

Dear Wyoming Parents/Guardians:

For the past two years, several Wyoming High School students participated in College Credit Plus (CCP). CCP was designed to provide another advanced standing option for students enrolled in Ohio public schools. We would like to take this opportunity to explain College Credit Plus and the scheduling options it could provide for your child next school year. As always, we will continue to offer the academically rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) course options, which give high school students the chance to earn college credit by achieving a qualifying score on the AP exams.

College Credit Plus creates a pathway to earn high school and college credit simultaneously by completing college courses. Students must be in grades 7-12 and considered college ready by their desired universities' standards. Students are permitted to take up to 30 college credit hours per school year, but not more than 120 credits throughout their high school career. The 30 credit calculation includes high school credits taken during the planned CCP school year. Any student admitted to a course by an institution of higher education will be expected and required to perform at the same level as the institution's regular students. No special courses will be designed for high school or middle school students. Students can participate in CCP only if they have been accepted by a college or university in accordance with guidelines set up by the individual colleges and universities.

If the student takes courses through a public college or university, there is no charge to the family; the cost of tuition, fees, and textbooks are covered by the school district and the college/university. With careful selection of courses and academic advisement, students can earn college credits that may count toward a degree. With tuition at Ohio public colleges running between \$6,000 and \$13,000 a year, College Credit Plus can save a student in terms of financial costs and time to complete a degree.

Taking college courses before high school graduation offers a lot of benefits, but there are cautions to consider when deciding whether College Credit Plus is right for your child. We will share valuable information to help you make this decision at the College Credit Plus Fair on February 7, 2017, from 6:30-8:00. The fair will be at the Princeton Professional Development Center, 3900 Cottingham Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. The state of Ohio requires all students who participate in College Credit Plus and their parents/guardians to meet with college/university staff. The purpose of the meeting is to receive CCP information and guidance on your child's participation in the program. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact the college/university of interest and Nikeisha Brooks at (513) 206-7058.

If you would like your child to participate in CCP, you must complete the Intent to Participate form located on the website under College Credit Plus. The form must be submitted to guidance by April 1, 2017. If you are not 100% sure your student will participate but think CCP is a possibility, turn in the form by the deadline to preserve your student's eligibility to participate. Please be aware the April 1st deadline applies to the intent form **only**. Colleges may have deadlines for summer term starting in February. Contact the specific college of interest if there are questions about CCP deadlines.

Please refer to <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Quality-School-Choice/College-Credit-Plus> to learn more about College Credit Plus. Make a list of your questions and bring them to the meeting on February 7, 2017. You can also contact Nikeisha Brooks at brooksn@wyomingcityschools.org.

Sincerely,

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