

# Post-Secondary Enrollment Program 2019-2020

The Governing Authority realizes that its students may benefit by participating in college-level courses offered by accredited colleges and universities in Ohio. The Governing Authority therefore has created a post-secondary program that permits qualified high school students to participate in approved programs.

#### Program:

Eligible students that participate in the program may enroll in one of two options.

- *Option A*. Eligible students enroll in college courses and seek only college credit for the course(s) taken. The student pays for all tuition and costs of all textbooks, materials, and fees associated with the course.
- Option B. Eligible students enroll in college courses and seek college credit and high school credit. If the student successfully completes the course, the college and school shall award high school credit and the student will not pay tuition and costs of all textbooks, materials, and fees. If the student does not complete the course, the student will be responsible for tuition and costs of all textbooks, materials, and fees.

### **Eligible Students:**

To be eligible for the Program, a student must have taken high school courses in the same subject area and must have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in classes in the subject area.

The amount of credit a student may receive toward high school graduation is proportionate to the number of years a student has remaining.

- 9th Grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduate for more than the equivalent of four years.
- 10th grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of three years.
- 11th grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of two years.
- 12 grade students may not receive credit toward high school graduation for more than the equivalent of one year.

If a student is expelled from the School, the student may be unable to participate in the program. Students may not apply for the program while expelled.

If a student is already enrolled in the Program at the time of expulsion, the student may not earn any high school credit during expulsion. The Governing Authority shall send written notice to the college/university where the student is receiving high school credit. The college/university may decide to withdraw the student. If the college does not withdraw the student, the student

may complete the class only for college credit. The student will be financially responsible for tuition and costs of all textbooks, materials, and fees.

## Awarding Credit:

In order to receive high school credit, the student must enroll in Option B prior to beginning the course. The student will receive high school credit upon the successfully completing the course. Students who fail or do not complete the course will not be awarded high school credit.

The amount of credit received shall be determined by the School. If the School offers a comparable course to the course completed at the college/university, the School shall award comparable credit. If the School does not offer a comparable course, the School shall grant an appropriate number of credits in a similar subject area. Disputes regarding the number of credits received may be appealed to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education's decision is final.

All classes taken for credit will be transferred to the Student's permanent record. Included in the record shall be the course completed and the name of the college/university where the courses were earned. The grade earned may be averaged in the student's high school grade point average.

## Procedure for Participating in the Program

The School shall provide information about the Program to students and their parents/guardians in grades eight (8) through eleven (11) by March 1 of each year. Students/parents must notify the School of its intent to participate in the Program by March 31. Students who notify the School after March 31 may not enroll unless the Head Administrators consents.

Before actually participating in the program, the student and his or her parents are to receive counseling from the School to ensure the parties are aware of the possible risks and consequences of the program. Information covered during the counseling should include: program eligibility, the process for granting academic credits, financial arrangements for tuition; books; materials; and fees, criteria for any transportation aid, available support services, scheduling, the consequences of not completing a course; the effect of the program participation on the student's ability to complete the district's or school's graduation requirements, the academic and social responsibilities of students and parents under the program, and information about and encouragement to use the counseling services of the college in which the student intends to enroll. The counseling also must indicate that funding may be limited and that not all students who wish to participate may be able to do so. Upon receiving this counseling and before actually enrolling the student and the student's parents must sign and return Form 3550.1, Post-Secondary Enrollment Program — Counseling, stating that they have received counseling on the program and they understand the responsibilities they assume.

#### Courses taken outside the Program

Students are permitted to take courses outside regular school hours and without participating in the program. Students shall take such courses at their own expense. Successfully completed courses shall be recognized by the School and counted toward graduation and subject area requirements. The process for awarding credit shall be the same as credit awarded in the program.

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