



MODERN STATES

Free. Flexible. College Credit. For
Everyone in Ohio.

2025





About Us

Overview

Modern States Education Alliance™ is a non-profit dedicated to making a high quality college education free of cost and accessible to any person who seeks one.

Modern States' initial program, *Freshman Year for Free™*, is intended to let students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense.





Our **Model**



Free

Courses are free for anyone. Learners who complete them can take CLEP exams free.



Flexible

Courses are available online, 24/7.
Students move at their pace and test when ready.



High-Quality

Courses taught by professors from leading universities across the country.



Valuable

CLEP exams translate to credit at 3000 colleges and universities across the country.



CLEP Exams

College Level Examination Program (CLEP), offered by College Board for more 50+ years, allows learners of all ages to show mastery of college-level material.



Accessible

Exams can be taken *whenever* students are ready to take them



Immediate

Students receive immediate easy-to-interpret score (except for exams with essays)



Computer-based

Tests are timed, computer-based, and taken at CLEP center or via remote proctoring



Comprehensive

Exams cover most of general education requirements.



Widely-Accepted

Nearly 3000 colleges / universities accept CLEP, including most flagship state schools



Affordable

Cost of a CLEP exam is only \$93-\$130 per exam



Courses

Offerings cover most freshman year general education courses.

CLEP Subjects		
Business	History and Social Sciences	Science and Mathematics
Financial Accounting	American Government	Biology
Information Systems	History of the United States I	Calculus
Introductory Business Law	History of the United States II	Chemistry
Principles of Management	Human Growth and Development	College Algebra
Principles of Marketing	Introduction to Educational Psychology	College Mathematics
Composition and Literature	Introduction to Psychology	Natural Sciences
American Literature	Introduction to Sociology	Precalculus
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	Principles of Macroeconomics	World Languages
College Composition	Principles of Microeconomics	French Language Level I (Level II)
College Composition Modular	Social Sciences and History	German Language Level I (Level II)
English Literature	Western Civilization I	Spanish Language Level I (Level II)
Humanities	Western Civilization II	



Widely Accepted Credit

In 2017, Ohio adopted a statewide CLEP policy. Each of Ohio's public colleges and universities have identified CLEP score cutoffs, which are recognized in [Transfer Credit Ohio](#).

- [Belmont College](#)
- [Bowling Green State University](#)
- [Central Ohio Technical College](#)
- [Central State University](#)
- [Cincinnati State Technical & Community College](#)
- [Clark State College](#)
- [Cleveland State University](#)
- [Columbus State Community College](#)
- [Cuyahoga Community College](#)
- [Eastern Gateway Community College](#)
- [Edison State Community College](#)
- [Hocking College](#)
- [Kent State University](#)
- [Lakeland Community College](#)
- [Lorain County Community College](#)
- [Marion Technical College](#)
- [Miami University](#)
- [North Central State College](#)
- [Northwest State Community College](#)
- [Ohio University](#)
- [Owens Community College](#)
- [Rhodes State College](#)
- [Rio Grande Community College](#)
- [Shawnee State University](#)
- [Sinclair College](#)
- [Southern State Community College](#)
- [Stark State College](#)
- [Terra State Community College](#)
- [The Ohio State University](#)
- [The University of Akron](#)
- [The University of Toledo](#)
- [University of Cincinnati](#)
- [Washington State Community College](#)
- [Wright State University](#)
- [Youngstown State University](#)
- [Zane State College](#)

Nearly [2,900 other colleges and universities](#) in the U.S. also accept CLEP for credit.



School Journey

Four Models to Implement

There's no single way to implement Modern States in your school, but four models are common to successful implementation. Each requires different levels of capacity.

Model 1 Introducing

Focus on expanding awareness of program and introducing Modern States to learners in your school. Learners complete courses on their own, when and where they want.

Model 2 Mentoring

Focus on creating a supportive social environment by checking in regularly with students, helping them unstuck, and convening peer groups. Adults coach students but do not teach.

Model 3 Tutoring

Focus on offering targeted academic support to students outside classes, delivered by teachers/adults with content knowledge. Learners likely engage in school/scheduled time.

Model 4 Integrating

Focus on making Modern States part of regular day/experience by mapping Modern States courses onto existing courses or offering in parallel. Teachers drive pace and support.



Implementation Examples

Implementation is highly flexible across several dimensions: which courses, which students, when engagement with courses occurs, what support is provided to students.

These are examples of how schools in Ohio and beyond have integrated Modern States, but they are not the only options.

Model 2 Mentoring

Students complete Modern States courses at their own pace, during scheduled study period or outside school.

Adults provide guidance and regular progress checks, but not significant academic support.

Model 3 Tutoring

Students complete courses at their own or common pace, during scheduled study period or outside of school.

Adults schedule regular individual / small group tutoring supports.

Model 4 Integrating

Students complete courses as part of an existing, scheduled course.

Adults map content onto their scope and sequence, and pace and support as they otherwise would in regular courses.



Implementation Example: Pickaway-Ross CTC

Makalee's Story



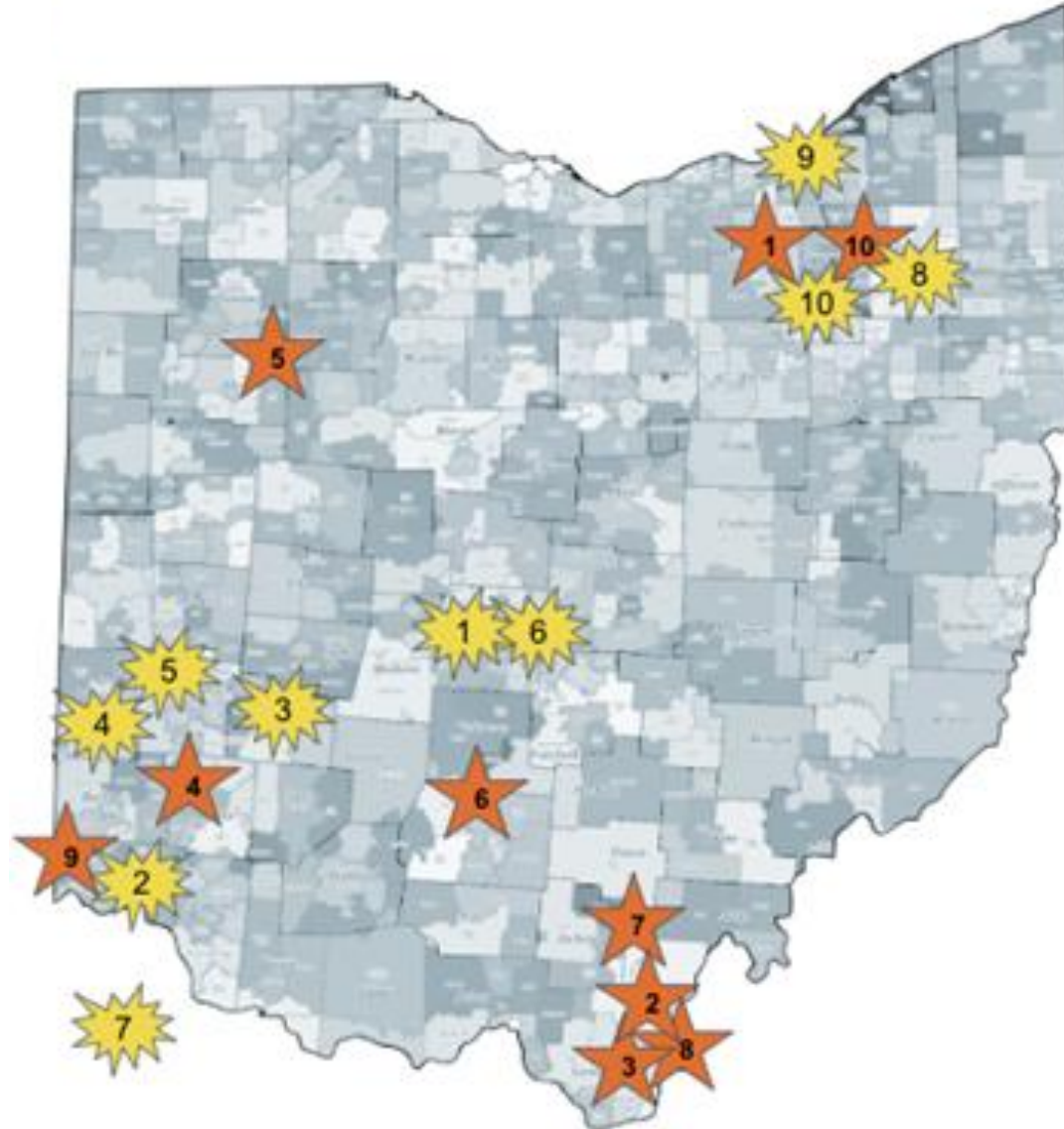
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Modern States in Ohio

- Nearly 1,200 students from 50 high schools, plus 500 additional learners, have already enrolled in Modern States courses.
- Students of *all ages* earn real college credit at no cost, saving an average of \$1,000 in tuition for each 3-credit CLEP exam passed.



Ohio Statewide Total Enrollment: 1,661
High School Total Enrollment: 1,188
Homeschool Enrollment: 109

Top-10 High Schools

1. Brunswick High School (Medina County)
2. River Valley High School (Gallia)
3. South Gallia High School (Gallia)
4. Springboro High School (Warren)
5. Bluffton High School (Allen)
6. Pickaway-Ross Career Center
7. Buckeye Hills Career Center (Gallia, Jackson, & Vinton)
8. Gallia Academy High School
9. William Henry Harrison High School (Hamilton County)
10. Twinsburg High School (Summit County)

Top-10 Institutions of Higher Education

1. The Ohio State University
2. University of Cincinnati
3. Cedarville University
4. Miami University
5. Sinclair Community College
6. Columbus State Community College
7. Northern Kentucky University
8. Kent State University
9. Cuyahoga County Community College
10. University of Akron



Modern States OH Partner **Benefits**

- ❑ **PROVIDING LEARNERS ACCESS TO FREE COLLEGE COURSES** that result in transferable college credit, saving students and families thousands of dollars.
- ❑ **RECEIVING IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT FROM MODERN STATES** through the alignment of state-level policies, real-time tool development, support for launching a CLEP testing site, and other opportunities.
- ❑ **CONNECTING WITH OTHER SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND PARTNERS** implementing Modern States to understand implementation possibilities and learner success stories.
- ❑ **FINDING JOY IN WATCHING LEARNERS SUCCEED** when taking CLEP and earning college credit for free.



Modern States OH Partner **Norms**

- ❑ **PARTICIPATE IN MODERN STATES NETWORK MEETINGS** to share success stories, implementation problems of practice, and learn from your peers.
- ❑ **SHARE YOUR IMPLEMENTATION JOURNEY AND LEARNINGS WITH MODERN STATES** so we can support your efforts by developing tools in real time.
- ❑ **SUPPORT YOUR LEARNERS AS THEY PROGRESS THROUGH MODERN STATES COURSES** and take the College Level Examination Program to earn credit college credit.
- ❑ **FIND EXCITEMENT** in watching your learners earn college credit for free.



Modern States Ohio Informational Webinar

Interested in learning more? **Join us from 12:00pm–1:00pm on Tuesday, April 22.**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/CVfkk6QgkPtzVg3j7>



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