



Akron Public Schools College Credit Plus Information Flyer 2020-2021

What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus (CCP) is an Ohio program that gives college-ready students in grades 7 - 12 an opportunity to enroll in both secondary school and college course work at the same time. Eligible students can take college courses during the fall semester, spring semester, or summer. Students that meet college admission and enrollment standards can register for college courses at their high school, online or on a college campus as available.

Meet with Your Counselor

Students should meet with their school counselor to discuss their interest in College Credit Plus and to learn about the college admission process, including mandatory testing. Admission tests vary by college. Students should also discuss how CCP aligns with their high school academic plan and career goals. We have a motto at Akron Public Schools for CCP college courses - it must be the "right course for the right student at the right time." Students need to be independently motivated, as well as academically, socially, and emotionally ready for college coursework.

Each college and university in the greater Akron area has its own set of admissions requirements for College Credit Plus.

Admissions Testing - College Entrance Tests

Requirements for admissions by college entrance tests vary by college and university. The University of Akron and Kent State University both prefer an ACT score with a 21 Composite Score and a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA. An SAT combined score of 1060 with SAT Math and Evidence-Reading and Writing is preferred at The University of Akron, and a combined SAT score of 1130 is preferred at Kent State. The ACT is offered free of charge to APS juniors in the winter of their junior year, and one more time their senior year. Students may also register online to take the tests at other times for a fee.

Stark State College also accepts ACT and SAT scores, as well as the Next-Generation ACCUPLACER test scores - a computer-based test set offered by the College Board.

Next-Generation ACCUPLACER testing is scheduled at every high school in Akron Public Schools in October and March and by request for 7th and 8th grade.. Students can make arrangements with their counselor to be included on the test dates. Students taking the ACCUPLACER must submit a CCP Student Admissions Application to **Stark State College** at least 3 days before testing.

The Benefits of CCP Courses:

- Select courses can be used to substitute for high school graduation requirements (dual credit), as well as college credit.
- Students can explore areas of interest at the college level.
- CCP courses can accelerate the achievement of college goals.
- CCP can decrease the cost of college. Courses, fees, and textbooks are paid for by Akron Public Schools.
- Students can take up to 30 college credits per year over the summer, fall and spring semesters; and up to 120 credits before high school graduation.
- Courses can be taken on the college campus, online, or in a high school classroom with an adjunct college teacher.
- Students will receive credit on both high school and college transcripts.

Important Information about CCP for Parents and Students:

- a) College Coursework is more rigorous and takes more time than high school coursework. Make sure your student has the time for this commitment.
- b) Not all college courses are eligible for CCP funding. Religious, remedial, physical education and private lesson courses are not eligible. See your counselor or the college academic advisor for details.
- c) Students must test at the college level to be considered "college-ready" as determined by a college entrance exam.
- d) If a student withdraws after the college approved "no-fault" drop date or fails the course, the student or his family must reimburse Akron Public Schools for tuition and book/supply expenses that are ordinarily paid for by the district.
- e) New state rules for underperforming CCP students may result in probation or dismissal from the CCP program. CCP students must maintain a "C" average or better in their college courses.
- f) Courses are available on the campus of partnering universities or colleges. Families are responsible for transportation to the colleges and parking fees. APS students are eligible for a Metro Bus Pass for use in Akron.
- g) Courses are also offered at the Akron Public School buildings, and taught by APS teachers with Adjunct status from a partnering college. Online college courses are also offered and many include the assistance of a Supporting Teacher.

Students - begin your experience with the CCP College Credit Plus program by meeting with your school counselor. Make an appointment and discuss your plan.

Links for more detailed information:

CCP General Information for Parents from the Ohio Higher Education website:
<https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp>

Frequently Asked Questions for students and parents about CCP:
<https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp/faqs>