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2271 - COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM

The Board of Education recognizes the value to students and to the District for students to participate in programs offered by accredited colleges and universities in Ohio.

The Board will approve participation by students who apply to the participating college or university ("Institute of higher education" or "IHE") and meet the IHE's and relevant academic program's established standards for admission, enrollment, and course placement. Participating students will be eligible to receive secondary credit for completing any of these programs. To be eligible, students must be in seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and must either be remediation-free in one (1) of the assessments established under R.C. 3345.061(F) or meet an alternative remediation-free eligibility option as defined by the Chancellor of Higher Education in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Students who participated in the College Credit Plus ("CCP") Program before September 30, 2021, and who qualified to participate in accordance with prior law by scoring within one (1) standard error of measurement below the remediation-free threshold for one (1) of the required assessments and having a cumulative high school grade point average of at least 3.0, or alternatively receiving a recommendation from a school counselor, Director, or career-technical program advisor, may remain eligible to participate.

In addition, under Federal and State law, male students who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and who are classified as an Ohio resident by the public college or university they are attending through the College Credit Plus Program are required to be registered with the Selective Service System. Participating male students are required to provide their Selective Service number to the public college or university within thirty (30) days of their 18th birthday. If such students do not submit their Selective Service number, they will not be considered a College Credit Plus participant for that current semester or term and will be responsible for any tuition, textbooks, or fees associated with the classes for which they are enrolled.

Enrollment

- A. By April 1st of each year, a student (including a home-educated student) or the student's parent must complete and submit the Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus Program (Form 2271 F1) to the Director which signifies the student's intent to participate in the program for the following school year. To participate in CCP during the upcoming spring semester only, a student or their parent must complete and submit Form 2271 F1 to the Director by November 1st. Prior to completing this form, the student and the student's parents must participate in the special counseling sessions described below and confirm receipt of these counseling services by signing the Statement of Responsibility (Form 2271 F7).
- B. Failure to meet the deadlines shall exclude the student from participating in the program for the upcoming spring or next school year unless written consent is granted by the Director and the Director notifies the Department of Education of the student's intent to participate within ten (10) days of the date the student seeks consent. If the Director does not grant consent, the student may appeal the Director's decision to the Superintendent. The decision of the Superintendent is final. Participation may be withdrawn by the student or parent at any time upon written notification to the high school administration.
- C. CCP students shall participate in a mandatory orientation that meets guidelines issued by the Chancellor and the Department, as provided by the IHE.

Underperforming and Ineligible Students

If a student participating in the College Credit Plus Program under the option set forth in R.C. 3365.06 (B) either: A) fails to maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher in the college courses taken through the College Credit Plus Program; or B) withdraws from or receives no credit for two (2) or more courses in the same term, the student will be considered an underperforming student. If a student maintains underperforming student status for two (2) consecutive terms of enrollment, the student will be deemed "ineligible."

Probation

Immediately after determining a student has obtained underperforming student status, the Superintendent shall place the student on probation within the College Credit Plus Program and notify the underperforming student, the student's parents, and each IHE in which the student is enrolled of the student's status. The underperforming student and their parents shall also be notified of the following requirements for continued participation in the Program while on probation:

- A. The student shall only enroll in one (1) college course during any term.
- B. The student shall refrain from enrolling in a college course in the same subject as a college course in which the student earned a grade of "D" or "F" or for which the student received no credit.
- C. If the student had registered for more than one (1) college course for the next term prior to being placed on probation, the student shall request each IHE in which the student is enrolled to dis-enroll the student from those courses that conflict with the terms of the student's probationary status.
 - 1. If a student elects to remain enrolled in one (1) course for the next term, the student shall inform the IHE of the course in which the student would like to remain enrolled.
 - 2. If the student fails to dis-enroll from any courses that conflict with the student's probationary status, the Superintendent shall immediately notify the student and the student's parents that the student shall assume responsibility for any and all tuition, fees, and costs for textbooks for any courses from which the student was required to dis-enroll. In this notification, the student and their parents shall also be advised that the student shall be deemed an ineligible student and dismissed from the program for the next term in accordance with the dismissal procedures set forth below.
- D. If a student takes a course after being placed on probation and such course raises the student's cumulative grade point average to 2.0 or higher in the college courses taken through the College Credit Plus Program, the student shall be removed from probation. The student may participate in the Program without restrictions unless the student is declared to be an underperforming student again.
- E. If a student takes a course after being placed on probation and such course does not raise the student's cumulative grade point average to 2.0 or higher in the college courses taken through the College Credit Plus Program, the student shall be dismissed from the Program in accordance with the dismissal procedures set forth below.

Dismissal

If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in the College Credit Plus Program, they will be dismissed from the Program. The Superintendent shall notify the ineligible student, the student's parents, and each IHE in which the student is enrolled of the student's dismissal. The ineligible student and their parents shall also be notified that the student shall not take any college courses through the Program following the student's dismissal.

If the student had registered for more than one (1) college course for the next term prior to being dismissed from the Program, the student shall request each IHE in which the student is enrolled to dis-enroll the student from the Program.

If the student fails to dis-enroll following the student's dismissal from the Program, the Superintendent shall immediately notify the student and the student's parents that the student shall assume responsibility for any and all tuition, fees, and costs for textbooks for any courses from which the student was required to dis-enroll. In this notification, the student and their parents shall also be advised that the Superintendent shall extend/continue the student's dismissal from the Program for an additional term.

Reinstatement

Following one (1) term of dismissal, a student may submit a request to the Superintendent to be reinstated to the College Credit Plus Program. Summer shall only be counted as a term if the student is enrolled in one (1) or more high school courses during the summer. Upon receipt of the reinstatement request, the student's full high school and college academic record will be reviewed to determine whether the student has achieved academic progress and whether the student will be reinstated on probation or without restriction.

Reinstatement on Probation: In order to be reinstated to the College Credit Plus Program on probation, the student must meet the following academic progress criteria:

- A. (X) Establish a HS GPA of 3.0 or higher; and _____
- B. (X) Administration approval _____
- C. () _____

Reinstatement without Restriction: In order to be reinstated without any restrictions, the student must meet the following academic progress criteria:

- A. (X) Establish a HS GPA of 3.5 or higher; and _____
- B. (X) Administration approval _____
- C. () _____

If the student fails to demonstrate academic progress as defined above, the Superintendent shall extend/continue the student's dismissal for an additional term(s). During the dismissal period, the student shall remain ineligible to participate in the College Credit Plus Program until academic progress is achieved.

Appeals

Any student, who is dismissed from the College Credit Plus Program or prohibited from taking a course in which the student earned a grade of "D" or "F" or for which the student received no credit, may appeal the decision to the Superintendent. The appeal must be filed within five (5) business days after the student is notified of the dismissal or prohibition against taking a course. Upon receiving the appeal, the Superintendent must immediately notify each IHE in which the student is enrolled that the student has filed an appeal.

When reviewing a student's appeal, the Superintendent shall consider any extenuating circumstances separate from the student's academic performance that may have affected or otherwise impacted the student's status in the College Credit Plus Program. After considering such information, the Superintendent may:

- A. allow the student to participate in the Program without restrictions;
- B. allow the student to take a course in which the student earned a grade of "D" or "F" or for which the student received no credit;
- C. allow the student to participate in the Program on probation; or
- D. maintain the student's dismissal from the Program.

The Superintendent shall issue a decision on the student's appeal within ten (10) business days after the date the appeal is filed. The Superintendent's decision shall be final and the Superintendent shall immediately provide notification of the decision to each IHE in which the student is enrolled.

- A. If the Superintendent decides to continue the student's dismissal from the College Credit Plus Program and the student is enrolled in an Institution of Higher Education, such IHE shall permit the student to withdraw from all courses in which the student is enrolled without penalty. The Board shall not be required to pay for such courses.
- B. If the Superintendent fails to issue a timely decision after the date the appeal is made and the student is enrolled in an Institution of Higher Education, such IHE shall permit the student to withdraw from all courses in which the student is enrolled without penalty. If the decision is issued after the IHE's no-fault withdrawal date, the Board shall be required to pay for such courses.

Children of Military Families

Children of military families enrolled in a College Credit Plus Program who must withdraw from the program due to their parent's stationing orders shall be provided the option to complete the coursework in an online format, if possible, or withdraw from the program without academic or financial penalty.

Home-Schooled Students

If a home-schooled student participating in the College Credit Plus Program is placed on probation or dismissed from the Program, the parent of the student shall be responsible for notifying each IHE in which the student is enrolled of such probation or dismissal.

General Requirements

The Board will provide information about the College Credit Plus Program prior to February 1st to all students enrolled in grades six (6) through eleven (11) and their parents as outlined in AG 2271. The Board will also promote the College Credit Plus Program on its website, including the details of the Board's current agreements with partnering IHEs.

The Superintendent shall use CCP forms developed by the Chancellor and the Department without modifications unless obtaining prior approval from the Chancellor and the Department.

All students must meet the requirements for participating in the College Credit Plus Program outlined in AG 2271.

The Board ~~() shall~~ (X) may [END OF OPTION] deny high school credit for the College Credit Plus Program courses, any portion of which are taken during the period of a student's expulsion. If the student has elected to receive credit for course(s) toward fulfilling graduation requirements as well as the College Credit Plus Program credit, that election is automatically revoked for all college courses in which the student enrolled during the college term in which the expulsion is imposed.

When a student is expelled, the Board directs the Superintendent to send written notice of the expulsion to any college in which the expelled student is enrolled under R.C. 3365.03 (College Credit Plus Program) at the time the expulsion is imposed. This notice shall indicate the date the expulsion is scheduled to expire and that the Board has adopted a policy under R.C. 3313.613 to deny high school credit for College Credit Plus Program courses taken during an expulsion. If the expulsion period is later extended, the Superintendent shall notify the college of the extension.

The Board will collect, report, and track program data annually in accordance with data reporting guidelines adopted by the Chancellor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to R.C. 3365.15.

The Superintendent shall establish the necessary administrative guidelines to comply with State law which will thereafter be properly communicated to both students and their parents. The Superintendent shall also establish guidelines and procedures for the awarding of credit and the proper entry on a student's transcript and other records of the student's participation in a College Credit Plus Program.

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Legal

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R.C. 3313.613, 3345.32, 3365.036, 3365.01 through 3365.09

"Military Selective Service Act," 62 Stat. 604, 50 U.S.C. App. 453, as amended