

HIGHER EDUCATION

2020 Resolutions

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COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS RESOLUTION

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4 WHEREAS, College Credit Plus (CCP) [House Bill 487] passed the Ohio General Assembly in
5 September of 2015 with the primary intention to reduce the cost of Higher Education for
6 working families in Ohio by allowing students in grades 7-12 to take college level courses for
7 credit at no cost to the student, and

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9 WHEREAS, the purpose of CCP was to bridge the gap between high school and Higher
10 Education in order to achieve a college degree, and

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12 WHEREAS, students in CCP pay no tuition costing Higher Education Institutions significant
13 amounts of tuition income needed to provide essential services like instruction and institutional
14 support, and

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16 WHEREAS, the state has never adequately funded CCP at either the secondary or post-
17 secondary level, and

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19 WHEREAS, students who historically would have been Community or Technical College
20 students after high school graduation have now completed their coursework while in High
21 School, leading to a drop in paying enrollment at Community and Technical Colleges, and

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23 WHEREAS, institutions must bear the costs associated with providing textbooks for most CCP
24 students, and

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26 WHEREAS, students in CCP are often unprepared for the rigors of college level instruction, and

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28 WHEREAS, instructors for CCP taught at high schools are often high school teachers who
29 struggle to provide a college level education to CCP students while balancing other classroom
30 duties and assignments, often in the same period and timeframe they are to be teaching at a
31 college level, and
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33 WHEREAS, students in CCP are encouraged to take CCP classes at their high school preventing
34 them from obtaining a true college experience, and

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36 WHEREAS, younger CCP students may not be mature enough for topics covered in a college
37 level course, therefore

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39 BE IT RESOLVED the OFT shall actively work to educate legislators on the unplanned
40 consequences of this program and help the ODHE to correct these deficiencies.

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42 BE IT RESOLVED the OFT shall conduct an audit of CCP partnerships across the state to
43 educate OFT members of current statewide practices, contracts between districts and colleges,
44 and collective bargaining agreement articles that protect teachers and faculty members affected
45 by CCP.