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Guidelines for Masters Plus Determination for CPS Professional Learning Courses

These revised Masters Plus criteria have been approved by the joint labor/management Professional Learning Committee and include input from school based and district level educators.

A course eligible for Masters Plus Credit:

- Must be at least 10 contact hours in length at a minimum to qualify for Masters Plus credit (1 Masters Plus credit for every 10 hours, up to a maximum of 3 credits.)
- Must be rigorous in content and include supplemental assignments.
- Must include completion of a high-level paper, project, or product *that documents an impact on the educator's professional practice and includes reflection and analysis of that impact.*
- Must include evaluative criteria for final project expectations (rubric, exemplars, etc.) as well as a clear deadline for completion.
- Must not receive other compensation from CPS for that time. It cannot be during the school day, during any other contractually required time outside the school day, nor can a teacher receive a stipend or hourly compensation.
- Must be pre-approved by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, or designee.