

College Credit Plus (CCP) Information

CCP is a program sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) and Ohio's Department of Higher Education (ODHE) where students in grades 7 - 12 (who are Ohio residents) can take college courses and earn college credits at no cost to the family (nonpublic school students must apply for funding, see the link below). All public colleges and some private colleges in Ohio participate in this program. NonOhio residents are not eligible for the CCP program but may take courses which are dual enrollment and will have to pay for them.

The purpose of this program is to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students and promote rigorous academics. Your student can earn numerous college credits while still in high school and possibly reduce their time in college saving you education costs.

See the steps with links below for more information.

Step 1 - If new to CCP, meet with me and your student to discuss the details of CCP before April 1 (contact me to set up a meeting - aleszczuk@springer-ld.org). [Counseling Session for CCP Participation Form](#) (It is recommended that we meet before March 1 providing enough time for you to complete the necessary enrollment steps.) It is strongly recommended that you attend the virtual college CCP information session which is typically held in January/February - watch your email for details.

Step 2 - Create an account for your Ohio ID - <https://auth.ohid.ohio.gov/login>

Apply for funding with ODEW before April 1.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Education-Options/Private-Schools/College-Credit-Plus-for-Nonpublic-School-Families>

Step 3 - Student needs to apply to the college's CCP program - an example at Cincinnati State - <https://www.cincinnati-state.edu/college-credit-plus/ccp-new-applicants/>

***After you apply to the CCP Program at the college, you must inform the College & Career Counselor. You and your parents will need to sign permission for your transcript to be sent to the college.

Step 4 - Student may need to take a placement test (most likely this will take place at SHS).

Step 5 - If/when accepted, student will work with SHS and the college to schedule courses.

Step 6 - It is vital that students check their Springer email regularly regarding CCP information. You will need to set up a college email account and check it regularly or important deadlines will be missed.

*Please note that these are very general steps. If interested in CCP, then you should start this process soon.

***Returning CCP students must**

- complete the funding application (at ODEW) annually
- check the email they use with the college (likely their college email) for important details and instructions
- communicate with Mrs. Leszczuk (aleszczuk@springer-ld.org) that they plan to continue with the CCP Program

Important Dates

- ❖ January/February - (announced annually) attend the CCP Information Program virtual presentation
- ❖ Complete CCP college application (depending on which college the student would like to attend). An example of the CCP application at Cincinnati State is - <https://www.cincinnati-state.edu/college-credit-plus/>
- ❖ Cincinnati State admission deadlines (subject to change): for Summer priority admission submit all materials by March 1, for Fall priority admission submit all materials by June 1, for Spring priority admission submit all materials by December 1.
- ❖ Two opportunities to apply for funding - apply between February 1 - April 1 (by 5:00PM) to receive funding for the full academic year (summer, fall, and spring semesters). If that deadline is missed, then you may apply between September 1 - November 1 for funding for spring semester only.

If students do not receive funding, they must pay for the course. They will be billed directly from the college.

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Helpful Resources:

- ❖ Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) [College Credit Plus for Nonpublic School Families | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)

- ❖ ODEW - CCP funding application manual with specific instructions and pictures of site - chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/[College Credit Plus Funding Application Manual January 2024](#) (ODEW hasn't updated the manual)
- ❖ FAQ's from ODEW - [College Credit Plus FAQs](#)
- ❖ Ohio Department of Higher Education - [ODHE](#), an [overview](#), and [FAQ's](#).
- ❖ Resource from ODHE - [Standard Packet of Information](#)
- ❖ College Credit Plus Requirements by College (Please note, these are just a sample of colleges. Students may attend any public college in the state of Ohio for CCP)
 - Cincinnati State: <https://www.cincinnati-state.edu/college-credit-plus/>
 - University of Cincinnati: <https://www.admissions.uc.edu/apply/college-credit-plus.html>
 - Miami University: <https://miamioh.edu/admission-aid/apply/college-credit-plus/>

Benefits and Risks of College Credit Plus

Benefits	Potential Risks
Earn high school and college credit simultaneously	Grades will be reflected on both high school and college transcripts - low grades could negatively impact college admissions and financial aid opportunities
Can shorten the time to complete a college degree	Credits are not guaranteed for transfer to private or out-of-state institutions
May ease the transition from high school to college	CCP transcripts will follow students to the colleges in which they apply senior year of high school
Provides quality education close to home with free tuition and textbooks (books must be returned after the course ends)	Students are responsible for arranging transportation and parking if taking a course on campus
Course is weighted on SHS transcript	If a student earns a failing grade, they are responsible for paying for the course
May assist students achieve college readiness and experience what is required of a college course including its workload	Can be difficult to schedule CCP courses around high school courses

How do I know if I am ready for college courses?

Being "college-ready" is more than just being academically ready - consider the following:

- Emotional and social transition and college expectations are different from high school expectations.
- Courses on campus/online are taken right alongside regular college students.
- Courses will require more independent work than high school courses and could be at a faster and more rigorous pace.

- Students must be able to self-advocate - parents/guardians are encouraged to provide support for students, but students are responsible for the course and their grade.
- Courses may include mature content (material of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature) and content will not be modified based on CCP students' enrollment in the course.
- Time management and organizational skills may be more necessary to succeed in credit-bearing college coursework.
- College courses tend to have less opportunities for graded work. For example, the instructor may rely on a mid-term and final exam to determine your grade in a course rather than many quizzes and homework opportunities.

CCP Courses offered at Springer High School

The following courses have been offered at SHS for college credit through Cincinnati State.

HST-101 World History to 1500

SOC-105 Introduction to Sociology

HST 111: U.S. History to 1877

HST 112: U.S. History after 1877

MAT 105: Quantitative Reasoning

CCP 15 Hour General Pathway

(An example of a possible pathway with Cincinnati State.)

Level 1 Courses

ENG 101 – English Composition

ENG 102/103/104/105 – Intermediate Composition

POL 101 – American Government

PSY 110 – Introduction to Psychology (or other social science course)

MAT 105/131/151/153 (degree specific) math courses

Many examples of [pathways](#).