

The following amended interpretation extends when a student/family may be required to reimburse the district or the state for tuition under the College Credit Plus program.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3365.09(A), a district may seek reimbursement from a student or parent if the student fails to attain a passing final grade.

Current interpretation of this statute shall allow, but not require, a school district or nonpublic school as appropriate to seek reimbursement under the following two circumstances: 1) If the student receives a failing grade at the end of the college course; or 2) If the student withdraws from or drops the college course subsequent to the 14th calendar day after the particular course began. Pursuant to Section 3365.09(C), neither a school district nor a nonpublic school shall seek reimbursement if the student is identified as being economically disadvantaged in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-65.6(B)(2).

This new interpretation shall be effective beginning in the second semester of the secondary school's 2015-2016 academic year as long as the school district notified each College Credit Plus student and parent in writing of this new interpretation prior to the 15th calendar day after the course began, or as soon as possible thereafter, but in all instances prior to the student's decision to withdraw from or drop the college course.

If the district did not provide such notification to each College Credit Plus student and parent consistent with the above language, then this revised policy shall be effective in each district beginning with the summer term of the 2016-2017 academic year and beyond.

This new policy must minimally be communicated to students and parents during annual information sessions, on the websites of the secondary and postsecondary institutions under the College Credit Plus program promotion, and during college counseling and advisory sessions.

Districts and nonpublic schools should be able to demonstrate that notice was provided to the student and parent prior to seeking reimbursement for a student's withdrawal from or dropping of the college course.