

BOARD ACTION

Policy:	
Title:	Approval of the 2022 College Credit Plus 100% Tuition Waiver
<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. Directive 2009-011 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>Edison State Community College is proud of its College Credit Plus (CCP) program and is dedicated to supporting the success of CCP students both during and after their participation in the program. Toward this end, the College would like to encourage its CCP students to continue their studies at Edison State upon graduating from high school by offering a unique financial incentive. <u>The College is proposing that the Edison State Board of Trustees approve the creation of the 2022 College Credit Plus 100% Tuition Waiver effective for Academic Year 2022-2023.</u> Once approved by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, this initiative will allow Edison State to waive any tuition costs remaining after an eligible student's financial aid has been applied. An eligible student is one who has earned 6 or more credits through Edison State's College Credit Plus program and has graduated from high school.</p> <p>To receive this tuition waiver, students must register for classes at Edison State in the summer, fall, or spring semester immediately following their high school graduation. Students will continue to receive the waiver in future semesters provided that they maintain enrollment in subsequent fall and spring terms. The waiver ends when the student reaches 70 total credit hours earned through Edison State.</p> <p>All students must complete the FAFSA and accept any grants and/or scholarships awarded before receiving this waiver. The waiver is "last dollar" in nature, meaning it will be applied to students' accounts after all other grants and/or scholarships are applied. In addition, the waiver covers tuition only, which includes the instructional fee, general fee, technology fee, activity fee, and career services fee. The following costs are not covered by the waiver: textbooks and other course supplies, lab fees for individual courses, the security fee, transcript fee, proficiency exam fee, portfolio evaluation fee, online course fee, and web-flex course fee.</p>	
Impact on Student Success:	This action will ensure that Edison State's CCP students have the opportunity to continue their education after high school at a minimal financial cost, which is historically a leading cause of students not completing their post-secondary education goals.
Impact on Budget:	Estimating the financial impact of this waiver is challenging because the amount waived per student will be different, depending on the student's financial aid package and number of credits enrolled. However, under similar waiver programs offered by Edison State in academic year 2020-2021, the College waived approximately \$368,164 in tuition for 153 students who had earned 6 or more credits through Edison State's CCP program while in high school. The College projects waiving a similar

	amount in academic year 2022-2023.
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Recommendation: Approve the policy as presented.

Approved: YES/NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Signature: <u><i>Lemasa Rose Harley</i></u> Chair	Date: <i>9/22/2021</i>
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