



COLORADO
Department of Education

Early College Students

2014-2015 Student October Count

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Definition

- Early college means a secondary school that provides only a curriculum that is designed in a manner that ensures that a student who successfully completes the curriculum will have completed either an associate's degree or 60 credit hours toward the completion of a postsecondary credential.

2014-2015 Early Colleges

- **The following is a list of the recognized Early Colleges for the 2014-2015 school year:**
 - Chavez-Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy
 - Southwest Early College
 - Mapleton Early College High School
 - Colorado Springs Early Colleges
 - Early College of Arvada
 - Colorado Early Colleges Ft. Collins
 - Early Colleges High School
 - Early College Douglas County

Funding Eligibility

- **College courses only:** Based on the definition of an Early College, students enrolled in an Early College and taking only college courses for both high school and college credit must be enrolled in at least seven credits hours for full-time funding or three credit hours for part-time funding
- **High School courses only:** A student enrolled in classes for high school credit or college preparatory classes must be scheduled for a minimum of 360 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact time for full-time funding or a minimum of 90 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact time for part-time funding.
- **High School and College courses:** Must meet a combination of funding requirements for both course types.
 - Full-time funding eligibility would require both:
 - Part-time at high school (90 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact)
 - Part-time at the college (3 semester credit hours)

Audit Documentation

- If the student is scheduled for classes at or through an institution of higher education, the district must provide the following documentation:
 - Transcript or other documentation from the institute of higher education showing the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled
 - Attendance documentation from the institute of higher education

Early College Example

Sally Strawberry is enrolled at an early college and is taking only college courses. The courses are offered at the college in her town and not at the district school. How many credits must Sally be enrolled in for full time funding, and what documentation should her school district be prepared to provide?

Early College Example

Sally Strawberry is enrolled at an early college and is taking only college courses. The courses are offered at the college in her town and not at the district school. How many credits must Sally be enrolled in to be full-time, and what documentation should her school district be prepared to provide?

Sally should be enrolled in at least seven credit hours for full time funding, and the district will need to provide documentation to show how many credit hours Sally is enrolled in, as well as attendance documentation from the college.

Questions?

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Thank you!