



DIRECTIVE 2021-044

November 15, 2021

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO REDUCE THE IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR ELIGIBLE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 FOR THE 2022-2023 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. 110 of the 134th General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 110 as well as Directive 2009-011, Edison State Community College (“ESCC”) has requested approval of a tuition waiver to apply for the 2022-2023 academic year, to reduce standard tuition rates for students who have completed a minimum of six credit hours at ESCC as a college credit plus student and graduated from high school. To receive the tuition waiver, students must register for classes at ESCC in the summer, fall or spring semester immediately following their high school graduation. Students will continue to receive the reduction in standard tuition in future semesters provided they maintain enrollment in subsequent fall and spring terms. Students will be considered ineligible for this reduction in tuition when the student reaches 70 total credit hours earned through the college.

ESCC has demonstrated the following:

- ESCC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a tuition waiver at its meeting on September 22, 2021. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- ESCC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition (general fee, which includes the instructional fee, technology fee, activity fee, and career services fee) for eligible college credit plus students who have earned a minimum of six credit hours at ESCC as a CCP student and who have graduated from high school between September 1, 2021, and September 1, 2022.
- The following fees are not covered by this waiver: textbooks and other course supplies, lab fees for individual courses, security fee, transcript fee, proficiency exam fee, portfolio evaluation fee, online course fee, and web-flex course fee. ESCC will waive remaining tuition costs to eligible students as shown below after other grants, scholarships, and other federal funding is applied.

- ESCC's 2021-2022 tuition and specific amount being waived is shown below:

	Standard Per-Credit Amount	Waiver	Total Amount After Waiver
All Associate Degrees, Certificates and Short-Term Certificates	\$171.62	\$171.62	\$0

- The specific amount being reduced per credit hour may change depending on ESCC's tuition rates, but in any event, eligible CCP students who are Ohio residents with a high school graduation date between September 1, 2021, and September 1, 2022 will have a 100% waiver of in-state tuition.
- ESCC proposes that the duration of the waiver be academic year 2022-2023. This includes all summer, fall and spring sessions beginning prior to June 30, 2023.
- ESCC expects the tuition waiver will affect approximately 160 students per academic year. This estimate is based on the tracking of eligible students.
- The goal of this tuition waiver is to provide access to post-secondary education for more local high school graduates, especially those impacted financially by the Covid-19 pandemic. The local economy is in need of skilled workers and this request will allow opportunities for students to pursue programs that will meet these needs.
- ESCC will measure the attainment of this goal by tracking the number of students who apply to ESCC, complete the FAFSA and are the recipients of this waiver. The recipients will receive career and academic support during their time at ESCC and their success and completion will also be tracked.

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.

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Based upon my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Edison State Community College, which allows ESCC to reduce standard tuition rates for students who have completed a minimum of six credit hours at ESCC as a college credit plus student and graduated from high school for academic year 2022-2023, including all summer sessions beginning prior to June 30, 2023, as set forth above. This directive will take immediate effect.


 Randy Gardner
 Chancellor

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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