



DIRECTIVE 2019-034

September 17, 2019

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO CHARGE OHIO NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS THE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP) STATUTORY FLOOR TUITION RATE FOR 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

§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. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for this biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 and Directive 2009-011, Edison State Community College (“ESCC”) requests to continue to charge Ohio nonpublic high school students and home school students the College Credit Plus (“CCP”) statutory floor tuition rate for 2019-2020 regardless of the delivery method or location of the course up to the allotted 30 credit hours per year. The request applies to academic year 2019-2020.

ESCC has demonstrated the following:

- ESCC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on February 27, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- Edison’s current tuition rate is as follows:
 - Instructional Fees \$135.32 per credit hour
 - All General Fees (excluding security fee) \$26.30 per credit hour
 - Combined Tuition Rate of \$161.62
 - Out of State Surcharge \$135.32 per credit hour
 - Combined Out of State Tuition Rate of \$296.94
 - Security Fee \$15.00 annually
- ESCC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition to the College Credit Plus statutory floor for Ohio resident, nonpublic high school and home school students who were not funded under College Credit Plus. Using the current rate for the statutory floor, \$41.64, and ESCC combined tuition rate, the requested waiver is \$119.98 per credit hour. ESCC also requests that students not funded under College Credit Plus who are non-residents pursuant to

Ohio law, be charged the floor rate, currently \$41.64 per credit hour, plus a \$1.00 out-of-state tuition surcharge for a total of \$42.64 per credit hour charged. Using the combined out of state tuition rate, this currently is a waiver of \$254.30 per credit hour for non-resident students.

- These rates apply to all instructional modalities.
- ESCC proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be for academic year 2019-2020.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 200 students per semester.
- The goal of this tuition waiver is to maintain and increase ESCC's enrollment of this population of students.
 - ESCC reports that the goals of the previous waiver were met. During the 2018-2019 academic year, ESCC waived tuition for 463 credit hours pursuant to this waiver an increase from 264 credit hours during the 2017-2018 academic year. ESCC believes that without the waiver, a large portion of these credit hours would not have been taken at ESCC.
- ESCC will measure the attainment of this goal by reviewing the number of credit hours attempted by these students compared to previous like terms.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the ODHE website for the purpose of providing a public comment period before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review of staff recommendations and public comments received, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Edison State Community College as set forth above for the 2019-2020 academic year.

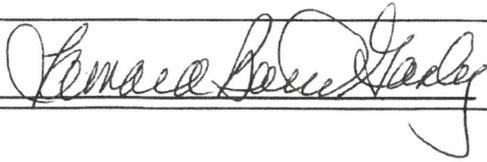
This directive will take immediate effect.



Randy Gardner
Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

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BOARD ACTION

Policy:		
Title:	Approval of College Credit Plus (CCP) Tuition Waiver for Eligible Private-Schooled & Home-Schooled Students for 19-20 Academic Year	
<u>Background of Issue:</u>		
<p>Section 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly prohibits boards of trustees from authorizing waivers or nonpayment of instructional fees or general fees for any particular student or any class of students, other than waivers specifically authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor. <u>Directive 2009-011</u> established guidelines for a board of trustees of a state institution of higher education in Ohio to adopt a flexible tuition policy and submit requests.</p> <p><u>This action, once approved by the BOT and the Chancellor, will allow Edison State to charge Ohio nonpublic high school students and home school students who did not receive any funding or insufficient funding under College Credit Plus the CCP statutory floor tuition rate for 2019-2020, regardless of the delivery method or location of the course.</u> While all of Ohio students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate in College Credit Plus if accepted by the institution in which they seek to attend, there is limited funding for students who do not attend public high schools. ESCC would also like to provide the reduced tuition amount to nonpublic high school and home school students that did not apply for College Credit Plus funding. Many of these students are totally unfunded or only partially funded, as there is not enough money set aside at the state level to meet the demand each year.</p> <p>This action is in keeping with the approaches of other community colleges around the state, including Clark State and Sinclair, who also waive tuition and charge the statutory floor for these students. It is important that we remain competitive across the board, but especially with our closest neighbors who also offer the convenience of online courses and programs.</p>		
Impact on Student Success:	This action would help to ensure that the broadest range of eligible students would have access to CCP courses, regardless of whether or not they are public school students. This action would allow all students the same chance at being successful by ensuring that cost is not a burden.	
Impact on Budget:	During the 2018-2019 CCP year, the College waived tuition for home-schooled and private school students on a total of 436 credit hours. If these hours had been billed at the regular tuition rate, the revenue generated would have been approximately \$68,286. Under the tuition waiver approved by the Board of Trustees last year, these hours generated a revenue of approximately \$18,155.04. However, it is likely that if we don't provide this waiver, we will lose a large portion of these students and their registered hours.	
<u>Recommendation:</u> Approve the policy as presented.		
Approved:	Signature: 	Date: 2/27/19