

## **POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT**

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) believes that students who are capable of and wish to pursue college level work while in high school should be permitted to do so. In accordance with this policy and accompanying regulations, 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 apply to students seeking to enroll in all dual credit programs. These programs and courses are to be considered part of the Colorado Springs School District 11's (the District) Postsecondary Enrollment which shall include all concurrent enrollment (see IHCDA-R-1) established between the District and any accredited institute of higher education established pursuant to the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act (C.R.S. § 22-35-101 et seq.), extended study opportunities (see IHCDA-R-2) and articulated and certificate bearing Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses (see IHCDA-R-3).

### **Definitions**

#### **Concurrent Enrollment (CE)**

Concurrent Enrollment is a program in which qualified students in the ninth grade or higher in a school district or charter school take courses for both high school and college credit. Classes may be offered by an eligible institution of higher education and may be delivered on the high school campus, college campus, online, or hybrid format. (Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act, C.R.S. § 22-35-101 et seq.)

#### **Extended Studies (ES)**

Unlike Concurrent Enrollment programs, extended studies are a type of dual enrollment programs offered through a separate arrangement between a school district and a four-year institution. Students are generally responsible for payment of these programs (though districts may assist with payment) and do not carry College Opportunity Fund eligibility. (C.R.S. § 23-1-109)

#### **High School Articulation**

Students enrolled in CTE courses at their high schools may be eligible for college credit. Check for more details on which courses are available at your school.

#### **Cooperative Education Agreement (CEA)**

A Cooperative education agreement means an agreement entered into by a local education provider (LEP) and an institution of higher education (IHE) per C.R.S.22-35-104(6), to support concurrent enrollment. Similar agreements may also be entered into by a district and participating institute of higher education to document responsibilities associated with an extended studies program.

#### **Postsecondary Participation Agreement (PPA)**

An agreement outlining all rules and regulations regarding participation in a qualifying

postsecondary program. The agreement must include an estimate of the cost of the student's total contribution for the period of the agreement and a repayment section stating if the student receives a failing grade or "Incomplete", withdraws after the designated drop period, or otherwise does not complete the postsecondary course for any reason, without consent of the Superintendent or designee, the student and/or the student's parent/guardian shall reimburse the District for the amount of tuition paid by the District. The agreement must include a statement that explains that grades earned in dual enrollment courses become a part of a student's postsecondary academic record and official transcript.

A PPA may be required each semester a student enrolls in the program. (See Exhibits IHCDA-E-1 and ICHDA-E-2)

### **General Eligibility**

Students who are in grades nine through twelve are eligible to participate in programs with postsecondary credit opportunity, and may be eligible until age 21 in certain scenarios

### **Agreement with Institution of Higher Education**

The District shall enter into and annually review and maintain an appropriate contract with postsecondary institutions for all postsecondary options offered under the auspices of this policy.

The contracts must include procedures for payment of tuition or equivalent costs and statements that any courses taken by students under this program shall qualify as high school credit (if applicable) and also as credit toward earning a degree or certificate at the institution of higher education.

### **Academic Plan of Study (ICAP)**

The qualified student shall establish, in consultation with the principal/designee, an academic plan of study that the student intends to complete to satisfy the Board's high school graduation requirements, including requirements for post-secondary workforce readiness. [Note: In the District, the academic plan of study is incorporated in the student's ICAP].

### **Payment of Tuition or Equivalent Costs**

The District may pay the tuition or equivalent costs for academic credit for qualified students participating in programs in which postsecondary credit is available.

### **Notice to Students and Parents/Guardians**

Information about the post-secondary enrollment programs, including extended studies and Career and Technical Education programs as appropriate, shall be distributed annually to all students in grades nine through twelve and to their parents/guardians. Notice shall be given to allow sufficient time for students and parents/guardians to consider postsecondary enrollment options and meet enrollment application timelines.

### **Reporting**

The Board shall comply with all reporting requirements of the State Board of Education.

The District shall comply with all student count, audit, and general reporting requirements of the State Board of Education per C.R.S. 22-35-105, C.R.S. 22-35-112, and 1 CCR 301-86.

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LEGAL REFS.:       C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(oo)  
                          C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq.  
                          C.R.S. 23-1-125  
                          C.R.S. 23-2-103  
                          C.R.S. 23-18-201, 202  
                          1 CCR 301-39  
                          1 CCR 301-81  
                          1 CCR 301-86

CROSS REFS.:       IHCDA-R-1, Concurrent Enrollment  
                          IHCDA-R-2, Extended Studies Program  
                          IHCDA-R-3, Articulation  
                          IHCDA-E-1, Postsecondary Participation Agreement/Concurrent Enrollment  
                          IHCDA-E-2, Postsecondary Participation Agreement/Extended Studies  
                          IHCDA-E-3, Articulation Application  
                          IHCDA-E-4, Postsecondary Opportunities Chart  
                          IKF, Graduation Requirements