



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3365.035 Course mature subject matter disclaimer.

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(A) As used in this section, "mature subject matter" means any course subject matter or material of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature.

(B) The department of education and workforce and the department of higher education shall jointly develop a permission slip regarding the potential for mature subject matter in a course taken through the college credit plus program. The departments shall post the permission slip in a prominent place on their college credit plus program web sites.

(C) For a student enrolled in a public, chartered nonpublic, or nonchartered nonpublic school or a home-educated student to enroll in any college course under the college credit plus program, the parent of the student and the student shall sign and include the permission slip described in division (B) of this section within the student's application to the public college, participating private college, or eligible out-of-state college in which the student wishes to enroll.

(D) Each public and participating private college and eligible out-of-state college participating in the program, upon admitting a student under the program, shall include in the college's enrollment materials the following:

- (1) A questionnaire for students, developed by the college, to answer in the affirmative acknowledging that the student possesses the necessary social and emotional maturity and is ready to accept the responsibility and independence that a college classroom demands and to resubmit to the college;
- (2) Guidance on reviewing any course materials available prior to enrolling in a course;
- (3) Information about the college's and the program's policies on withdrawing from or dropping a course;



(4) Information about the student's right to speak with the student's high school counselor or with the academic advisor assigned to the student as prescribed in division (F) of section 3365.05 of the Revised Code.

(E) Each public and participating private college and eligible out-of-state college participating in the program shall include a discussion at student orientation about the potential for mature subject matter in courses taken through the program.

(F) The department of education and workforce, the department of higher education, and each public and participating private college and eligible out-of-state college participating in the program shall post in a prominent place on their college credit plus program web sites the following disclaimer:

"The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the college credit plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will not be modified based upon college credit plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs."