



DIRECTIVE 2017-092

October 24, 2017

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND HOME 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. §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 as well as Directive 2009-011, Clark State Community College (“CSCC”) has requested that for that for academic year 2017-2018 the standard tuition rates be waived for Ohio nonpublic and home school students who did not receive funding under College Credit Plus.

CSCC has demonstrated the following:

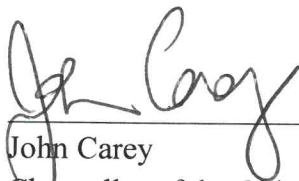
- CSCC Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on September 19, 2017. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- CSCC has submitted a specific request to charge tuition as follows:
 - \$41.57 per credit hour (or the statutory floor under College Credit Plus in the event this amount changes) will be charged to nonpublic and home school students who were not funded regardless of the delivery method of the course. This is a waiver of \$97.76 per credit hour.
- CSCC proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic year 2017-2018.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will also affect approximately 100 students during the 2017-2018 academic year, but this number could be different depending on state funding levels.

- The initial goals of this waiver were to increase enrollment, expedite the pathway to graduation and help students reduce debt. CSCC reports the program has grown to meet its goal of 18% CCP students for CSCC. CSCC is reducing the cost to students by over 33%. The goals for this waiver are the same.
- CSCC will monitor the enrollment of students not funded under College Credit Plus as well as completion rates and student debt levels of such students in order to determine if CSCC's goals are being met. CSCC will monitor this data through the enrollment management plan.

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 request from Clark State Community College as set forth above for academic year 2017-2018.

This directive will take immediate effect.



John Carey

Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Subject: Dual Enrollment Tuition for Home Schooled/Private Schooled Students

Background:

Clark State Community College pursues partnerships with regional school districts for the purpose of offering dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities to high school students. The program has a target of 17% of overall enrollment for this academic year. Students who earn college credit in high school are more likely to attend and complete college. Increasing the number of college graduates in the region is a proven economic development strategy. Furthermore, credits earned in high school may reduce the time it takes to earn a degree and reduce student debt.

Ohio passed College Credit Plus legislation stating the Ohio Department of Higher Education shall pay an institution of higher education enrolling a student under the College Credit Plus program a per credit hour amount. Division (A) (1) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code established a “ceiling” amount which is equal to 83% of the state’s per pupil foundation funding for classes taught on the college campus, a “middle” amount which is 50% of the ceiling rate for classes taught online or in-person by college faculty and delivered in the high school, and a “floor” amount of 25% of the ceiling rate for classes taught in the high school by high school teachers.

Based on the State’s per pupil foundation funding amount of \$6,010 for the 2017-18 school year, the recommended College Credit Plus per credit tuition payment amounts are as follows:

Ceiling = \$166.28 - For students taking classes on the CSCC campus from CSCC faculty
Middle = \$83.14 - For students taking classes in the high school or online from CSCC faculty
Floor = \$41.57 - For students taking classes in the high school from high school teacher

According to division (A)(1) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code, this per credit hour tuition structure applies to all students in Ohio public schools attending public colleges and universities and to the subset of private school, home schooled, and charter school students who apply and are awarded funding from the state. College Credit Plus tuition structure does NOT apply to private school, home schooled, and charter school students who are not awarded funding from the state, nor to out-of-state students. Those students are considered to be outside of the College Credit Plus program, and thus they are required to pay full tuition even if the high school teacher offers the class in the high school.

College Credit Plus is a valuable recruitment tool to attract academically qualified students to Clark State Community College. Establishing a uniform tuition structure for all students enrolling in dual enrollment courses, regardless of the source of the tuition payment, promotes fairness and provides clear and consistent information to assist students and families as they navigate the dual enrollment landscape. Therefore, Clark State has elected to charge the floor as our tuition structure for the College Credit Plus program, regardless of the modality. Also, the same tuition structure was proposed for private school, home school and charter school students to the Board Finance and Facilities Committee at its September, 13 2017 meeting. The



September 19, 2017

Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Dual Enrollment Tuition for Home Schooled / Private Schooled

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 19, 2017 Clark State Community College's (CSCC) Board of Trustees met and discussed the continuation of dual enrollment tuition for Home Schooled/Private School students, similar to the state's College Credit Plus Program as outlined on the attached Board Sheet. The CSCC Board of Trustees accepted and approved unanimously to continue the tuition level for these students at a rate of \$97.76 per credit hour. This waiver will be in effect from the Fall Semester of 2017 to the Fall Semester of 2019 and will support wider educational access for these students across Clark State's supported region within the state of Ohio. The Vice President for Business Affairs for Clark State Community College will forward to the Chancellor for final approval on an annual basis.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of the CSCC Board of Trustees formal approval. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon M. Evans".

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Chair, Board of Trustees
Clark State Community College

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John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

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

October 20, 2017

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Comments received:
None