

## **Concurrent Enrollment**

The Board believes that students who wish to pursue postsecondary level work while in high school should be permitted to do so if they qualify and meet the criteria established by Pueblo City Schools. 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 courses offered by institutions of higher education.

This policy and accompanying regulation do not apply to students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses pursuant to the Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program or a “dropout recovery program” pursuant to the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act (the Act). Students seeking to enroll in the ASCENT program or a dropout recovery program shall work with 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.

"Qualified student" means:

- a person who is less than 21 years of age and is enrolled in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher grade level or ICAP reflects individual need;
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 (part time) or 3.0 (full time);
- Minimum ACT and/or Accuplacer scores

“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.

"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.

### **Academic credit**

Academic credit granted for postsecondary courses successfully completed by a qualified student shall count as high school credit toward the Board's graduation requirements, unless such credit is denied.

High school credit may be denied for postsecondary courses that do not meet or exceed the district's academic standards. High school credit may 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 aligned with the student's ICAP. 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**

The tuition paid by the district for the qualified student's successful completion of an approved postsecondary course shall be in accordance with the Act and the district's cooperative agreement with the institution of higher education. The institution of higher education may charge additional tuition and/or associated fees to the qualified student or the student's parent/guardian in addition to the tuition paid by the district.

### **Transportation**

The district shall not provide or pay for the qualified student's transportation to the institution of higher education.

### **Notice**

Information about concurrent enrollment options shall be made available to high school students and their parents/guardians on an annual basis.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-35-101 *et seq.* (Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act)  
1 CCR 301-86 (State Board of Education rules regarding the Administration of the Concurrent Enrollment Program)

CROSS REFS.: IJNDAB\*, Instruction through Online Courses  
IKF, Graduation Requirements

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