

POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS/CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT/CAREER START

The Board believes that students who wish to pursue postsecondary level or Advance Placement (AP) coursework while in high school should be permitted to do so. In accordance with this policy and accompanying regulation, high school students may receive course credit toward the fulfillment of high school graduation requirements for successful completion of approved postsecondary and AP courses offered by institutions of higher education.

This policy and accompanying regulation do not apply to students seeking to enroll a **“dropout recovery program” pursuant to the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act (the Act)**. Students seeking to enroll in a **dropout recovery program** shall work with the district administrators and meet the Act’s applicable requirements.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy and accompanying regulation, the following definitions shall apply.

“Concurrent enrollment” means the simultaneous enrollment of a qualified student in a district high school and in one or more postsecondary courses at an institution of higher education. Concurrent enrollment does not include a student’s secondary career and technical education courses, advanced placement courses, or international baccalaureate courses; an early college course and a postsecondary course; a p-tech school and a postsecondary course; or a district high school and a postsecondary course that does not fall within the definition of concurrent enrollment.

“Qualified student” means a person who is less than 21 years of age and is enrolled in the 9th grade or higher grade level.

“Postsecondary course” means a course offered by an institution of higher education and includes coursework resulting in the acquisition of a certificate; an associate degree of applied sciences, general studies, arts, or science; and all baccalaureate degree programs.

“Advance Placement” means a curriculum approved by the College Board and an AP exam to earn potential college credit is an option.

“Career Start” means courses offered through Pikes Peak Community College.

“Institution of higher education” means:

- a. A state university or college, community college, junior college, or area vocational school as described in title 23, C.R.S.
- b. A postsecondary career and technical education program that offers postsecondary courses and is approved by the state board for community colleges and occupational education pursuant to applicable state law; and
- c. An educational institution operating in Colorado that meets the Act's specified criteria.

Eligibility

Qualified students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses at the district's expense and receive high school credit for such courses shall follow the procedure accompanying this policy. Including but not limited to **timely submitting of an application** and establishing an academic plan of study. Qualified students must meet the minimum prerequisites and academic readiness for the postsecondary courses in which they seek to enroll.

The Board determines the manner in which it provides opportunities for concurrent enrollment. However, the district shall not unreasonably deny approval for concurrent enrollment or limit the number of postsecondary courses in which a qualified student may enroll unless the district is unable to provide access due to technological capacity.

Academic credit

Academic credit granted for postsecondary and AP courses successfully completed by a qualified student shall count as high school credit toward the Board's graduation requirements **unless such credit is denied based on the following:**

High school credit shall be denied if a qualified student does not receive a passing grade for the postsecondary course. High school credit shall be denied for postsecondary courses that do not meet or exceed the district's **academic** standards. High school credit shall also be denied for a postsecondary course substantially similar to a course offered by the district, unless the qualified student's enrollment in the postsecondary course is approved due to a scheduling conflict or other reason deemed legitimate by the district. Concurrent enrollment is not available for summer school.

Agreement with Institution of Higher Education

When a qualified student seeks to enroll in postsecondary courses at an institution of higher education and receive high school credit for such courses, the district and the participating institution shall enter into a written cooperative agreement in accordance with the Act.

Payment of tuition and additional costs

The district will pay the tuition of postsecondary courses in accordance with the Act and the district's cooperative agreement with the institution of higher education.

The qualified student and the student's parent/guardian shall be responsible for the cost of textbooks and fees for postsecondary courses.

AP Exam Fee

The district will pay the Exam Course fee for up to 50% of each exam attempted

Notice

Information about concurrent enrollment options shall be made available to high school students and their parents/guardians on an annual basis. In addition, at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the enrollment period for postsecondary concurrent enrollment courses, written notice (which may be sent electronically) shall be provided to high school students and their parents/guardians of the postsecondary courses offered at no tuition cost to qualified students at the district and at an institution of higher education, any anticipated costs of textbooks and fees to the qualified student for those courses, and the number and transferability of course credits that a qualified student may earn by enrolling in and successfully completing a concurrent enrollment course.

Information about concurrent enrollment options and the benefits of participating in concurrent enrollment during high school will be provided to middle school students and their parents/guardians electronically at least once during the school year and at least once during the summer

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S.22-32-109(1)(nn) (*discussion of the requirements for and benefits of concurrent enrollment must be part of ICAP process*)
C.R.S. 22-35-101 *et seq.* (*Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act*)
C.R.S. 23-60-202.7 (*requirement to provide information concerning concurrent enrollment to parents of middle school students*)

1 CCR 301-86 (State Board of Education rules regarding the Administration of the Concurrent Enrollment Program)

CROSS REFS:

IHBK*, *Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success*

IJNDAB*, *Instruction through Online Courses*

IKF, *Graduation Requirements*

JFC, *Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts*