

Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM (CCP)

POLICY

The Gahanna Jefferson School District will participate in College Credit Plus Program in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3365 and the State of Ohio Board of Education Rules 3333-1-65.1 through 3333-1-65.10.

Under this program students, as determined by locally adopted Board of Education policy, may enroll in up to 30 credit hours of nonsectarian and non-remedial courses within the academic year. These courses provide both high school and transcribed college credit upon completion.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Information and Counseling: This rule establishes March 1 as the annual date by which districts must notify students and their parents/guardians of the program and the options available and requires that students indicate to school officials their intent to participate by April 1. Failure to do so will make them ineligible to participate without the permission of the district high school principal and superintendent.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND COUNSELING

In order to take part in this program, all of the following conditions must be met:

1. The student must be enrolled in grades 7-12 at Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools during the time of participation.
2. The student must be accepted by a college/university to participate in the College Credit Plus program.
3. The student and a parent/guardian must receive information and counseling on the following topics:
 - a. Program eligibility
 - b. Financial arrangements for tuition, books, materials, and fees
 - c. Process for granting academic credits
 - d. Criteria for any transportation aid
 - e. Available support services
 - f. Scheduling
 - g. Consequences of failing or not completing a course
 - h. Graduation requirements
 - i. Academic and social responsibilities of students and parents/guardians for participation.
 - j. Use of college counseling services
 - k. Possible risks, consequences and benefits of participating in the program
 - l. Information confirming the fact students can take college courses at no cost for high school credit.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

High school credit for courses successfully completed under this policy shall count toward the graduation requirements and the subject area requirements of the Gahanna-Jefferson School District.

1. The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education will award high school credit toward graduation for any college course in which the student successfully completes.
2. College courses for which three or more semester hours of credit are earned will be awarded one Carnegie Unit. Fractional Carnegie Units will be awarded proportionately.
3. College courses will be substituted for courses required for high school graduation based upon comparability of content and without regard to instruction time. The credit awarded will be the same as if the comparable course were taught in the district or non-public high school.

* If a student elects to take a college course at the college/university as a substitute for a graduation requirement, it is strongly recommended that students discuss the content of the course with a guidance counselor prior to registering for the course.

DISPUTES REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF COLLEGE COURSES

If there is a dispute between the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education and the student regarding acceptance of comparable or similar college courses for high school courses, the student may appeal the decision of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education to the State of Ohio Board of Education. The State of Ohio Board of Education's decision concerning any high school credit granted is final.

RECORDING OF CREDITS EARNED UNDER COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

The Gahanna Lincoln High School shall maintain evidence of successful completion of each college course taken under this option and of the high school credits awarded in the student's permanent record. This record shall indicate that the credits were earned as part of the College Credit Plus Program and shall name the college at which the credits were earned.

* Please note that a student may elect to take college courses during the summer through the College Credit Plus program. To receive GLHS credit, a student must provide a transcript and the course syllabus. To ensure and receive credit for a required course, the student is advised to consult with a school counselor prior to enrollment.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The course grades earned in a college course will be used in the calculations of the student's cumulative grade point average on the same scale as all other advanced standing programs. The credits and the grade will be posted as part of the high school transcript.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Courses taken through the College Credit Plus program count toward athletic eligibility.

CONVERSION OF COLLEGE CREDITS TO CARNEGIE UNITS

In order to award high school graduation credit for college courses taken, the following conversions will be used.

Semester hours – Three (3) or more semester hours will equal one (1) Carnegie Unit.
Fractional Carnegie Units will be awarded proportionately

5 semester hours = 1 Carnegie unit
4 semester hours = 1 Carnegie unit
3 semester hours = 1 Carnegie unit
2 semester hours = 0.67 Carnegie unit
1 semester hour = 0.33 Carnegie unit

CALCULATIONS OF FULL-TIME STATUS

1. Any student who enrolls in the College Credit Plus program shall not take more than 30 college credit hours per academic year and not more than 120 college credit hours in high school. An academic year includes three terms: summer, fall and spring term.
2. Students in the program shall not exceed full-time status. Calculate full-time status as follows:
 - a. Determine student's number of high school ONLY credits
 - b. Multiply that number by 3
 - c. Subtract the result from the number 30 (maximum allotment)-The resulting number is the total number of college credits that a CCP student may earn that academic year.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Students Enrolled in College Courses through the College Credit Plus program

Students enrolled in college courses for high school credit and college credit will have no financial responsibility for tuition, materials, textbooks, and fees incurred.

Students enrolled in college course work shall be furnished with all textbooks, materials, etc. directly related to the course(s) taken by the student. Textbooks and all course material are the property of the district and therefore shall be returned to the district at the end of the academic semester.

Students enrolled in college courses on the college campus will be in classes with adult students. College coursework may contain adult content and adult situations and will not be changed because middle school and/or high school students are taking the course.

The academic calendar for the college/university and the academic calendar of the district may vary. For example, OSU may have class scheduled during GJPS spring break. The academic calendar of the college/university supersedes that of the district. Students are expected to follow the calendar of the college/university for all college courses they are enrolled.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE A COURSE

Failure to pass a course or failure to complete a course, including course withdrawals any time after 14 days from the course start date, or nonattendance shall result in all financial obligations for that course defaulting to the student and parent/guardian.

TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

The student and/or parents are responsible for all transportation arrangements for participation in the College Credit Plus Program.

FULL OR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COST

If the student qualifies for financial assistance on the basis of provisions of the National School Lunch Act and the Income Eligibility Scale for Free and Reduced-Price Meals as established annually by the United State Department of Agriculture, he/she may apply for full or partial reimbursement for necessary costs of transportation between the Gahanna Lincoln High School and the college attended.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

The parent/guardian and/or student assume all responsibility and liability for the student's actions and safety while involved in any part of the College Credit Plus Program. This responsibility includes travel to and from college (if necessary), the time in college attendance and all other times that the student is not required to be present at Gahanna Lincoln High School.