

Buckeye Community School College Credit Plus Information Guide 2020-2021



What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus is a program that gives high school students an opportunity to be enrolled in both high school and college course work at the same time. Students can take coursework during fall semester, spring semester or summer at any college/university in which they qualify academically. College Credit Plus replaces Ohio's Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program (PSEO) and all dual enrollment programs.

Advantages of College Credit Plus

For the student who is eligible for College Credit Plus, they must be academically ready for college level courses and be willing to follow the procedures outlined by the university while still in high school. Students will enjoy the following benefits:

- Students may earn (transcribed) college credit and high school credit upon successful completion of the course(s)
- Accelerate achievement of educational goals
- Eliminate duplication of high school and college course content
- Increase the rigor and challenge of course offerings while in high school
- Decrease the cost of college with course tuition paid by Buckeye Community School

Potential Risks and Consequences:

- Increased responsibility for learning
- Reduced opportunities for participation in high school activities
- Affects GPA (high school and college)
- Increased time for travel
- Potential scheduling conflicts between high school and college courses
- Potential Athletic Eligibility issues
- Increased potential for social discomfort

How to get Involved in College Credit Plus

Step 1: All students interested in participating must first apply to your desired college/university. Each university has its own set of requirements.

Step 2: Send ACT/SAT test scores to your desired university. All students without qualifying scores or credit must complete the Reading and Writing Placement Tests. Mathematics and Science Placement Tests are required only for students taking related courses. For students who have ACT scores that are less than two years old, they will need to meet with Mr. Vanderhoff to determine next steps.

STEP 3: Turn in successful college course registration verification to Buckeye Community School. Please note: All Buckeye Community School graduation requirements must still be met.

How are College credits converted to high school credits:

5 semester credits = 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
4 semester credits = 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
3 semester credits = 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
2 semester credits = .67 high school Carnegie Credit
1 semester credit = .33 high school Carnegie Credit

How many college credits can a student earn?

Students can earn a maximum of 30 (thirty) college semester credit hours per year and a maximum of 120 (one hundred twenty) college semester credits prior to their high school graduation. The Ohio Board of Regents has established a formula that students must refer to when registering for high school and college courses. This formula is utilized to assure students do not exceed full-time status. Full-time status can be calculated as follows:

1. Determine student's number of high school only credits.
2. Multiply that number by 3 (three), and
3. Subtract the result from the number 30 (thirty)
4. That number is the total number of college credits that the College Credit Plus student may earn that academic year.
 - Any college course taken during the summer will count towards the 30 (thirty) credit limit in the following school year

How will College Credit Plus impact my GPA:

Per HB 487, College Credit Plus courses must receive equivalent weight as any weighted course within a given content area. Therefore, College Credit Plus courses are weighted on a 4.8 scale. Students' final grades will be converted to the Buckeye Community School approved grading scale; however the college will impose their own grading scale that is approved by the university.

Course Eligibility

Students must complete 15 (fifteen) credit hours in Level 1 before progressing to Level 2.

Level 1

- Transferable courses: Part of CTAG, OTM, or TAG or equivalent at private college/university
- Course in Computer Science, Informational Technology, Anatomy, Physiology, or Foreign Language including American Sign Language
- Technical certificate course
- Another course that may be approved by the Chancellor on an annual basis

Level 2

- Any other college course that is not a Level 1 course

Exceptions to the “First 15” Rule may be made if the student wishes to continue with a course in the same subject or tests directly into Level 2 course. Students who attained the required scores on AP or IB examinations may count the course toward the First 15.

Textbooks

Students do not pay for books that are required with the CCP program. Buckeye Community School will pay for the books. All books must be returned to BCS within 10 (ten) days of completing the course. Buckeye Community School owns the books and if materials are not returned, the student may be assessed a fee for the full cost of the textbook.

Selective Service Requirement

Under the provision of the Ohio Revised Code 3345.32, a male student born after December 31, 1959 who is at least 18 years old and is classified as an Ohio resident is required to register with the Selective Service within 20 days of their 18th birthday.

Transportation

Students/Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation. Ohio Revised Code 3365.034, 3365.08

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

College Credit Plus students are college students and subject to the federal FERPA. For regular college students, this means that college records are not released to anyone, even parents, without written permission from the student. For College Credit Plus students, the high school and college may exchange information.

Cost

All tuition, course fees, and the cost of textbooks will be paid by Buckeye Community School per House Bill 487. Students are limited to 30 semester credits per academic year paid for through BCS. Students wishing to earn more than 30 semester credits in an academic year will be responsible for the cost of attendance for each credit above the 30 semester credit limit. The 30 credit hours include summer.

Important Information to Parents and Students:

- Students taking College Credit Plus courses are subject to the rules and regulations of the university they are currently attending, including add/drop dates established by the participating institution.
- While in college courses, students are introduced to a learning environment that promotes an open exchange of ideas. Course content is presented on an adult level and class discussions require mature understanding of divergent viewpoints and the ability to think critically on controversial issues.
- Students should understand that these courses are college-level courses, and the amount of work, pace, and rigor of content in college courses may be much greater than high school courses. In addition, college course grades become a part of a student’s permanent college transcript and are calculated

into the college grade point average. Poor performance in college courses may affect future university admissions and financial aid. Therefore, it is important to perform well in college courses to realize the benefits of taking college courses while in high school.

- If a student fails any college courses, the cost for tuition, fees, and other books may be charged by BCS.
- If a student passes a course but wishes to retake it, the student will be responsible for paying for the course.
- The courses and the grades associated with them will be reported on both the student's high school transcript as well as the college transcript.
- College transcripts can be requested by visiting the respective college or university website associated with the course taken. Buckeye Community School does not have access to college transcripts.
- Students must meet prerequisite requirements as outlined by the university or college in which they are attending.

**FERPA (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act) Consent
2020-21**

Student Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____

I agree that Buckeye Community School (BCS) and any college/university to which my child is applying may release to each other educational records and information, including but not limited to records concerning grades, test scores, GPA, class rank, academic standing, academic performance, code of conduct complaints and/or violations and discipline, as necessary for my child's application to and participation in the College Credit Plus program, chapter 3365 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Parent Signature

Date

College Credit Plus Textbook Purchasing Procedure 2020-21

Ohio law requires School Districts to provide necessary instructional tools (textbooks) for students enrolling in College Credit Plus (CCP) courses. Buckeye Community School students enrolled in the CCP program and attending classes outside of the high school should obtain all required textbooks from the appropriate University sponsored bookstore. Any textbooks or other related materials that are obtained by other means will not be covered by the District and will become the sole property of the student. Upon completion of a course, all textbooks will remain the property of the District and the student will have 10 school days to return all textbooks to Buckeye Community School. Should any textbooks not be returned within the prescribed time frame, the student will be assessed a fee for the full cost of the textbook(s).

I, (Parent & Student), acknowledge that I have received the Buckeye Community School's Textbook Purchasing Procedure for the College Credit Plus Program.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

**Buckeye Community School College Credit Plus
Intent to Participate Form 2020-21**

Student Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Student Cell #: _____ Email: _____

School I am applying to: _____

I will be taking courses (circle all that apply): **on Campus** **Online**

I agree to follow the enrollment procedures established by Buckeye Community School and the college/university to which I am applying. I have received the counseling services regarding this program, which included:

- Potential benefits, risks and consequences
- Program eligibility
- Process for granting credit
- Consequences of failing
- Graduation requirements
- Academic and social responsibilities of students and parents/guardians for participation and use of college counseling service

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

BCS Principal Signature

Date

Please submit this form to Buckeye Community School by April 1, 2021.

Office Use

Placement Score: _____ Date taken: _____

Writing _____ Math _____ Reading _____

ACT Composite _____ Date taken: _____