

College Credit Plus (CCP or CC+)

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Program Eligibility

- Open to students enrolled 7th through 12th grades.
- A participating college or university must accept the student. Qualifications and requirements are determined by the college or university. However, it is usually suggested that students have a “B” average in prior courses in the subject area.
- Students/parents cannot participate without going through counseling services so the benefits and consequences of the program can be explained. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, in lieu of face-to-face meetings, the information found in this packet must be thoroughly read by both student and parent, and this serves as the required counseling.
- All required forms completed within deadlines:

Intent to Participate:

May 1

Verification of Counseling Session:

Both student and parent must read through College Credit Plus information (this packet), sign, and submit Intent to Participate & Counseling Verification form (found on Page 7) by May 1

Applications:

Following submission of Intent to Participate & Counseling Verification form, directions on how to complete the CCP application through Sinclair will be communicated to students and parents

Once students apply, they must adhere to all college deadlines regarding placement testing, registering, etc.

Criteria Considered for Acceptance

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, Sinclair has new guidelines for qualifying students for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Student’s Grade Point Average
 - ▶ Classes of 2022 & 2023 (current Juniors & Sophomores) - Students may qualify for College Credit Plus with a grade point average of at least a 3.0. No placement testing would be needed unless the student would want to take an advanced math class at the college or online. If a student does not have a 3.0 grade point average, then Sinclair will be providing access for students to complete placement testing remotely or at one of Sinclair’s branch campuses.

- Placement exams (English and Math)
 - ▶ Classes of 2024-2027 (current Freshmen and below) - Students will need to complete placement testing remotely or at one of Sinclair's branch campuses, and details will be released to students once they apply. Students in the Class of 2024 with a 3.0 grade point average who plan to take College Spanish 1101 will automatically qualify and no placement testing would be needed for enrollment in this course.
- ACT/SAT scores
- Rigor of curriculum student has taken

Financial Obligations

- Students taking college courses through a public college or university will not be charged for tuition, books, or fees.
- Students taking courses through a private college may be charged based on the particular private college in accordance with the law.
- **If a student does not complete the college course (fails, drops out, fails to attend, withdraws after deadline, etc.), the school district will seek reimbursement for tuition and other fees from the student/parent.**
- Students opting to take courses at a local college or university are responsible for transportation/parking costs.
- Students opting to take on-line courses are responsible for costs of home Internet connectivity.

Credit Conversion

- The State of Ohio has determined how college credits are converted to HS credits:
 - 3 or more semester hours = 1 HS credit
 - 2 semester hours = 2/3 of HS credit
 - 1 semester hour = 1/3 of HS credit

Transportation Obligations

- All transportation and transportation/parking costs are the responsibility of the students and parents for those students who wish to take classes at the college.
- The local school's responsibility ceases when the student leaves Northmont school grounds. The student is then the responsibility of the parent.

Availability Of Support Services

- The Northmont counselors will be available to advise students who wish to enroll in this program. Information may include the requirements of the program and instructions for completing applications. Students wishing to pursue college courses on a college campus as well as on-line are responsible for contacting the college/university for information and registering for classes. Completion of placement testing is the responsibility of the student!
- Students who qualify for special education services at the high school through an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Plan will have to submit appropriate paperwork through the Office of Disability Services with each college/university. The college/university will determine what support/accommodations may be available.

College Counseling Services

- Students will be assigned a college advisor to meet with at the college or university. **All new College Credit Plus students through Sinclair Community College will be required to go through a mandatory orientation.** Once students complete the application process, they will receive more information regarding orientation.

Graduation and Other Requirements

- Students who enroll in this program will be expected to meet all Northmont High School graduation requirements, and none will be waived.
- College Credit Plus does not replace the requirements to earn a high school diploma.
- The student is responsible for providing the Counseling Center proof of college registration and documentation of course work being completed on a college campus or on-line.
- Courses required for graduation must be completed prior to the day of graduation practice in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. Therefore, it is required that such courses be taken prior to the spring term.
- Seniors will NOT be permitted to take any courses required for graduation during 2nd Semester at a local college/university or on-line. Exception: Seniors wishing to take college courses inside the building during 2nd semester needed to graduate will be permitted.

Scheduling Conflicts

- Northmont schedules for students will not be changed to accommodate class schedules for college classes. Students in AP, Honors, Band, ROTC, and other such classes that may only be offered one period throughout the school day can expect conflicts.
- Students should not expect coaches or club advisors to adjust practice schedules, bus departures, team meetings, etc. to accommodate their college course schedule.
- College classes may be taken at any time of day or night.
- All students with a Flash Card Pass (Early Release/Late Arrival Contract) must take a college course each term or add classes to their Northmont schedule to complete the day.

Academic And Social Impact

- College grades will be figured into the student's GPA and athletic eligibility the same as all other grades.
- Students must maintain academic eligibility to participate in athletics in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association bylaws. Contact Athletic Director for specific questions.
- Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations set by the college/university. All college courses taught within the high school building must follow the same syllabi as those courses offered at the local college/university campus or on-line. (The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student education records, and therefore, college professors and instructors cannot communicate with parents regarding student progress and grades.)
- All grades will reflect on not only a high school transcript but the student's college transcript as well. The grades are permanent record of college courses taken by a student.
- If students wish to transfer the college credits to another college, the college receiving the credits determines what credits are accepted and how they are accepted. Please contact that college's Office of Admissions to discuss your specific situation. Visit <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov> or <https://www.transferology.com/> to learn more information as well.

- Participation in College Credit Plus does not guarantee admission to college after high school. Students must follow the regular undergraduate application process for whatever college they plan to attend after high school.
- Low performance can lead to College Credit Plus probation or dismissal from the program. If a student's college grade point average falls below a 2.0 at any time, the student will initially be placed on probation for the following term. During probation, the student may take only one CCP course (no course in the subject area in which a student may have previously failed). If the student does not raise his/her grade point average to a 2.0 or above while on probation, he/she is then dismissed from the program.
- Low performance can impact financial aid in the future.

Overall Benefits And Potential Risks/Consequences

Benefits

- Enrichment of studies
- Free college credit
- Advanced standing in the first year of college

Risks

- Student not ready socially/academically
- Conflicts with extracurricular activities
- Travel and other safety factors
- Northmont class schedule conflicts
- Failing a course. Cost falls upon student/parents, and student may have to return to Northmont for remainder of school year.
- Low grades permanent record on a college transcript
- Low performance can lead to College Credit Plus probation or dismissal from the program
- Impact on financial aid

College Courses Offered within Northmont High School
2021-2022 Academic Year

Courses Offered through Sinclair Community College

Course	Equivalent at College	Grades	Prerequisites
College Anatomy & Physiology	4 Semester Hours BIO 1141 (Principles of Anatomy & Physiology I)	11 & 12	Recommended B average in Biology and Chemistry with qualifying placement testing scores or qualifying ACT/SAT scores or 3.0 GPA
College DC Circuits	4 Semester Hours EET 1150 (DC Circuits)	10, 11, & 12	Recommended B average in Algebra with qualifying placement testing scores or qualifying ACT/SAT scores or 3.0 GPA for grades 11 & 12
College English Composition	3 Semester Hours ENG 1101 (English Composition I) 3 Semester Hours ENG 1201 (English Composition II)	11 & 12	Recommended B average in two units of Language Arts with qualifying placement testing scores or qualifying ACT/SAT scores or 3.0 GPA
College Spanish 1101	4 Semester Hours SPA 1101 (Elementary Spanish I)	10, 11, & 12	Recommended B average in Spanish I with qualifying placement testing scores or qualifying ACT/SAT scores or 3.0 GPA
College Spanish 1102	4 Semester Hours SPA 1102 (Elementary Spanish II)	11 & 12	Successful completion of College Spanish 1101 during the 20-21 school year <u>or</u> recommended B average in Spanish II with qualifying placement testing scores or qualifying ACT/SAT scores or 3.0 GPA AND foreign language placement testing
College Spanish 2201	3 Semester Hours SPA 2201 (Intermediate Spanish I)	12	Successful completion of College Spanish 1102 during the 20-21 school year <u>or</u> recommended B average in Spanish III with qualifying placement testing scores or qualifying ACT/SAT scores or 3.0 GPA AND foreign language placement testing

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For students who are planning to enroll directly in College Spanish 1102 or College Spanish 2201, foreign language placement testing will be required as well.

*****Course offerings are subject to change depending on instructor credentials and number of students enrolled in the course.**

**FINAL DEADLINE: AFTER THE STUDENT/PARENT HAVE SUBMITTED THE NECESSARY INTENT TO PARTICIPATE & COUNSELING VERIFICATION FORM ON PAGE 7 BY MAY 1, THEY WILL THEN RECEIVE INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY!
ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS DUE TO THE COUNSELING CENTER NO LATER THAN MAY 8!!!
Any placement testing needed needs to be completed no later than JUNE 15!!!**

SO YOU WANNA BE IN COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

Then YOU must complete these following steps!

- Talk with your teachers and counselor to see if College Credit Plus is right for you!
- Register for Remind notifications (registration info found below on Page 8) to get friendly reminders regarding deadlines and other important information.
- Read through the entire disclosure of advantages/disadvantages and potential risks of the College Credit Plus program (this entire packet). Contact your counselor with specific questions.
- Submit an Intent to Participate and Counseling Verification form (found below on Page 7) no later than May 1! Completed forms may be emailed to **collegecreditplus@northmontschools.net**
- Once you have completed the Intent to Participate and Counseling Verification form found below (Page 7) and submitted to **collegecreditplus@northmontschools.net** by May 1, you will then receive instructions on the application process!

Intent to Participate & Counseling Verification

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The program is intended to provide expanded opportunities for appropriately qualified students to experience course work at the college or university level. It is not intended to replace the high school/middle school curriculum. Any Northmont student admitted to a course by a participating college or university will be expected to perform at the same level as the institution's regular students. Because classes even taught within the building are *real college classes*, they require a significant commitment of time and energy.

Qualifications and requirements are determined by the college or university. However, it is usually suggested that students have a "B" average in prior courses in the subject area. Students will have to complete an application process as well as possible placement testing through the college/university. See guidelines for the criteria used for acceptance on Pages 1 & 2 of this packet.

The law requires that the school be given written notification of a student's intent to participate in this program. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, legislation has now extended this intent to participate deadline to **May 1**.

In addition to this intent form, law also requires counseling services to all interested students and parents. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no face-to-face meetings required this school year. Students and parents interested in College Credit Plus are required to read the full disclosure of both the advantages and disadvantages of the program including potential risks found on Pages 1-6 of this packet.

******Current College Credit Plus students/parents during the 2020-2021 school year must submit an Intent to Participate form by May 1 if interested in the program next school year. If you are a current College Credit Plus student in Grades 9-12, you will receive an Intent to Participate form along with a Course Selection form via email in March.***

Return to collegecreditplus@northmontschools.net by **May 1** if you have an interest in this program.
Specific questions may be directed to your student's counselor.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE & COUNSELING VERIFICATION FORM

TO: The Principal of Northmont Middle School/Northmont High School

We understand that students/parents must notify school districts prior to **May 1** of intent to participate in the College Credit Plus program for the following school year. We also understand that while signing below does not only provide our intent to participate in this program, it also designates that we have fully read and understand the advantages and disadvantages of the program as well as potential risks as outlined on Pages 1-6 of the College Credit Plus Information packet for the 2021-2022 school year.

(Please print student's name)

student ID #

(Please print full address)
Zip

City

plans to participate in the College Credit Plus program during the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Signature _____ Current Grade Level _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student or Parent E-Mail Address (Please use e-mail address other than Northmont student account) _____

I am currently a CCP student and plan to continue for the 2021-2022 school year.



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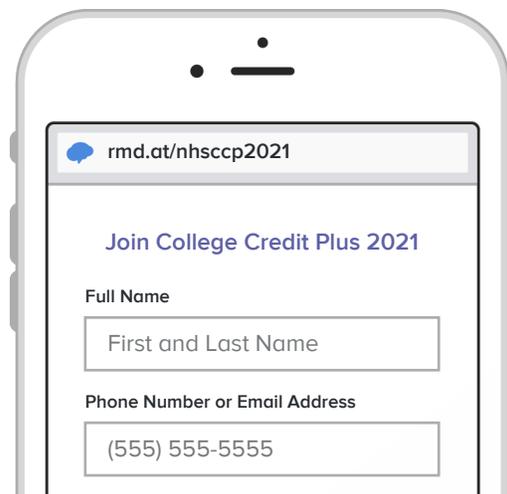
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A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/nhsccp2021

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message **@nhsccp2021** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@nhsccp2021** to **(937) 688-4705**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



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