



Department of
Higher Education

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

DIRECTIVE 2017-035

April 18, 2017

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly required any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education (the “Chancellor”). On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. §381.160 of the As Introduced version of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the upcoming biennium.

Contingent upon the continued authority as proposed in §381.160 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 as well as Directive 2009-011, Columbus State Community College (“CSCC”) has requested that for academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 the standard tuition rates be waived for Ohio nonpublic students who did not receive funding under College Credit Plus. While all of Ohio students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate in College Credit Plus if accepted by institution they seek to attend there is limited funding for students that do not attend public schools.

CSCC has demonstrated the following:

- CSCC Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on January 23, 2017. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- CSCC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition as follows:

	2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years
Students taking courses on their high school campus that are taught by Columbus State Community College faculty	Waiver amount = Columbus State’s in-state tuition rate minus mid-CCP amount defined in statute
Students taking courses on their high school campus that are taught by a qualified teacher-adjunct	Waiver amount = Columbus State’s in-state rate minus Floor CCP amount defined in statute

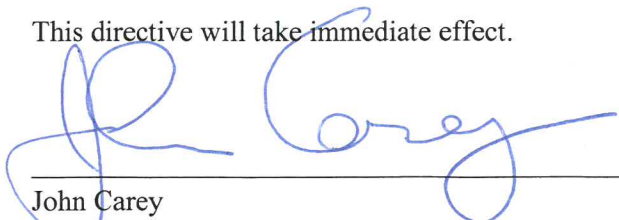
- This waiver does not apply to homeschool students or nonpublic students taking courses online or at CSCC’s campus.

- The specific dollar amount waived will be calculated when CSCC's tuition rates and the mid and floor College Credit Plus amounts are finalized. CSCC will update the Chancellor with the specific dollar amounts when known.
- CSCC proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be for academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will also affect approximately 15 students during each semester for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years. However, this number could increase as additional nonpublic high schools seek to partner with CSCC
- CSCC's initial goals for this waiver were to treat students consistently with respect to tuition charged, offer an affordable pathway to high school students if they are college ready, and increase the success of students in College Credit Plus. This goal was achieved as several students were able to utilize the waiver and four students have matriculated to CSCC. The goals of this waiver are the same.
- CSCC will monitor College Credit Plus enrollment as well as College Credit Plus students' progress throughout the term. The goal of treating students consistently is achieved by way of this tuition waiver request being approved.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the Ohio Department of Higher Education's website for purposes of providing a period of public comment before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review and staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver set forth above for for nonpublic students that are not funded under the College Credit Plus program and taking classes at their high school for academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 contingent upon the Chancellor's continued authority to grant such waivers.

This directive will take immediate effect.



John Carey
Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education



COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD ACTION

DATE: January 23, 2017

SUBJECT:

Tuition Waiver for College Credit Plus Students Attending Nonpublic High Schools

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There are some students who attend nonpublic high schools who would otherwise be eligible to participate in College Credit Plus (CCP) but, due to State budget restraints, are not awarded State funds to subsidize all or some of the college course tuition costs under the program. The College's costs for a course being offered at the high school are less than the standard rate charged by the College and, additionally, the Ohio Department of Higher Education Directive 2009-011 allows for tuition rates to be waived by an institution to keep college affordable and enhance the quality of the educational experience.

As a measure that advances Columbus State's commitment to making college more affordable, the College seeks to provide the same rates of tuition for all courses taken by nonpublic school students not subsidized through CCP as those who are. The amount of the waiver is equal to the difference between the College's in-state tuition rate per credit amount for the College and the CCP tuition rates outlined in statute, as outlined below:

	2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years
Students taking courses on their high school campus that are taught by Columbus State Community College faculty (Mid CCP rate scenario)	Mid CCP amount defined in statute (Waiver amount = Columbus State's in-state rate minus Mid CCP amount defined in statute)
Students taking courses on their high school campus that are taught by a qualified teacher-adjunct (Floor CCP rate scenario)	CCP Floor amount defined in statute (Waiver amount = Columbus State's in-state rate minus Floor CCP amount defined in statute)

Home school and nonpublic students, who are not awarded State funds for College Credit Plus courses taken on campus or on-line, are not in need of a waiver because they will be charged Columbus State's standard in-state tuition rate of \$135.93 per credit hour.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approves for academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19 tuition rates as outlined above for all College Credit Plus students, and authorizes a tuition waiver necessary to implement this rate schedule for nonpublic school students, pending approval by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and contingent upon this authority being granted to the Chancellor in the State's FY18-FY19 budget bill.

Approved by the Columbus State Board of Trustees on January 23, 2017.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David T. Harrison", written over a horizontal line.

David T. Harrison, President



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TUITION WAIVER REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

The following request has been posted for a 2-week public comment period and is recommended for approval. No public comments were received.

Recommender: *Amy Shaffer* April 18, 2017

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