



# Wilmington High School Annual Notice

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATIONAL SESSION

If you are interested in participating in College Credit Plus, please mark your calendar for the following date and time:

**February 16th, at 6:00 in the WHS Auditoria**

The Wilmington High School staff will provide details about College Credit Plus. Multiple colleges and universities have been invited to participate in this night as well.

### What is College Credit Plus?

- Ohio's College Credit Plus can help students earn college and high school credit at the same time by taking college courses from colleges and/or universities.
- The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students.

### What are other important details related to College Credit Plus?

- College Credit Plus began in the 2015-2016 school year.
- A student is enrolled in both high school and college and can attend the class(es) in any setting arranged by the college.
- All courses offered through College Credit Plus—even courses offered at the high school—must be the same course that the college offers. The course must apply to a degree or professional certificate and may not be remedial or sectarian in nature.
- Student participation is not limited to courses offered at Wilmington High School.
- Students may be concurrently enrolled in multiple colleges and/or universities.

### Are there any college-level courses offered on the WHS campus that would allow me to earn college credit?

- Yes. Please see your guidance counselor and/or course guide for available courses.

### Which schools, universities, and colleges are required to participate?

- Ohio *public* school districts and Ohio *public* colleges and universities must participate in College Credit Plus.
- Nonpublic high schools and private colleges or universities *may* choose to participate.
- Students must meet the admission standards of the participating college or university to which they apply for enrollment.

### Is there a cost to participate?

- There is no cost for the student to participate in College Credit Plus when the student is enrolled in a *public* college or university.
- The high school and college or university share the cost for the course.
- Students choosing to enroll in a participating *private* college or university *might* incur costs.

## **Are there any cost-related provisions based on household income if a student enrolls in a private college or university?**

Yes, the situations outlined below will be considered with any associated costs related to College Credit Plus:

- Household income meets income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price meals (less than or equal to 185% of federal poverty guidelines under National School Lunch Act 42 U.S.C. 1758)
- *OR*- Student whose sibling(s) is eligible under above guidelines is considered economically disadvantaged without the collection of the information by the secondary school or IHE
- *OR*- Student's household participates in any of the following: Medicaid; food stamps; supplemental security income (SSI); federal public housing assistance or Section 8 housing; low income home energy assistance program (HEAP)

## **What are the next steps if I am interested in College Credit Plus?**

- Consider attending the school-sponsored information meeting explaining what the program is and how it works. (See date above.)
- Explore enrollment in College Credit Plus with your high school counselor.
- Explore the enrollment requirements for the university or college of your choice.
- **REQUIRED:** A mandatory meeting between the college or university academic advisor and the enrolled student prior to the "no fault drop date." During this meeting, students will receive information on the following: academic resources available, availability of the advisor after meeting, process for engaging faculty for academic assistance, a handbook and code of conduct, and an explanation of the academic impact of dropping a course after the "no fault" withdraw date.

## **Are there any deadlines or important dates for College Credit Plus?**

- By April 1, notify your school counselor if you intend to participate in College Credit Plus next year by completing the "Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus." This letter is available at the informational session, as well as the district website.
- After April 1, you will need permission from the school district superintendent to participate.
- Students and families should contact colleges for additional information, application forms, and their specific criteria/deadlines for College Credit Plus. You must go through the procedures established by the colleges/universities to apply for the College Credit Plus program, and to enroll in courses. You may have to take a college placement test to make sure that you are college-ready. As students go through the course selection process, they should consult with their school counselor regarding course equivalency and credit hour pathways.
- Register for classes and provide a copy of your college course work schedule to your high school counselor for review.

## **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

- The Wilmington High School Guidance Office
  - Tyler Williams (Serves students with last names beginning with A-L) 937-283-7210
  - Kelli Sanders (Serves students with last names beginning with M-Z) 937-283-7209

