



DIRECTIVE 2020-031

May 29, 2020

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

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 as well as Directive 2009-011, Clark State Community College (“CSCC”) has requested that for academic year 2019-2020 the standard tuition rates continue to 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 June 20, 2019. CSCC submitted a letter from the Chair of the Board of Trustees certifying that the Board accepted and approved unanimously the continuance of this waiver.
- CSCC has submitted a specific request to charge tuition as follows:
 - The statutory floor of \$41.64 under College Credit Plus 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 \$122.31/credit hour.
- CSCC proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic year 2019-2020
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will also affect approximately 200 students during the 2019-2020 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 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, I hereby approve the continuation of the tuition waiver request from Clark State Community College be granted for academic year 2019-2020 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.

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Randy Gardner
Chancellor

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July 18, 2019

Sara Molski, Project Manager
Fiscal & Legal Affairs
Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Tuition Waiver Request for Home Schooled/Private Schooled Students

Dear Sara:

Clark State Community College (CSCC) respectfully requests the Chancellor's approval for a partial tuition waiver for the purposes set forth below.

Rationale

Dual enrollment programming has been an important program at CSCC, enabling college ready high school students to earn both high school and college credit for college classes. This promotes student success, retention, on-time graduation, and debt reduction. The State-funded College Credit Plus program serves the vast majority of dual enrollment students. The College Credit Plus cost structure compensates the College for tuition and fees at amounts less than the standard tuition. But, some students will not be eligible for College Credit Plus. Ineligible students include out of state students and a portion of home school, charter school and private school students. The waiver request seeks to standardize the tuition structure for these dual enrollment students, improve understanding of dual enrollment options, and make dual enrollment an affordable option for students who are not eligible for College Credit Plus.

The purpose and goals of CSCC include:

- Increased number of students in the dual enrollment program
- Expediting completion
- Reduced student debt by providing a lower cost fee structure

Waiver Request

Attached is the Board of Trustees formal action for a partial tuition waiver for dual enrollment students who are not eligible for College Credit Plus. CSCC requests that for academic year 2019-20, beginning Fall Semester 2019, to charge the same amount for home schooled, charter school and private school students enrolled in an approved dual enrollment program as those prescribed under College Credit Plus for dual enrollment students. This waiver request is in accordance with House Bill 59 of the 130th General Assembly.

Proposal to align all dual enrollment tuition with the College Credit Plus Cost Structure as follows:

Division (A)(1) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code established a "ceiling" amount per credit hour 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 amount for classes taught on line or in person by college faculty and delivered in the high school, and a "floor" amount which is 25% of the ceiling amount for classes taught in the high school by high school teachers.

NOTE: The nonresident surcharge is not included in this proposal and would continue to be assessed for out-of-state students at current rates.

Time Period of Waiver

If approved, the waiver would take effect for the 2019 fall semester through June 30th enrollments in Summer 2020. The waiver should also be in effect as permitted by law and pursuant to procedures established by the Chancellor.

Number of Students Anticipated to be Served

The requested waiver will potentially serve 200 students annually.

Goals and Measurements

The College's goal is to improve enrollment, expedite pathway to graduation, and help reduce debt.

Measurements shall include the following:

- Enrollment of dual enrollment students not eligible for College Credit Plus.
- Completion rates.
- Student debt.

Enrollment targets and goals will be measured through the College's enrollment management plan.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Larry Wakefield
Vice President for Business Affairs

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Attachment

cc: Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, President



July 15, 2019

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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 20, 2019 Clark State Community College's (CSCC) Board of Trustees met and discussed the continuation of the dual enrollment tuition discount 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 reduced tuition level for these students at a rate of \$122.31 per credit hour. This waiver will be in effect from the Fall Semester of 2019 to the Summer Semester of 2020. The Vice President for Business Affairs for Clark State Community College will forward to the Chancellor for final approval on an annual basis.

The Board minutes have not yet been officially approved. Therefore, please accept this letter as confirmation of the CSCC Board of Trustees formal approval. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Phillips", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Brad Phillips
Chair, Board of Trustees
Clark State Community College

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**REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

>> 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 not more than 20% 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 the institutions standard tuition rate 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 for classes taught in the high school by high school teachers.

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 previously approved by the Board of Trustees for private school, home school and charter school students. We recommend that the Board of Trustees approve a partial tuition waiver of \$122.31 per credit hour (Clark State Tuition Rate minus Floor Amount) for public/nonpublic and home school students who were not sufficiently funded and are enrolled in an approved dual enrollment program, effective for the FY 2019-2021 academic year beginning Fall semester 2019.

We will continue to submit the required annual request to the Chancellor for approval.

>> IMPACT ON STUDENTS AND/OR STUDENT LEARNING:

Dual enrollment increases educational attainment and is part of a wider regional economic development strategy.

>> IMPLICATIONS FOR BUDGET, PERSONNEL, OR OTHER RESOURCES:

A tuition waiver for private, home and charter school students participating in the College Credit Plus program is projected to have a budget impact of around \$36,000. This amount is incorporated into the FY 2020 Budget and represents around 200 students.



>> **DRAFT OF MOTION, RESOLUTION OR OTHER SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR BOARD ACTION:**

That the Board of Trustees approves a partial tuition waiver as calculated above for private school, home schooled and charter school students enrolled in an approved dual enrollment program effective Fall 2019 through Summer 2021, subject to the approval by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

