College Credit Plus (CCP) does not replace the requirements to earn a high school diploma. This includes earning 18 points or more on the graduation tests. Even if you are enrolled in college courses, you must take the end-of-course exams in English I, English II, Algebra I and Geometry. You do not have to take the end-of-course exams in Physical Sciences, American Government, and American History, if you are enrolled in College Credit Plus courses. A CCP student’s end-of-course grades in Physical Science, American Government, and American History will correspond with a point scale used for graduation requirements.

**WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS . . .**

1. You and your family should contact the counselor at your school to schedule an appointment to learn more about the College Credit Plus Program and the application process.
2. Visit the Ohio Department of Education’s website at: https://www.ohiohihered.org/ccp, in the Students & Families section to learn more about the College Credit Plus Program.
3. Plan to attend an information session that will be held for the school district.
4. Students will need to have a qualifying SAT or ACT score on file prior to March 2017.

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**8 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?**

5. **How Are High School Graduation Requirements Affected?**
   High school graduation requirements will not be waived as a result of participation in CCP. You will not receive a diploma until after the course is successfully completed and the graduation requirement is met. However, you may participate in the graduation ceremony if proof is presented that you are progressing satisfactorily one week prior to graduation.

6. **Where Can I Take College Classes?**
   Some college courses under CCP may be offered at your high school. You may also travel to the college where you have been admitted or enroll in one or more online courses offered by that college.

7. **What CCP Courses Are Available?**
   Once you are admitted to a college for CCP, you may take any course in the college’s course catalogue that is not remedial or religious and that applies toward a degree or professional certification, in a subject area in which you are college-ready.

8. **What Are My Academic And Social Responsibilities?**
   You will be expected to follow the rules and regulations set by the college/university. You will also be expected to follow the rules and regulations set for high school students detailed in the student handbook. Once enrolled, you are eligible to receive advising from campus-based support services of that institution. Additionally, you will continue to have access to your school counselor and all other resources available to high school students. Participation in CCP does not guarantee you admission to college after high school. You should follow the regular undergraduate application process for whatever college you plan to attend after high school.

   **Additional Frequently Asked Questions/Answers Can Be Found At:** https://www.ohiohihered.org/
**WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?**

College Credit Plus (CCP) is a new program initiative in Ohio that was created to help students in Grades 7-12 earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from institutions of higher learning!

The purpose of the CCP program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-bound students.

Taking a CCP course from a public college or university is **free**, which means no cost for tuition, books, or fees! However, if you choose to attend a private college or university, you may have limited costs.

College Credit Plus replaces the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) and all other dual enrollment programs.

Your high school may have an agreement with a local college for specific courses; however, you can choose to take CCP courses that would benefit your future from any college. This includes online courses.

**HOW TO APPLY?**

Talk to your school counselor about the College Credit Plus (CCP) program. Discuss your interest in taking college courses and how it fits in with your overall academic plan and career goals.

Attend an information session that will be held by the Youngstown City School District no later than March 30 to inform students in Grades 7-12 and families about the CCP program. At the information session, all colleges and universities within a 30-mile radius of Youngstown will be invited to attend. If you cannot attend, schedule an appointment with your school counselor.

If you plan to participate in the CCP Program in the next school year, notify your school counselor by **April 1, 2017**. You will need permission from the school district’s superintendent to participate after the April 1 deadline date.

Your high school should contact area colleges and universities within a 30-mile radius of Youngstown for informational materials, application forms, guidelines and criteria for acceptance into the CCP program on their campus. A map showing all Ohio public colleges and universities can be found at the following website: [https://ohiohighered.org/campuses](https://ohiohighered.org/campuses). Ohio private colleges and universities can be found at the following website: [http://aicuo.edu/aboutOhiocolleges.html](http://aicuo.edu/aboutOhiocolleges.html).

**8 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **Can I Participate in CCP?**
   If you are a student in Grades 7-12 you can apply for College Credit Plus (CCP) admission to a public or participating private college. The college will admit you based on your college-readiness in one or more subject areas. Your school counselor can help you understand your options deadlines, and how to proceed. You may not participate in the program beyond your anticipated high school graduation date.

2. **How Can CCP Benefit Me?**
   The CCP provides more options for you to pursue rigorous academic coursework beyond the high school classroom. You can complete your freshman year of college or more, or explore college content that interests you.

3. **Does CCP Differ From The Previous PSEO Program?**
   CCP is a student-directed program. Students and their families can explore courses that are offered at all Ohio public and private colleges for possible participation in CCP. Unlike PSEO, the CCP program is open to students beginning in the seventh grade and districts are not permitted to restrict an otherwise qualified student’s participation in any way.

4. **How Do College Courses Earn Me High School Credit?**
   CCP allows high school students to earn college credit and apply that credit toward their high school graduation requirements. Successful completion of a three or more credit-hour college course will result in 1.0 Carnegie unit earned at the high school. A two credit-hour college course will earn students 2/3 of a high school credit and a one credit-hour college course will convert to 1/3 of a high school credit.