



DIRECTIVE 2020-038

June 3, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 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, Columbus State Community College (“CSCC”) has requested that for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 the standard tuition rates continue to be waived for Ohio nonpublic high school students and home school students who did not receive funding or received limited 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 the institution in which they seek to attend there is limited funding for students that do not attend public high schools.

CSCC has demonstrated the following:

- CSCC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on January 24, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- CSCC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition for Ohio resident, nonpublic high school and home school students who were not funded under College Credit Plus up to 30 credit hours, maximum, as follows:

Students taking courses on their high school campuses that are taught by Columbus State Community College faculty	Waiver amount = Columbus State Community College tuition rate minus Mid-level CCP amount defined in statute
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Students taking courses on their high school campuses that are taught by a qualified teacher adjunct	Waiver amount = Columbus State's in-state rate minus Floor CCP amount defined in statute
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- The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on CSCC's tuition rates and College Credit Plus funding levels, but in any event, the College Credit Plus floor and mid-level rate will be charged as applicable.
- This waiver does not apply to nonpublic students or homeschool students taking courses online or at CSCC's campus.
- CSCC proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, including summer term courses beginning prior to June 30, 2021.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 30 students in the academic year.
- The goal of this tuition waiver is to treat all high school students consistently who are similarly situated with regard to tuition charges and to offer affordable pathways to high school students if they are college ready. The goals are for students to 1) successfully complete the college courses taken and 2) matriculate to Columbus State upon high school graduation.
- CSCC will monitor students' grade outcomes and whether they have matriculated to Columbus State upon high school graduation.

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 Columbus State Community College be granted for academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.


 Randy Gardner
 Chancellor

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COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

June 27, 2019

The Honorable Randy Gardner
Chancellor
Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chancellor Gardner:

Section 381.170 of the As Passed by the House version of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly continues to require 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 the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Pursuant to action taken on January 24, 2019, by the Columbus State Board of Trustees, a copy of which is attached, I respectfully request a tuition waiver for the academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for high school students who attend nonpublic high schools who would otherwise be eligible to participate in College Credit Plus but, due to budget constraints, are not awarded State funds to subsidize the tuition costs under the program. This request is contingent upon this requirement being enacted in the final version of H.B. 166. The waiver amounts are also contingent on the final version of the bill. Two components of the formula are pending final approval, the K-12 per pupil amount and the College's in-state tuition rate. The waiver amounts listed below are based on the FY19 K-12 per pupil rate and Columbus State's anticipated FY20 tuition rate of \$157.93.

Students taking courses on their high school campuses that are taught by Columbus State Community College faculty (Mid CCP rate scenario)	Mid CCP amount defined in statute \$78.97 (Waiver amount = Columbus State's in-state rate minus Mid CCP amount defined in statute) \$78.96
Students taking courses on their high school campuses that are taught by a qualified teacher-adjunct (Floor CCP rate scenario)	CCP Floor amount defined in statute \$41.64 (Waiver amount = Columbus State's in-state rate minus Floor CCP amount defined in statute) \$116.29

DAVID T. HARRISON Ph.D. **PRESIDENT**

The rationale for this request is to treat all high school students consistently who are similarly situated with regard to tuition charges and to offer affordable pathways to high school students if they are college ready. The goals are for students to 1) successfully complete the college courses taken and 2) matriculate to Columbus State upon high school graduation. In order to determine whether we are meeting these goals, we have monitored students' grade outcomes and whether they have matriculated to Columbus State upon high school graduation.

Below is a table that shows the number of students who participated in Columbus State courses at their private school, how many benefited from the waiver and how many ultimately matriculated to Columbus State. Please note that we do not yet have totals for the Spring 2019 term. All students who benefited from the waiver have successfully completed their college courses by earning grades of A, B, or C.

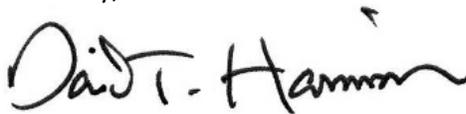
Semester	Number of Students in Private School CCP Sections	Number of Students in Private School CCP Sections Benefiting from Waiver	Number of Students Benefiting from Waiver who Matriculated to Columbus State
16AU	27	6	2
17SP	18	8	1
17AU	51	21	0
18SP	49	14	0
18AU	34	8	0

We expect to experience similar numbers in academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21, as we are projecting a 1.2% increase in enrollment at the high school level next year. We will continue to evaluate the program to ensure that goals and objectives are being met.

Details of the proposed waiver are outlined in the attached board action. Please let us know if we can provide additional information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David T. Harrison
President



COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD ACTION

DATE: January 24, 2019

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:

	2019-2020 and 2020-2021 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approves for academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21 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 FY20-FY21 budget bill.