



## Kings Local School District College Credit Plus Handbook 2019-2020

Ohio's College Credit Plus Program can help you earn college and high school credit at the same time by taking college courses from Ohio college/universities. The purpose of the program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options for college-ready students in grades 7-12. And by taking courses from an Ohio public college, it's free to students! With College Credit Plus, the Kings Local District is responsible for tuition and books. Students may take courses from participating private institutions as well with some cost to families.

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### How can I participate?

If you are a student entering grades 7-12 you can apply for College Credit Plus admission to an Ohio public or participating private college. The college will admit you based on your college readiness in one or more subject areas. Students are responsible for taking the appropriate college admission assessment required by the college of choice. For example, students who wish to take classes through the University of Cincinnati must attain specific scores on the ACT for admission to CCP. Sinclair Community College uses a placement test to determine college readiness. This handbook will help you understand your options, deadlines, and how to proceed. You may not participate in the College Credit Plus program beyond your anticipated high school graduation date.

#### *Example College Readiness Indicators:*

Students who meet or exceed the thresholds listed below are deemed remediation-free and eligible to enroll in a college credit-bearing course at any of Ohio's public institutions of higher education (IHE). Some institutions may use other placement tests to determine college readiness. It is important to review the admission requirements for the schools you are interested in attending.

*College Readiness Subscores:*

- ACT Subscores: English (18), Reading (22), Math (22)
- SAT Scores: Writing (430), Reading (480), Math (530)

**Intent to Participate**

Ohio Revised and Administrative Code states, "Students must submit a written notice of their intent to participate in the upcoming academic year, by April first, in accordance with section 3365.03 of the Revised Code, but may submit the written notice of intent to participate as early as February fifteenth. *Students desiring to participate in college credit plus in the summer are strongly encouraged to submit letters of intent and begin the admissions process starting in February and prior to the April first notice of intent deadline in order to improve chances of meeting summer registration timelines.*"

Students must complete the Intent to Participate form and turn it in to our School Counseling Office by April 1 each year. If a student misses the deadline, the principal may still provide consent to participate at his discretion.

**Student Participation Options**

At Kings High School, our Engineering courses are offered to students through CCP via a partnership with UC's Uptown Campus. We also offer other CCP options in the Business Department on campus if we have enough students electing to take the course in any given year. Those courses include Business Law and Honors Accounting. Students can participate in CCP at other public and private institutions either online or face to face on individual college campuses. KHS cannot limit participation to certain colleges and students can take courses with multiple college at the same time. It is the responsibility of the student to review CCP course offerings at the individual colleges and to meet with high school counselors and college advisors to make the best selections.

Students who participate in CCP may not exceed full-time status which is 30 hours\*\*. Full-time status is determined by multiplying the equivalent number of year-long high school courses a student is enrolled in by 3 and then subtracting that total from 30. This determines how many credit hours a student can take through CCP during the year. For example, a student who takes 7 equivalent full year courses for the academic year:

$$7 \text{ high school courses} \times 3 \text{ hours} = 21 \text{ hours}$$

$$30 \text{ hours} - 21 \text{ hours} = 9 \text{ hours}$$

*This student would be eligible to take 9 credits hours through CCP*

\*\*Students may exceed the 30 hour full-time status, but must pay for the additional CCP courses themselves.

### **What are some of the potential benefits to students and their families?**

- Advancement of curriculum that may not be available at Kings High School
- A transition to college experience
- Attainment of college credit and high school credit at the same time
- Free college credits, fees and books
- Additional weight in high school GPA

### **What are some of the risks / responsibilities for students and their families?**

- Attending classes with peers of different ages
- Increased expectations for academic independence of CCP students
- Grades earned in CCP classes appear on a student's permanent college transcript, potentially affecting admission and scholarship decisions
- Family responsibility to reimburse the district for courses that are dropped after allowed deadline or not successfully completed (grade of D or F)
- Transportation and parking fees are the responsibility of the family

### **How do college courses earn me high school credit and what about EOCs?**

College Credit Plus allows students enrolled in high school to earn college credit that may apply toward Kings High School graduation requirements. Your counselor will help you understand how courses may be used for your graduation requirements. It is important to maintain ongoing communication with your high school counselor to keep requirements up to date and to inform course selections.

College Credit Plus does not replace the local 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 required State assessments in English I, English II, Algebra I, and Geometry. If you are enrolled in a CCP course on a college campus taking \*Biology, American History or American Government you may substitute the State End of Course Assessment for the student's end of course grade from the college course. The final grade from the course will correspond with a point scale used for graduation requirements.

\*It is important to know that the federal government requires schools to administer to all students a biology end of course assessment. This means that students taking biology CCP courses must still take Ohio's EOC, but may choose the highest score to use to satisfy graduation points.

## **Will CCP grades appear on my high school transcript?**

Yes, high school credit awarded for courses successfully completed under College Credit Plus that are used to satisfy graduation requirements will be listed on your high school transcript and will calculate into your high school and your college GPA. All CCP courses will be weighted on the transcript if a similar course is weighted in the same department as the CCP course at the high school.

## **How does CCP impact athletic eligibility?**

If you are a student athlete, you must remain eligible in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) bylaws. To be eligible, students must be passing five, one credit courses. This guideline will remain in effect even if a student is participating in CCP. Please check with our Athletic Director, Tyler Miller and your school counselor to ensure that the course work you are taking is compliant with the OHSAA.

## **CCP Course Eligibility**

There have been several State of Ohio rule changes for CCP that went into effect during the 2018-19 school year. One important rule to note is the "First 15 Rule." The "First 15 Rule" says that students must take their first 15 credit hours of CCP in Level I courses. Please see this [summary document](#) for more information. Put simply, a Level I course is your entry level course into a particular discipline such as English Composition I. If a student earned AP credit for a particular course, that may count towards the first 15 hours of study.

Each Institute of Higher Ed (IHE) is required to post allowable Level I courses on their CCP websites for your reference.

## **Underperforming Students**

Participation in CCP is a choice and success in the program does require a certain level of responsibility on the part of the student. Students are expected by the Board of Education to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or higher and to receive credit for the courses enrolled. Failure to maintain the minimum GPA or withdrawing from a course that results in no credit will automatically place the student on probation for the next term. Probation in the program places limits on CCP course selection and pursuant to the law, allows the District to seek reimbursement for the cost of the course and materials from the family. If a student is placed on probation, he may take only ONE CCP course in the next term and it may not be in the subject area where a grade of D or F was earned or from a withdrawn course after the specified deadlines.

If a student is underperforming and placed on probation, he/she may be dismissed from the program if the GPA does not increase to the minimum after the next term. Dismissal from the program, again, results in a shift of all financial responsibility for tuition, fees, and costs of books, from the District and to the student and his/her family.

If a student is dismissed from the program, he may seek reinstatement by the superintendent or his designee after one college term has passed. The summer is only counted as a term if the student is enrolled in at least one high school course during that time. Once the student requests reinstatement then a review will take place of the student's whole high school and college academic record. Upon reinstatement, the student must meet the guidelines set out in policy approved by the Kings Board of Education.

### **Where can I gather more information?**

The district is participating in a community Parent Information Night from 6:30-8:30 PM hosted at the Princeton Administration Center 3900 Cottingham Drive, 45241. Several institutions of higher education will be there to answer questions and to discuss admission requirements and other details about their programs. We will also hold a CCP Information Session during our annual Academic Fair at Kings High School on February 21. You can still participate in the program even if you cannot make either of these events. Questions can also be answered by contacting Matt Freeman at the Kings Education Center or Erika Volker at Kings High School.

### **Links to College Credit Plus Information by IHE**

This is not an inclusive list of eligible schools. However, these are currently the most popular schools for Kings' students.

[Sinclair Community College](#)

[University of Cincinnati \(Uptown Campus\)](#)

[University of Cincinnati \(Blue Ash Campus\)](#)

[University of Cincinnati \(Clermont Campus\)](#)

[Cincinnati State](#)

[Miami University](#)



# College Credit Plus Intent to Participate Form

Kings High School

2019-2020

*Due by April 1, 2019 in KHS Counseling Office.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**I intend to participate in at least one CCP course. Check all institutions that apply.**

- Kings High School (Engineering Foundations I, Hon Engineering Modeling II) / UC Uptown
- Kings High School (Hon Accounting, Hon Bus Law) / Sinclair College
- Cincinnati State Campus
- Sinclair College Campus
- UC Blue Ash Campus
- UC Uptown Campus
- Miami University Regional Campus
- Other college campus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial each of the following statements:**

\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must apply for admission to the college's CCP program and that I must meet all eligibility requirements and deadlines put forth by the college. If I do not qualify for the CCP program, I may not be able to enroll in the course at Kings High School.

\_\_\_\_ I will assume financial responsibility for the cost of a course, fees and books for any CCP course if I fail or withdraw from the course with an "F." This grade will be part of my high school and college transcript and part of the cumulative GPA.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that there are both benefits and risks associated with participating in College Credit Plus, and I acknowledge that participation in CCP does not ensure graduation from high school or automatic admission into any college or university.

\_\_\_\_ I am responsible for working with my high school counselor and CCP academic advisor to select classes that meet graduation requirements and for which I qualify.

\_\_\_\_ I will provide course information and release grades to Kings High School each semester I participate in CCP classes.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_