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TO: State of Colorado Early College School Applicants

FROM: Secondary Initiatives Team, Colorado Department of Education

RE: Early College Application

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Early colleges as designated by §22-35-104(10) 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 sixty credits toward the completion of a postsecondary credential.

The process for a secondary school to request designation as an early college, after May 21, 2009, from the state board of education is as follows:

- Submission of full agreement with authorizing district or institute, including curriculum
 - Curriculum must outline the path for a student to complete an associate's degree or 60 credits toward a postsecondary credential
- Signed board resolution from authorizing district or institute.

Note: Early colleges are exempt from providing a cooperative agreement with an institution of higher education prior to state board approval.

To initiate an early college designation request, please submit the above documentation to Misti Ruthven, secondary initiatives manager, to ruthven_m@cde.state.co.us.

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