

OADEP Annual Conference 2025: CCP 101 Session

Summary of College Credit Plus Law and Administrative Rule

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Ohio Revised Code 3365

To review CCP law in the ORC visit: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/chapter-3365>

Section & Title	Summary	Practical Implications
3365.01 College Credit Plus program definitions	Definitions of terms used in this chapter of ORC.	Helpful to review when unsure of how a term is applied. <i>Example:</i> ““Participant” means any student enrolled in a college under the program established by this chapter.”
3365.02 College Credit Plus program; creations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the College Credit Plus program; Clarifies which programs are not governed by CCP; States which schools and colleges must participate; The chancellor and superintendent shall adopt rules governing the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining CCP from other advanced placement courses, Early College High Schools, and career technical education. Requires all public secondary districts and public higher education institutions to participate, with the option for private schools/institutions to participate.
3365.03 Enrollment in CCP; eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes that students in 9-12 grade that attend a public, nonpublic, or homeschool can participate; Establishes student responsibilities for participation in CCP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are responsible to declare intention to participate, apply directly to colleges, elect Option A or B for funding/credit, sign on receipt of counseling from school. Details for nonpublic and homeschool participation. CCP participants as first-time students after HS graduation.
3365.031 Restrictions on enrollment	Establishes that from grade nine, students cannot participate beyond the equivalent of four academic school years from the first enrollment.	A student may not enroll in courses for college AND high school credit for more than the equivalent of four years if student is enrolling in grade nine, etc.
3365.032 Withdrawal or denial of credit due to expulsion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines “expulsion of a student” for the purposes of CCP, and “policy to deny high school credit for courses taken under the college credit plus program during expulsion” Establishes guidelines for College Credit Plus participation when a student is under expulsion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion/Policy to deny HS credit taken under CCP as defined in ORC 3313.66 (public, community, or STEM school), 3328.13 (public college-preparatory boarding school), public state school for the deaf or the blind Instructions for the secondary school to provide notice, college’s right to withdraw acceptance, funding implications, etc.
3365.033 Seventh and eighth grade student participation	Establishes the eligibility of seventh and eighth grade students attending public, nonpublic, and homeschools in College Credit Plus.	Students in grades 7 and 8 are subject to the same opportunities and requirements as students in grades 9-12 for College Credit Plus. Seventh and eighth grade students earn both high school and college credit for their participation.
3365.034 Participation in college credit plus program during summer term	Establishes the participation of College Credit Plus students in the summer term.	Students may take college courses during the summer term. The student must notify the secondary school they will enroll with in the fall of their participation. Student/Parent/Guardian are responsible for transportation during the summer term.

3365.035 Course mature subject matter disclaimer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines “mature subject matter” • Establishes that the departments shall develop a permission slip for the mature subject matter in a College Credit Plus course. • Establishes the requirement of the permission slip and a questionnaire to be submitted to the college 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The departments released a permission slip with language that may not be altered. The permission slip shall be signed by students/parents/guardians and submitted to the college during application/admission. • Additional materials that the college shall use inform students/parents/guardians of potential mature content.
3365.036 Withdrawal of children of military families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines “children of military families” • Establishes an option for students who are under a permanent change of station order out of state from one military installation to another. 	Students shall have the option to complete participation in a college course in an online format if possible OR withdraw from the course without academic or financial penalty.
3365.04 Information regarding and promotion of the program	Establishes requirements for how public and participating nonpublic secondary schools shall share information with respect to College Credit Plus.	Participating secondary schools shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of CCP through the program on the school’s website, informational sessions, and an annual notice; templates by ODHE. • Provide counseling services to students in grades six through eleven and their parents/guardians; template provided by ODHE. • Implement a policy for awarding grades and the calculation of class standing. • Develop and publish model course pathways. • Collect, report, and track data related to the program.
3365.05 Requirements for participants	Establishes requirements for each public and participating private college for admissions practices, notices, promotion of the program, partnering with secondary schools, advising, and credentialed secondary teachers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply established admissions criteria and CCP eligibility guidelines (see OAC 3333-1-65.14) and provide orientation. • Details on what notices to send, when to send, and who to send them to: admission, enrollment, rosters. • Promotion of CCP through website, informational sessions. • Assign an academic advisor to each student; must meet prior to the “no-fault” withdrawal deadline. • Requirements for Credentialed HS Teachers approved by institution. • Collect, report, and track data related to the program.
3365.06 Enrollment options	Establishes Options A and B for funding and credit awarded related to College Credit Plus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option A: Student is responsible for the payment of all tuition, fees, textbooks, and materials at the institution’s standard tuition rate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students can choose to receive college credit only, or college AND high school credit. • Option B: The default option for students; If the course is eligible, the college will be reimbursed for the course by the state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students shall be awarded both college AND high school credit.
3365.07 Funding and payment	Establishes that the state shall calculate and reimburse funds to colleges for participants in CCP. Funding is awarded through an application for nonpublic and homeschooled students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tuition rates assigned to course delivery modes. • Students that qualify as economically disadvantaged cannot be charged for anything related to participation in College Credit Plus. • Institutions and secondary schools make an agreement for alternative payment; details what is and is not permissible in these agreements

3365.071 Adoption of rules regarding allocation and distribution of payments	Establishes that the chancellor, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall adopt rules in allocating and distributing payments for nonpublic and homeschooled students AND adopt rules to calculate the amount deducted from a JVSD and from the city, local, or exempted village school district for payments.	See OAC 3333-1-65.8 and OAC 3333-1-65.9.
3365.08 Financial aid ineligibility; transportation reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes that CCP students earning credit towards high school graduation can receive direct financial aid. Establishes requirements around transportation reimbursement by districts and community schools that provide/arrange student transportation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCP Students earning high school credit shall not receive financial aid through any state or federal program. <p>Families may apply for full or partial reimbursements for transportation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts providing transportation for students grades 11-12. Community schools arranging transportation for students grades 9-12.
3365.09 Reimbursement where student fails course	Establishes the ability of secondary schools to seek reimbursement of state funds paid to the college on behalf of the participant and the requirements around this.	<p>When a student has not attained a passing final grade in a college course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public secondary schools: The superintendent (or equivalent) may seek reimbursement from the participant/family for state funds paid for the course. Nonpublic Schools: The chief administrator of a participating nonpublic school may seek reimbursement from the participant/family for state funds paid for the course. The school must send the funds collected to the Department of Education. Students identified as economically disadvantaged cannot be asked to reimburse funds unless the student was expelled by the school.
3365.091 Underperforming participants	Establishes that the chancellor, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall adopt rules specifying the conditions under which an underperforming student may continue to participate in College Credit Plus.	<p>See OAC 3333-1-65.13. Rules address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definition of “underperforming participant”, conditions for satisfying repeated underperformance, timeframe for notifying an underperforming participant, mechanisms to assist, consequences for ineligibility to complete secondary school’s graduation requirements after underperformance, etc.
3365.10 Application for waiver of requirements of program	Establishes the creation of an application for a waiver from the requirements of College Credit Plus with a proposed agreement between a participating secondary school and participating college.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreements must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include innovative programming to exclusively address the need of underrepresented student subgroups. Meet all criteria set forth in OAC 3333-1-65.10. Only applies to the approved agreement, not any other agreement between the school/college.
3365.11 Credential requirements for instructors	Establishes requirements for instructors of College Credit Plus courses, including high school teachers, according to the guidelines and procedures established by the chancellor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines in OAC 3333-1-65.4 Any additional graduate-level coursework a high school teacher takes to meet the credential requirements shall be applicable to continuing education and professional development for the renewal of the teacher’s educator license.
3365.12 Nature of courses; awarding high school credit	Establishes the requirements for courses offered under College Credit Plus and for the awarding of high school credit with a student’s earned college credit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CCP courses offered shall be the same included in the college’s course catalog.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school credit awarded for CCP courses shall count towards HS graduation requirements – directly to the course subject or as an elective credit; students can appeal the decision. • The record of the course and high school credit shall include the name of the college and be listed as CCP credit.
3365.13 Model pathways	Establishes the requirement for secondary schools, in consultation with at least one public partnering college, to develop two model pathways for courses offered in CCP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one 15 credit hour and one 30 credit hour pathway. • Both shall apply to at least one degree or certificate. • Students are not required to use these pathways exclusively.
3365.131 Statewide Innovative Waiver Pathway	Establishes the option for a Statewide Innovative Waiver Pathway as a collaboration between an institution of higher education and an industry partner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waiver of the student eligibility requirements of CCP. • Aligned with an industry-recognized credential or certificate (or other degree) in an in-demand job field. • Once approved, any institution or secondary school can adopt.
3365.15 Duties of chancellor and superintendent	Establishes the joint duties of the chancellor of higher education and of the superintendent of public instruction, including the standard packet of information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result, the joint entities adopt rules and guidelines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data reporting ○ Compile data and share annually ○ Establish an advisory committee ○ Standard packet of information

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Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-65

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Rule & Title	Summary	Practical Implications
3333-1-65 Definitions	Establishes definitions for purposes of College Credit Plus rules.	Helpful to review when determining how terms are used in rule.
3333-1-65.1 Notice to students regarding program opportunities and program requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes rule for secondary schools on the content of the annual notice and information sessions. • Establishes rule for institutions of higher education on the content available on the website/media and information sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined content for the annual notice to students from secondary schools, issued prior to February 1 annually. • Outlined rule for annual information session held between October 1 and February 15. • Templates available from ODHE. • Outlined content for institutions of higher education to include on their website and all general material/media used to advertised opportunities to secondary school students.

3333-1-65.2 Program requirements for secondary schools	Establishes rule for participating secondary schools.	<p>Rule requirements and instructions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary school participation. • CCP Classrooms at the secondary school. • CCP Student assessment in relation to delivery mode. • Non-CCP students taking a CCP course at the high school, NOT enrolled at an institution of higher education. • Determining the number of college credits a student can earn per year. • Policies on awarding grades, calculating class standing, and determining if a student is economically disadvantaged.
3333-1-65.3 Program requirements for institutions of higher education	Establishes rule for participating institutions of higher education.	<p>Rule requirements and instructions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible institutions, consequences for failure to comply. • SSI formula and secondary foundation fund calculation by the departments. • Applying admissions standards to CCP applicants. • Notices of admission, course enrollment to secondary schools, students, etc. • Advising and academic support services for CCP students.
3333-1-65.4 Delivery methods by the institution of higher education for courses under the college credit plus program	Establishes rule for the various delivery modes of college courses in College Credit Plus and for approving credentialed secondary school teachers to instruct college courses at the high school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows on-campus instruction, online instruction, and courses taught at the high school by an approved instructor. • Approved, credentialed secondary school teachers instructing CCP courses must meet qualifications established by the chancellor and instruct the course according to the same course delivered on the college campus: syllabus, materials, assessments. • Institutions must offer professional development and one full-period observation of credentialed high school teachers. • Online course instructors must meet the same qualifications and be accessible to students; course must match the college's course catalog.
3333-1-65.5 Data reporting requirements	Establishes rule for secondary schools and institutions of higher education related to data reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for data reporting available from the ODHE and ODE websites; due by July 15 each year. • The chancellor and superintendent shall provide written notice for any consequence of noncompliance/non-submission.

3333-1-65.6 Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes rule for default payment structure according to ORC 3365.07. Establishes rule for alternative funding structure agreements between secondary schools and institutions of higher education. Establishes that economically disadvantaged students cannot be charged for anything related to College Credit Plus. Establishes the approval process for credit hour payment below the floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default tuition rates are automatic, by course delivery mode, if there is no alternative funding structure agreement between the district and institution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts are responsible for the payment of course text book and materials; Institutions must waive all fees related to CCP participation and enrollment. Requirements for alternative payment structure agreements between a secondary school and institution of higher education. Criteria for identifying economically disadvantaged students Requirements to be approved for payment below the default floor amount; requires application to the chancellor available on the ODHE website.
3333-1-65.7 Procedures for an institution of higher education receiving payment from department of education	Establishes rule for institutions of higher education expecting payment on behalf of students to provide notification to the department of education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process is completed via reporting student enrollment and the transfer of HEI data to ODDEX. Requires notification by two weeks after the 15th calendar day from the start of a CCP course. Secondary schools are required to confirm the accuracy of the information no later than 45 days after the report was submitted Additional information, dates, and instructions included in rule.
3333-1-65.8 Allocation for nonpublics, chartered and nonchartered, home-schooled students	Established rule for allocating the funding awarded to students attending nonpublic, non-charted nonpublic schools, or students who are homeschooled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines the allocation units as awarded to students. Requirements for the funding application; notification of funding award from the department. Information on how the applications are processed and funds awarded.
3333-1-65.9 JVSD allocation	Establishes rule for reporting and funding of CCP students who attend a city, local, and exempted village district, community school, STEM school, OR joint vocational school district (JVSD).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a student attends a JVSD + another secondary entity, the entity applying the CCP course towards HS graduation requirements reports; payment deducted from the reporting entity.
3333-1-65.10 Process for waiver	Establishes rule for the application process and requirements for approval of a waiver from the requirements of College Credit Plus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application deadline is November 1, annually; details on application process and length of approval. Application requirements detailed, template provided for application with instructions on ODHE website.
3333-1-65.11 College Credit Plus summer term eligibility	Establishes rule for determining if a student may participate in a summer term of College Credit Plus courses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may not enroll after scheduled or anticipated high school graduation or in a course that starts during the student's last quarter of high school. The secondary school enrolling in the fall a student that participated in College Credit Plus during the summer term shall include the college credit on their high school transcript.

3333-1-65.12 Course eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines terms relative to course eligibility rule. • Establishes rule for determining if a course is eligible for College Credit Plus enrollment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires 15 credit hours of Level I coursework before progressing to Level II courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AP and IB credits can be applied towards the 15 credit Level I hours. • Defines which courses are non-allowable for CCP. • Requirements for notifying students of course eligibility. • Process for audit and repayment of ineligible courses taken by students. • Homeschool parent responsibility to determine eligibility with college. • Process for approval of additional Level I/approved coursework.
3333-1-65.13 Underperforming students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines terms used in underperforming student rule. • Establishes rule for CCP probation, CCP dismissal, appeals, and secondary school/institution of higher education responsibilities. 	<p>Rule requirements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCP probation policies: how to determine/apply/show academic progress to end probation. • CCP dismissal policies: how to determine/dismiss/reinstate students on dismissal. • Policies for appealing CCP dismissal and options for reinstating students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes timelines and requirements for student AND secondary school. • Breakdown of secondary school and institution of higher education responsibilities. • Underperformance with homeschool students. • Relation to institution of higher education policies/procedures on academic probation or dismissal.
3333-1-65.14 Student eligibility requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes rule for determining student eligibility. • Defines “relevant high school course” and how to round the GPA when calculated beyond the hundredths decimal point. 	<p>Criteria for Student Eligibility – ANY of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A remediation-free score on one of the standard assessment exams. • A cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 3.00. • A cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 2.75 but less than 3.00 and received an "A" or "B" grade in a relevant high school course.

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