

## College Credit Plus - General Information

Thank you for your interest in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program with Logan Elm High School. Below you will find detailed information regarding the program as well as a contract that is required by Logan Elm for your participation in the CCP program.

It is absolutely imperative that you read and understand all information outlined in this document. Once accepted and enrolled in courses with a university, you are considered a college student and must be treated as such. This means that much of the responsibility falls to you as a student, just as it would if you were in a traditional college setting, and we must work with you the student, and not your parent, directly.

Please read the information below and do not hesitate to ask questions to ensure you understand everything accurately.

### Program Eligibility

College Credit Plus (CCP) is a program that gives students an opportunity to be enrolled in both high school and college coursework at the same time. College Credit Plus (CCP) replaces Ohio's Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program (PSEO) and all dual enrollment programs. The Ohio Department of Higher Education has additional information at the following website:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp>

As defined in Ohio House Bill 487:

- Any student in grades 7-12 is eligible to participate in College Credit Plus.
  - Students must be academically ready for college level coursework and willing to adhere to both the demands of college and high school simultaneously.
- All public secondary schools and all public colleges must provide an opportunity for academically eligible students in grades 7-12 to take college coursework.
  - The majority of these classes will be offered on the campuses of these universities.

### Credit and Graduation Requirements

College credit are converted to high school credits in the following manner:

- 5 semester credits = 1.0 high school Carnegie credit
- 4 semester credits = 1.0 high school Carnegie credit
- 3 semester credits = 1.0 high school Carnegie credit
- 2 semester credits = .66 high school Carnegie credit
- 1 semester credit = .33 high school Carnegie credit

### **Transferring College Credits**

- Credits earned through CCP are transferable to many public and private institutions in Ohio and out of the state.
  - It is best to contact the university directly (including the specific school within the university) to verify what they will and will not accept CCP credits as.
- Students who want to transfer to another university will need to send their transcript from the Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) to the university they plan to attend.
- Many of these courses apply toward the general education requirement or as electives.
- A website is available to help students and family members fully understand what courses will transfer: <http://transfercredit.ohio.gov> or you can look up Ohio Transfer Module online.

### **Financial and Transportation Obligations**

All tuition, course fees, and cost of textbooks will be paid for by the Logan Elm Local School District per Ohio House Bill 487.

Logan Elm Local School District is not responsible for providing transportation to college campuses for students who plan on taking their CCP courses at the college or university.

Each institution has a different policy when it comes to book purchases. Please email and ask the student's college advisor prior to the start of each semester.

If a student fails a College Credit Plus course, the student is financially responsible for the cost of the course. Logan Elm Local Schools will have already paid for the course. Logan Elm would bill a student for the cost of the course(s). This cost must be paid for by the end of the school year that the fee was incurred. The cost will be added to the students' school fees.

### **High School and College Counseling Services**

The Logan Elm Local School District will host a high school College Credit Plus meeting each year to share information with parents regarding CCP information and the process that will need to be followed to enroll students in CCP for the following school year. This is typically held in December for the previous school year a student plans to participate in CCP.

Majority of Logan Elm students take courses at Ohio Christian University, Ohio University-Chillicothe, Ohio University-Lancaster, and Columbus State Community College. Students are not limited to these institutions only.

### **Enrollment and Scheduling**

Students interested in participating in the CCP program must complete the following:

- Complete the Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus and return to their school counselor before April 1st of the school year prior to the year they plan to participate in CCP.
- Apply to the university from which they want to take courses by deadlines at the college
- Meet all testing requirements for the college they plan to take courses with. This also means arranging any placement tests before the end of the school year to know if you are accepted or not.
- Schedule a meeting with their school counselor to discuss courses of interest, impact graduation, and potential scheduling conflicts that may arise.
  - For example, Band is offered 8<sup>th</sup> period. If a student is interested in taking a college course offered on a university campus during at the same time, he/she will need to make a decision as to which course they wish to take.
  - Students interested in CCP will need to register for a full course load while registering for their classes for the upcoming school year.
  - Students cannot register for more than 30 credit hours including both high school and college credit hours. Any student who would like to take more than 30 credit hours will need to self-pay for those hours. You will need to speak with both the institution and Logan Elm before making the decision to take more than 30 credit hours.
    - Students who are accepted into a university will need to meet with their school counselor to make the appropriate schedule adjustments.
  - Students cannot register for classes outside of the “First 15” courses that a college is allowed to offer to a CCP student. Once a student has met the first 15 credit hour requirement, a student may potentially be eligible for other courses based on placement test scores, prerequisites being met, etc.
- Complete Logan Elm’s College Credit Plus Contract (which can be found on the last page of this information) and return to Logan Elm school counselor when you have your scheduled CCP meeting.

### **Academic and Social Responsibilities of Students**

College Credit Plus students will have the following academic and social rights and responsibilities:

- Students must be academically ready for college level coursework and willing to adhere to both the demands of college and high school simultaneously.
- Students will need to work closely with their school counselor when deciding which classes to enroll in and how the selection of those classes impact the student’s school day.
- Students will be expected to follow the rules and regulations set by the college/university.

- Students will also be expected to follow the rules and regulations set for high school students detailed in the student handbook.
- Students are eligible to receive advising from campus-based support services of that institution.
  - Students will continue to have access to their high school counselor and all other resources available to high school students.
- Participation in CCP does not guarantee you admission to college after high school.
  - Students should follow the regular undergraduate application process for whatever college they plan to attend after high school.

### **Potential Benefits and Risks of Participation**

- Benefits
  - Expanded curriculum offerings
  - Opportunities to study in more depth those areas of special interest or need
  - Opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school
  - Opportunities for financial support for taking college courses while still in high school
  - Opportunities to experience college level work and life prior to making final decisions about whether and/or where to attend college
- Risks
  - Increased student responsibility for learning due to less instructional guidance
  - Reduced opportunities to participate in high school co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
  - Increased financial obligations
  - Potential loss of after-school employment opportunities
  - Possible effect on grade point average and class standing
  - Possible delay of graduation
  - Increased time for travel, study, etc.
- FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)
  - Any student accepted into the CCP program is considered an official college student by the institution of higher learning and is subject to the federal FERPA.
    - This means that college records (i.e. – grade reports, disciplinary actions, attendance reports, etc.) are not released to anyone, EVEN PARENTS, without written permission from the student.
    - Students can sign a Consent Form that would allow a parent to have greater access to information from the college, however, professors WILL NOT exchange emails or phone calls with parents of College Credit Plus Students.
  - For CCP students, the high school and the college may exchange information, but this is not general practice until grades are released at the end of the semester.

## Logan Elm High School College Credit Plus Understanding Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student) and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (parents) have received information from Logan Elm High School concerning College Credit Plus. This information has been shared at Logan Elm's yearly CCP Informational Meeting. I have either attended Logan Elm's CCP Informational Meeting or have met with the school counselor for the following school year.

- I understand that I should have an individual meeting with the LEHS school counselor.
- I understand the benefits and risks involved with the College Credit Plus program.
- I understand that Logan Elm will not be responsible for transporting CCP students.
- I understand that student families are financially responsible to reimburse Logan Elm Local Schools if a student fails a class.
- I have completed and turned in my Letter of Intent.
- I understand that I must turn in my completed application to the LEHS school counselor or directly to the university.
- I understand that students will have to make decisions concerning scheduling with the help of the LEHS school counselor.
- I understand that CCP students are responsible for contacting their university advisor to ask questions they have about scheduling and registering for courses.
- I understand that Logan Elm does not have access to student's grades until final grades are sent to Logan Elm at the end of each semester.
- I understand that Logan Elm and parents do not have access to student information under FERPA.
- I understand that students may be required to participate in group projects or other work that will require them to work with other college age students.
- I understand that college coursework may include religious context and adult content. CCP students are not able to refuse to do this work. It is still considered a grade.
- I understand that all CCP grades earned will be included on my high school transcript and figured into my GPA. Weight will only be given to CCP courses that match the subject area of AP courses offered at LEHS. All other CCP courses will not receive GPA bumps.

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

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_