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Dear Bexley High School & Middle School Families:

College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 (during the 2020 - 2021 academic year) the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to enhance students' career readiness and postsecondary success, while providing a wide variety of options to college-ready students, at no or limited costs to students and families (https://www.ohiohighered.org/content/college_credit_plus_about).

Bexley students entering grades 7-12 during the 2020 - 2021 academic year who are interested in the College Credit Plus program and demonstrate college-readiness may be eligible to participate in Ohio's College Credit Plus program. College-readiness is determined by the application requirements of the participating institution of higher education (IHE). With that said, IHE's typically requires applicants to submit a qualifying <u>ACT</u>, <u>SAT</u> or (in some cases) <u>ACCUPLACER</u> placement score with the student application.

Upon acceptance into a College Credit Plus program, students will register for the course(s) directly through the IHE and are highly encouraged to discuss all academic selections with Mr. David Leland (School Counselor and College Credit Plus Coordinator) before doing so.

With College Credit Plus, students may earn up to 30 credit hours per year and up to 120 credit hours within the program at the school districts expense. Courses may be taken during the academic year and/or during the summer term. Taking a college course from an IHE through College Credit Plus is free, and there are typically no additional costs for tuition or books.

Bexley students interested in applying for the College Credit Plus program for the 2020 - 2021 academic year (which includes Summer 2020, Fall 2021 and Spring 2021) are required to complete the following steps:

 Carefully review the College Credit Plus Information & Planning Guide as well as all available resources on the Bexley High School website regarding College Credit Plus:

https://www.bexleyschools.org/CollegeCreditPlusProgram.aspx

- Attend the College Credit Plus Information Session at The Ohio State University Fawcett Center on January 16, 2020 (not required but strongly recommended)
- Complete the Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus Form online by April 1, 2020, to remain eligible to participate under Option B (school district responsible for the cost of tuition):

https://bexleyschools.formstack.com/forms/dci02intentcollegecreditplus

 Apply to the College Credit Plus program at the IHE and complete all application requirements. As part of the application, students will likely include (but is not limited to) the following: application, high school transcript, high school information form or registration consent form, and proof of college readiness (likely the students qualifying ACT, SAT or the IHEs' required placement test). For example, Columbus State applicants may complete the <u>Accuplacer</u> assessment if they have not taken an ACT or SAT test).

If after carefully reading the *College Credit Plus Information & Planning Guide* and attending the *College Credit Plus Information Session* at *The Ohio State University* on January 16, 2020, you have questions or would like to discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks associated with the College Credit Plus program, please schedule an appointment with Mr. Leland to discuss how we can support your educational goals. To schedule an appointment after January 16th, 2020, please do so using Mr. Leland's online appointment link: http://mrleland.youcanbook.me.

Sincerely,

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