

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING AND ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

1.0 Preparation for Post-Secondary Opportunities.

1.1 Students are encouraged to plan for post-secondary opportunities so they will be adequately prepared upon graduation from high school. Each student who enrolls in the sixth (6th) grade, on the day of enrollment, will be encouraged to register with the state-provided, free online college planning and preparation resource, commonly referred to as “College in Colorado.”

1.2 The Superintendent or designee shall provide on or before December 31 of each school year names and mailing addresses of students in eighth (8th) grade to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) for the purpose of notifying parents of higher education admission requirements. The CCHE will provide information to the parents/guardians of eighth (8th) grade students about the admission requirements for institutions of higher education in Colorado. In addition, the District will make information available to these same parents/guardians about the courses the District offers that meet the CCHE admission requirements. This information will be made available to parents/guardians prior to the student’s enrollment in his or her ninth (9th) grade courses.

1.3 Beginning in ninth (9th) grade, District personnel shall assist students to develop and maintain individual career and academic plans (ICAP). The student’s career and academic plan will be designed to assist the student and the student’s parent/guardian in exploring the post-secondary career and educational opportunities available to the student, aligning course work and curriculum, applying to post-secondary education institutions, securing financial aid and ultimately entering the workforce.

2.0 **Concurrent Post-Secondary Enrollment.** The District shall make available to eligible students the option to enroll in appropriate courses in state institutions of higher education in order to supplement their educational programs.

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2.1 High school students and parents shall be notified of post-secondary enrollment options as part of the spring registration process for the upcoming academic year.

2.2 Eligible Students. Eligible students are a) enrolled as a junior or senior, b) not more than 21 years of age, c) deemed by the student and his/her parent/legal guardian, after consultation with the principal of the high school in which such student is enrolled, to be in need of course work at a higher academic level, and d) have notified the principal of their proposed post-secondary enrollment in accordance with the provisions of this policy. For purposes of factor (c), a student may be found to need post-secondary course when such higher academic level course is not offered at the student's school, or such higher academic level course is not available to the student as a result of scheduling conflicts that cannot be resolved, or the student's skill level or academic and/or non-academic experience necessitates a course different than that offered at the high school. A student may also be found eligible, notwithstanding factor (c), if he/she need to receive educational services in a different environment because of the student's medical or safety needs.

2.3 Notice to Principal. Students must notify the principal of their high school of intent to enroll in a specific post-secondary class or classes not later than 60 days prior to expected enrollment on forms which may be obtained from the high school office. Principals receiving such notification shall forward a copy to the Chief Academic Officer.

2.4 Credit. Courses taken pursuant to this policy shall count for credit toward such student's graduation requirements unless such credit is denied by the principal of the high school because:

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2.4.1 the student has taken the course in name or content through the District; or

2.4.2 the course cannot be applied to meet District graduation requirements; or

2.4.3 the course is not consistent with the requirements of this policy.

2.5 Tuition Payment/Reimbursement.

2.5.1 Any student who enrolls in a post-secondary course pursuant to this policy will be expected to show a high degree of maturity and responsibility as demonstrated by the successful completion of such post-secondary course.

2.5.2 Upon passing of any post-secondary course in which the student enrolls pursuant to this policy, the student or the student's parent/guardian shall present evidence of such passing grade to the District and shall receive reimbursement from the District for tuition paid for up to two (2) completed course(s) per academic term.

2.5.3 The District shall pay the tuition required for the first two courses per academic term for any student who is eligible for free or reduced lunch or any student who can document that his/her own payment of the tuition would constitute a financial hardship. The student and parent/guardian shall sign an agreement to repay the amount of tuition if the student fails or otherwise does not complete the post-secondary course for any reason without consent of the principal of the high school in which the pupil is enrolled.

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2.6 Eligibility for High School Activities. Students who attend institutions of higher education in accordance with this policy shall still be considered as enrolled in the District, and such students' eligibility to participate in high school activities shall be determined without regard to enrollment in post-secondary courses.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq.
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1) (ff) (l)
1 CCR 301-33