



Dear Parents,

If your student is thinking about going to college after high school, the Ohio Department of Education is now offering a free, new program for high school students called College Credit Plus. This program gives students in grades 7-12 the chance to earn college credit from any Ohio public college or participating private college while earning high school credit for each college course, if the student qualifies academically. Your student can earn anywhere from a few college credits to a year's worth while still in high school.

The first step is to submit to your high school a "notice of intent to participate" which is a form that can be provided by your Academic Advisor or found at www.ohiohighered.org/ccp under "Forms." Once their intent is received by us, your student must then apply and be admitted to the participating college or university of their choice. Ask them for College Credit Plus application forms, instructions and a list of criteria they will use to determine if your child is college-ready for admission to that institution. Conversations with the Academic Advisor can help them decide which of the many available college courses would match his or her needs and plans.

Upon receipt of a notice from the college or university stating that your student is admitted to the program, you must then register for a SAFE account (using a parent's name on behalf of the student) with the Ohio Department of Education at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. The SAFE account is used to apply for state funding, which is required for your student's College Credit Plus participation. Your funding application must include your student's acceptance letter from the college or university.

In the meantime, have your student contact his or her Academic Advisor to talk about whether College Credit Plus might be a good fit for their future. Your Advisor will also be providing more in-depth information at our upcoming College Fairs.

Sincerely,

Your Academic Advisors

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