

High School Graduation Course Substitution Crosswalk

This information includes general guidelines about college courses that can be substitutions for high school requirements. The list does not include all possible examples of courses. All course substitutions must be nonremedial and nonreligious. Students must earn passing grades in the courses. The required credits noted within this document are the minimum required for high school graduation. Some school districts might have additional credit requirements for graduation. This document describes College Credit Plus as one option for satisfying high school graduation requirements; refer to Ohio Department of Education (ODE) [guidance](#) for other options (e.g., credit flex, physical education waiver). Note: All honors diploma questions should be addressed by reviewing the [ODE website](#) or contacting the appropriate ODE staff.

| High School Requirement | College Credit Plus (CCP) Example Course Substitutions | Other Information |
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| English language arts (4 high school credits) | Courses in literature, composition, journalism, speech, applied communication | <p>Students may use English language arts CCP/Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB) courses to satisfy the curriculum requirements but schools must administer the end of course (EOC) tests to students to earn graduation points and to satisfy testing requirements of state and federal law.¹</p> <p>¹Schools must administer state tests and students are expected to take them. If a student does not participate in state testing, there may be consequences for the student, the student’s teacher, and the school and district. In particular, students at eSchools who do not participate in state testing in the spring for any required assessment for two consecutive years will be unenrolled in the school of attendance. (See Ohio Department of Education website for additional testing details.)</p> |
| Health (1/2 high school credit) | Any health courses | |
| Mathematics (4 high school credits) | Any math courses | <p>Students must earn one unit of Algebra II or the equivalent of Algebra II.</p> <p>State law allows for the substitution of an advanced computer science course for Algebra II. A student should be aware that a computer science course is not necessarily preparing the student for a mathematics degree pathway in college and remedial coursework may be needed depending on assessment results. Some institutions may require Algebra II for college admission. If a student takes a College Credit Plus course in advanced computer science, the course must meet the Computer Science Standards. Seek guidance about NCAA division requirements from school’s athletic director, OHSAA, or NCAA.</p> <p>Students may use math CCP/AP/IB courses to satisfy the curriculum requirements but schools must administer the EOC tests (in algebra I or integrated math I and geometry or integrated math II) to students to earn graduation points and to satisfy testing requirements of state and federal law.</p> |
| Physical Education (1/2 high school credit) | Not applicable | Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-65.12 , physical education courses are no longer permitted as part of the College Credit Plus program (effective February 15, 2018). Secondary school and college representatives should read the entire rule (OAC 3333-1-65.12) for all Course Eligibility details. |

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| Science (3 high school credits) | Any science courses | <p>Students must earn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) one unit of a physical science, 2) one unit of a life science and 3) one unit of an advanced study ^{2,3} in one or more of the following sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chemistry, physics or other physical science; • advanced biology or other life science; • astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science <p>² A CCP science course will satisfy the advanced study requirement. ³ An advanced computer science course may satisfy an advanced study science requirement; however, this does not include a substitution for biology or life science.</p> <p>Schools must administer the biology EOC test to all students in order to satisfy federal testing requirements. CCP students may use their course grades and AP/IB students may use their test scores OR the biology end-of-course test score to earn graduation points, whichever is higher.</p> |
| Social studies (3 high school credits) | <p>Courses in social science, humanities, psychology, western civilization, political science</p> <p>American History substitutions must include the study of history of the Americas or western civilization and must include U.S. History).</p> <p>American Government substitutions must include the study of the American political system.</p> | <p>For the class of 2019, students must earn credits in American history and American government (one-half credit each).</p> <p>Students completing CCP courses in American History or American Government will not need to sit for the EOC tests in the subject area and may earn graduation points based on the letter grade in the course.</p> <p>For the class of 2021, students must earn one-half credit in world history and civilizations (in addition to American history and American government). World History substitutions must be history courses that include the study of multiple civilizations outside the U.S. with an element of historical examination. Human geography, world issues, world history and other world studies courses may meet the requirement.</p> |
| Electives (5 high school credits) | <p>Various courses will satisfy elective requirements</p> <p>Foreign language: Any foreign language course (including American Sign Language)</p> <p>Fine Arts: Courses in drama/theater, dance, visual art, or music</p> | <p>Students must earn credit in one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required.</p> <p>Students must complete at least two semesters of fine arts taken at any time in grades 7 through 12.</p> |
| Financial literacy | Various economics, financial, social science, or humanities courses which include the concepts of economics and financial literacy | All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during grades 9-12. Districts must verify that students have received these concepts in a specific course or the district may provide the concepts in an alternative format. |
| Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) | CPR/AED courses | Schools must provide training for students in CPR and AED beginning in 2017-2018. |