credit in half the time (A typical college semester class is 3 credits--this equals 1 year-long HS credit).
- Credits weighted on 5.0 scale.
- Opportunity to take wide variety of classes.
- Experience of a college classroom and workload.

# New Considerations

- These are not high school courses. They are true college courses following a different set of regulations.
- Please note that “ready” and “prepared” do not share the same meaning.
- Your child is taking classes with adult learners. You will be required to sign a Mature Content Permission Slip.
- Grades will have an impact on GPA and class rank.
- College courses are more challenging and require an independent learner.
- No guarantee that all course requests can be scheduled.
- Failure or withdrawal from a course after 14 days require students to pay for those courses.



# New Considerations

- College courses may have prerequisites.
- Grading is not based equally-weighted nine weeks periods, but rather as the result of the complete semester.
- Students with IEP/504 plan must have their accommodations reviewed and approved by the college partner's Office of Disability Services for services to be offered.
- Parents should expect as much contact with local college instructors as when their students graduate and leave for college (which is none).

# Consequences of Failing or dropping past deadline

- May become ineligible to participate in extra-curricular student activities and/or athletics
- May fail to meet graduation requirements.
- May incur financial obligations for the cost of the failed college course.
- Students with a college GPA that drops below 2.0 can impact eligibility and program participation
- Low grades and course withdrawals may negatively impact potential college admissions and future financial aid opportunities.

# Scheduling

- No graduation requirement may be waived as a result of participating in the CCP program.( example-PE credit).
- College class schedule and availability are controlled by the college not NHS.
- The NHS schedule is based on teacher-availability and cannot be changed to accommodate the college schedule.
- On days that NHS has different bell schedule (such as 2-hour delays, or late starts), students will need to consult their professor and work their schedules around to be in attendance.
- Academic calendars are often very different. Students are responsible for attending classes when in session despite the differences in calendars.

# Other

- College decisions regarding admission and participation in the CCP program are final and not subject to NCS policies.
- Books are school property and returned to the district upon course completion. Students that purchase books will not be reimbursed. Books not returned will be assessed a book fee.
- Students choosing to take courses directly through a college are responsible for confirmation of course enrollment and changes.

# Athletic Eligibility

- Students must have five passing credits during OHSAA timeframes to be eligible for sports. (2 ½ per semester)
- Each CCP class counts toward one credit of the five, if the CCP class is 3 hours or more.
- 2 CCP classes of 3 hours or more each semester and 1 credit at NHS equals 5 credits for eligibility.
- Students taking courses on campuses or online must request grades from their instructors and needed by the Athletic Department.
- Best advice- if you are an athlete--notify the HS Athletic Office.

# Equivalency of High School and College Credits

College courses yield high school credit in the appropriate subject area or as electives if no high school content area exists

## **Course College Credits High School Credits**

3 or more credits= 1 high school credit

2 credit = 0.67 high school credits

1 credit =0.33 high school credits

# Cap on Credit Available

- The maximum academic credits available under CCP per year is 30.
- A year is summer, fall and spring semesters **in that order**.
- College credits in excess of 30 are the financial responsibility of the student and will not count as NHS credits on the student's NHS transcript unless requested by student.
- "Credits" apply to any class in which a student is a participant, regardless of setting (HS or college). For Example:

If a student is taking HS classes that total 5 credits for the year, they are eligible to take 15 CCP semester hours.

$(5 \text{ HS credits} \times 3) = 15$ .  $30 - 15 = 15$ . They have 15 credits available through CCP for that year.

# Non-allowable courses

## **Non-Allowable:**

- Private applied courses with one-on-one instruction (such as music lessons).
- Course with high fees.
- Study abroad courses.
- Physical education courses.
- Pass/Fail graded courses.
- Remedial courses or religious courses.



# Final Thoughts and Questions

- Decide if CCP or challenging classes at NHS are more appropriate for your student.
- Return the Intent to Participate Form now or to the Counseling Office by April 1st, even if you participated this school year.
- Apply to your intended university by their deadline and schedule ACT or placement testing.
- Questions?reach out to your school counselor