



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Purcell High School is participating in the University of Oklahoma-Modern States College Access Initiative. This initiative allows your student to earn college credit within the school day at no cost.

How does it work?

Students take high-quality college courses of their choosing online during the school day. After your student completes a course and passes a practice exam, your student will take the official College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test. By passing this test, your student receives college credit that is accepted by universities/colleges around the country, including nearly every university in Oklahoma.

What is Modern States?

Modern States is a non-profit philanthropic organization funded by national philanthropists Steve and Maureen Klinsky and the Carnegie Corporation. In 2023, over 18,000 students in all 50 states took courses through Modern States and passed CLEP examinations leading to college credit.

Modern States offers online courses for college credit in history, algebra, sociology, economics, and many other subject areas. The content is of high quality. All courses are delivered asynchronously by highly rated college professors. Students who pass the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests are eligible to receive college credit at more than 2,900 colleges and universities.

Watch an overview of Modern States here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_rp3sizcec

What are the benefits?

Modern States provides online courses, course materials and vouchers for students to take CLEP tests for free. Your student will have an opportunity to earn up to **one year of college credit at no cost**. Students who participate in Modern States will also receive high school credit toward their degree.

How can you participate?

Please let us know if you are interested in participating. Among students who have indicated interest in participating, we will randomly select a group of students to participate in the College Access Initiative next year.

How will we evaluate success?

Researchers at the University of Oklahoma will use a randomized controlled trial design that will give us causal estimates of the effects of Modern States on participating students. Researchers



will examine attendance, GPA, college credits earned, high school credits earned, course completions, and the overall cost-benefits relative to other college access options. Students' names and other personally identifiable information will not be shared with the research team so your student's data will remain confidential.

If you have any questions or would like your student to participate in this initiative, you can email Jason Sanders at sandersj@purcellps.org. Please let us know by May 3rd, 2024

Sincerely,

Jason Sanders

Head Principal

Purcell High School

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