

# Key Skills for a Successful College Experience

We want your first college experience to be a successful one. That is why we have listed a few key skills that we believe students should have prior to enrolling in CCP. We ask parents and students to review these skills before enrolling in CCP.

## Time/Self-Management

1. College courses require an increased level of independence of the student.
2. Professors expect students to monitor their own grades, progress, and assignment due dates. Professors will NOT ask students for missing work and often give few reminders of deadlines and due dates. Parents will not have access to student grades and information from the college unless their student gives permission.
3. CCP Students are expected to enroll in their own CCP classes, manage their own schedules, and ensure they are taking the courses needed for graduation and for eligibility for sports.

## Communication

1. Professors will expect all communication to come from the students...not parents!
2. Students will be responsible for communicating any absences to the professor, and getting class notes from another student for any missed days.
3. Students are responsible for communicating with their college advisor to choose CCP courses and communicating any changes to their CCP schedule each semester to their counselor at Tecumseh.
4. Students are expected to advocate for themselves. If a student is struggling in a course, it is their responsibility to reach out to the professor, seek study groups, or additional tutoring.

## **Collaboration**

1. College courses often consist of group assignments, and may require meeting with other college students (of varying ages) outside of class time.
2. Many college courses also require classroom discussion and projects, and it is important that students are able to articulate their perspectives respectfully with peers and professors.

## **Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking**

1. College courses typically require a high level of critical thinking.
2. Many college courses go beyond simply memorizing information and challenge students to think critically and abstractly. (English, Psychology, History courses, etc...)
3. Courses that require memorization are generally going to require large amounts of memorization compared to the typical high school course. (Science, Math, IT courses, etc...)

# High School vs. College

	High School	College
Tests & Quizzes	Tests are usually given weekly or at the end of each chapter	Usually give less tests and each test covers more material
Homework	1-3 hours per day	3-5 hours per day
Knowledge Acquisition	Most information is provided by the teacher and little independent reading/research is required	Many classes require students to read/research information outside of class time
Grades	Numerous quizzes, tests, and homework assignments	A few typed papers/essays, few tests, and little to no homework grade
Role of Parents	Parents are strong advocates and communicate with teachers and counselors. Parents have access to progress book and student records.	Parents serves as a mentor and supporter for student and the student is the independent decision maker. Parents do not have access to college student grades and records according to FERPA.

## Other important notes

- Academic Calendars - Students are responsible for and expected to attend any CCP class on days that Tecumseh may be out of school. This includes but is not limited to snow days, delays, breaks, and/or any scheduled days off. If the college where the student is taking the CCP class is in session, the THS student enrolled in the course is expected to be there. In addition, the THS student is responsible to attend all their THS classes even when CCP classes may not be in session.
- Transportation - CCP students and parents are responsible for providing all transportation needs to and from CCP classes. Students who are going to drive themselves to class also need to factor in the amount of time it takes to park their car and walk to their designated class (Some walks will be further than others depending on what campus you attend!)
- Books - CCP students are responsible for finding out what textbooks they need. They should check with the THS library first to see if the textbook is there. If the THS library does not have the textbook, the student to go to the bookstore at their college and tell the bookstore cashier that they are CCP students so that THS will be billed for the book. (Each school has their own way of doing this, so just talk to the bookstore).
- Exam schedules - College final exams are not always scheduled during the same time that the course was offered. Students are responsible for communicating and coordinating with teachers if necessary if their college final exam time differs from their traditional class time. (example: a Tuesday/Thursday 1:00-1:50 PM college course may have their final exam scheduled for Tuesday at 9:00 AM).

# CCP Highlights

## What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual credit program in which :

- Students can earn high school and college credit at the same time
- Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the requirements of the college

## How Do I enroll in CCP?

1. **Turn in the letter of intent to participate**
2. **Determine eligibility to participate in program**
  - a. Students must complete an assessment exam
  - b. Students must earn a score, that each college determines, that indicates that the student is college ready
3. **College Admission**
  - a. Students must apply to a college and gain admission to the college
  - b. Students may apply to another college that offers CCP if they do not get accepted to their first choice
4. **Course Registration**
  - a. Upon admission to a college, students may begin registering for courses
  - b. **\*\*It is extremely important, and the student's responsibility to register for courses with the assistance of their high school counselor, college advisor, and athletic director (if a student athlete)**

## What courses can I take through CCP?

**Students must complete their first 15 credits in Level I courses**, which include:

- Transferable courses.
- Courses in IT, Computer Science, Anatomy & Physiology, foreign language.
- Courses that are part of a technical certificate.
- Courses that are part of a 15- or 30-credit pathway.
- Courses in study skills, academic or career success.
  - Once a student completes the First 15 credit hours in Level I, he or she can move to Level II courses, which are any other allowable college courses for which a student meets the prerequisites.

Non-allowable courses include:

- Private applied courses with one-on-one instruction (such as music lessons)
- Courses with high fees
- Study abroad courses
- Physical education courses
- Pass/Fail graded courses
- Remedial courses or religious courses.

### How do grades work?

- **College Credit Plus grades earned in the college course is the same grade that will be on the high school transcript**
- CCP course grades will be factored into the high school and college GPAs
- Students may take College Credit Plus courses in subject areas that will satisfy graduation requirements

**Students must work with school counselors to ensure they are meeting any mandatory testing or other high school graduation requirements**

### How many classes can students take?

- Students may be enrolled in up to 30 semester credit hours per year, including high school courses:
  - $30 - (\text{high school units} \times 3) = \text{max CCP credits}$
- The maximum number of credits allowable over the life of the program is 120
- Students may take a combination of CCP courses and traditional high school classes at Tecumseh. Students who choose this option, must have a combined total of at least 5 classes each semester (example: 2 CCP courses and 3 THS classes).
- If students choose to do all CCP classes and no traditional high school classes, students must be enrolled in at least 3 CCP courses each semester totaling at least 15 semester hours for the school year. - **This may not apply to student athletes!**  
**You need to check with Mr. Eier before scheduling!**

## **What are some of the benefits of participating in CCP?**

Students can:

- Earn high school and college credits at the same time
- Get a “head start” on college degrees or certificates
- Experience college early to understand the expectations of college life
- Save tuition and textbook costs

## **When is a student put on CCP probation?**

- See attached sheet for more information
- If students fail or withdraw too late from college courses, the district may require students/ families to repay the cost of tuition that the district had paid
- The grades that students earn will be on the students’ college transcripts permanently

## **What about student athletes?**

1. **See Mr. Eier about athletic eligibility**
2. Learn the OHSAA requirements
3. Know that summer term CCP courses cannot be used to bring a student into compliance with the OHSAA requirements for interscholastic athletic participation

## What are the deadlines to sign up for CCP?

April 1, 2021 - Students must complete and submit the Intent to Participate form to Tecumseh Guidance Office. If students turn the form in after April 1, Tecumseh is not required to allow or pay for the student to participate in CCP.

This excerpt is from the letter of intent form. We want everyone considering CCP to have a copy to keep of what students and parents responsibilities are regarding this program:

*“Indicated by our signatures below, we have received counseling about CCP and will adhere to the guidelines of College Credit Plus as it relates to participation and program eligibility; benefits; high school credit; high school transcripts; high school athletic eligibility; academic and social responsibilities; fees and transportation; failed or withdrawn courses and paying all fees associated with the dropped courses; and college credit transfer after graduation. It is also understood that all books purchased by Tecumseh Local Schools for CCP courses are the property of TLS and must be returned to avoid any book charges.”*

Each college/university will have their own deadline to apply. Check the website of college/university that you are interested in for deadlines!

- Find out about assessment testing requirements from your college ASAP
- Summer semester deadline will be early as classes usually start in May

Visit the CCP website for additional resources: [www.ohiohighered.org/ccp](http://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp)