\*NOTE: The student/family is responsible for payment of books and fees. It is important for students to pass these college class with a C or better. Any grade below a C mean you will need to repay the entire cost of tuition for the course(s) your student attempted. It is possible for students to graduate high school with an Associate's Degree or professional certificate at the same time! To accomplish this, they need your encouragement and support.

### What is college or postsecondary education?

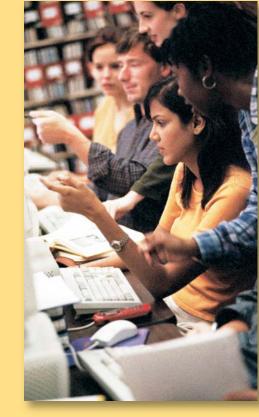
There are many occupations that require employees to have a certificate or degree in order to meet the minimum skill set for the job; this is called postsecondary education. This means additional years of instruction past a high school diploma and that generally results in a certificate or degree.

To earn the appropriate certificate or degree for their career goal, students must first be accepted into the school that offers the certificate or degree. Each school type requires different proof that the student will successfully complete the postsecondary coursework and then be able to meet the skill level needed for employment for that occupation

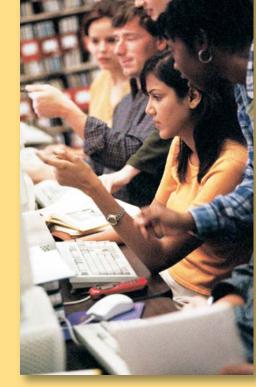
The best way to make sure that your student will be able to pursue any career he or she wants is to start early in preparing them for college, even if they do not currently plan to go.

As a parent, it is important that you get as much knowledge as possible about the process and what resources are available to you to help. The District supplies many FREE resources that help keep you informed and connect you with other professionals who are also available to help you and your student.

The District Community and Education Specialists organize campus tours every semester. The entire family is welcome to go on campus with your student. You will have a tour of the campus and there will be campus staff to answer all of your questions. Every college has an admissions office and it is the job of the staff to welcome you and your family, show you around campus and answer your questions.



GET COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE STILL IN HIGH



**HOW TO EARN** | For additional information, please contact **COLLEGE CREDIT** your school counselor, Community and WHILE STILL IN Education Specialist or the Future Center

### **Future Center**

(located within Westminster High School) 6933 Raleigh Street Westminster, CO 80030 p: 303.657.3929 e: futurecenter@adams50.org

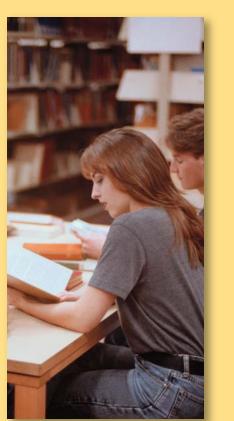
POSTSECONDARY AND **WORKFORCE READINESS** 

> **HOW TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL**

Parents Guide



# WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL



**College is Possible:** A Guide for Parents

HOW TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

A high school education is no longer adequate for most jobs in today's economy.

Increasingly, U.S. employers complain that today's young adults are not equipped with the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century workforce. In 2006, the Conference Board and three other organizations issued Are They Ready to Work? Based on a survey of several hundred employers, the report concluded that "Far too many young people are inadequately prepared to be successful." The authors were especially scathing regarding high school graduates, concluding that more than half were "deficient" in such skills as oral and written communication, critical thinking and professionalism.

Solid preparation for employment involves a good education. In addition to helping your student successfully complete high school, Adams County School District 50 is also helping your student complete college. Family support is the number one reason for student success in education. Remember, you are your student's first and most important teacher. Together, we can make a great future possible for your student.

Did you know?

The District honors the academic efforts of your students by paying for college classes while they are still in high school. Courses are offered through Front Range Community College, Emily Griffith Technical College and Metropolitan State University.

This program is called Concurrent Enrollment. This means students take college courses while they are still completing high school. If students earn 12 college credits before the end of their senior year of high school, they are then eligible to attend a full year of college for free through the ASCENT program. To be eligible to participate in Concurrent Enrollment, students need to meet these criteria:

- 1. Be a junior or senior in high school
- 2. Be on grade level, on-track to graduate (not requiring any remediation)
- 3. Have excellent attendance
- 4. Have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average
- 5. Be able to demonstrate how the courses they want to
- take are needed for their career

6. Successfully pass the college entrance exam or score

well on the ACT

SCHOOL!

recommendations letters in the future! ☐ Greet your professors! They'll be writing your diploma in mind! ☐ Embrace the college adventure and keep your college Get involved in your school or community scholarships ☐ Earn a high GPA so you can apply for more Learn to manage your time ☐ Find a mentor who can help you ☐ Join the orientation activities at your new school

meet with an advisor ☐ Find out when you need to register for classes and check your new college's e-mail account because blogs, websites about your future school. Regularly year. Learn as much as you can via Social Media, to expect and how to be successful during your first doing to college, talk to college students about what ☐ Stay motivated and positive! If you are worried about Learn to read a college syllabus.

procedures required for new students. Go through the Student Handbook and all the Go to your orientation classes or bridge programs you can take ☐ Find out if your future college has any summer

☐ High School Graduation!!! enroll in your school of choice. Don't forget to pay your deposit to confirm you will mean you can't ever get there! ■ Not getting into your top choice school does not your applications to colleges.

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☐ Review your financial aid offers and the outcome of high enough. ☐ Re-take the ACT exam if your previous score is not YsM\linqA

□ Apply to scholarships & keep your GPA up! income for the FAFSA) requests for additional information (like verification of do not miss the Financial Aid deadlines or important ☐ Monitor your college applications/admissions so you make sure it was processed properly Check the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA to

☐ Apply to scholarships & keep your GPA up! Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before ☐ Use your parent's/your taxes to fill out the Free ☐ Remind your parents/guardians to do their taxes

☐ Apply to scholarships & keep your GPA up! Colorado resident. ☐ Apply to the College Opportunity Fund if you are a

seem too expensive).

school and don't forget private schools even if they least 1 stretch school, 1 realistic school, 1 safety ☐ Apply to your ideal list of colleges and universities (at

scholarships requires one. ☐ Do a practice interview in case your college/ you do not miss any deadlines. Organize the list of scholarships you will apply to so applications you need with their due dates. personal statement along with a list of the recommendation and give them your resume and

☐ Ask mentors or teachers to write a POSITIVE letter of ☐ Finalize a cover letter and essay or personal Jobs, awards, honors and GPA.

☐ Finalize a professional resume with your activities, e-mail address. Have a professional online presence, voicemail and

 Check the credits required to graduate. Be at grade .tqə2\teugust

student is following this check list of activities for schedule, graduation is guaranteed. Make sure your your student. When he or she prepares and keeps on The senior year is very busy and very important for Senior Year

counselor to help get your student back on track ☐ If things are not going as planned, meet with a

tutoring services ☐ Students need to take advantage of on-campus Make sure all credits transfer ■ Make sure the future career pays what you borrow

Visit campus

ASAAA dJiw ☐ Plan to complete your taxes in the senior year to help needs to be ready

year – a lot happens that year so the whole family ☐ Make sure students are planning a timeline for senior Practice interviewing information. Don't forget to ask questions! college has an Admissions Office that offers tours and

fairs and talk to the school representatives. Each Visit colleges that interest your student or go to college ambitious grade level and college prep work. Students need to earn a GPA that reflects the most

personal statement to use senior year. Students need to draft a cover letter and essay or awards, honors and GPA. Create a professional resume with your activities, jobs,

the better your options. ☐ Do your best on the ACT exam. The higher your score, recommenders for applications.

□ Ask mentors or teachers you trust to serve as graduate. school. Make sure he or she has the credits required to ☐ Check your student's 2-year plan to graduate from high Junior Year

☐ Build awareness of values and culture to help your student be successful Be an active mentor by working with teachers and staff Explore career choices with your student ☐ Learn about FAFSA and ways to pay for college Attend college fairs and tours with your students A99 Agid s nistnism ot been stnebut? colleges or universities Investigate Summer Bridge Programs at different eadership Academy or volunteering

 Students need to stay active in clubs, sports, Youth Consider enrolling your student in Concurrent jugernational Baccalaureate (IB) classes or IB Diploma like enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP) or ■ Students should challenge themselves academically – Scholarship for 10th graders

 Students need to apply for the Access Opportunity TOA eth le Fiscourage your student to practice taking the ACT wakes an appointment with your counselor ☐ Make sure your student finds at least 1 mentor and pidh school

☐ Help your student create a 3 year plan to graduate from горрошоке кеяк

□ Ask your student about ICAP, GPA and his or her college Zesy involved in your student's academics ☐ Monitor the social media use of your student csn esm

☐ Help your student find awards and honors he or she taking a campus tour ☐ Learn about different colleges and universities by

☐ Review credits earned by your student ☐ Review scholarship sites and see how best to prepare financial aid Continue to save money for college and learn about

☐ Encourage students to find ways to volunteer and join help your student do well in high school ☐ Meet the guidance counselor and get advice on how to excellent attendance ☐ Make sure your student is on grade level and has ☐ Students need to practice taking the ACT exam

clubs and organizations they like

☐ Find at least 1 mentor from high school ☐ Help your student create a 4-year plan to graduate Егеѕһтап Үеаг High School

Talk with your students about choices and administrators Tour the high school and meet teachers, counselors

Technical Education, clubs, sports, arts and how to get Determination, Project Lead The Way, Career and International Baccalaureate, Advancement Via Individual prepare students for college like Academic Placement, learn about high school academic programs that Attend the Westminster High School Showcase event to ready for high school

☐ Talk with the counselor and get advice on how to get tor college ☐ Find out about high school courses that help prepare reading, writing and math skills ☐ If is important for students to continue to improve

will get ready! Plan (ICAP) outlining their career choices and how they ☐ Students begin their Individual Career and Academic study habits and attends school every day student stays on grade level, continues to develop good ☐ To take advantage of all options, make sure your

sud personality surveys to learn more about career ☐ Encourage your student to take career interest surveys ali careers

Commissioners' Career Expo to meet professionals in Make sure your student attends the Adams County Middle School

writing and speaking) □ Aim for your student to become truly bilingual (reading, regarding school and careers

Learn as much as possible about different careers and

☐ Find a mentor – someone able to offer good advice what sounds interesting

Help your student improve reading, writing and math brograms

Students need to participate in summer learning

activities, sports Students should get involved in clubs, volunteer Stay involved in your student's education

Spare your values and culture Learn about colleges and financial aid Communicate with your student about college plans ☐ Start saving for college data notebooks about academic progress

☐ Check to see if your student is maintaining the student level and attend school every day ■ Work to develop good study habits, stay on grade Elementary School

your student. Here is a checklist of additional ways you can help ministered in the District in the junior year of high school.

the average score, the better for choices. This test is ad-

18 on the ACT. The Colorado average is 20. The higher

scholarships often depend on achievement of at least an ACT – colleges have minimum entrance scores and taking remediation courses. Students must score at college level in order to avoid to take the math, English and reading placement tests.

proven academic proficiency. There are a few tests that Many colleges determine who they admit based on Testing is Important

ACCUPLACER – the community colleges require students

throughout postsecondary experience. demic growth and maturity, attributes that are needed throughout high school. An upward trend shows acathey also look to see if the GPA increased year-to-year that is why schools not only focus on the overall GPA, College requires personal discipline to be successful and good grades is going to class every day.

lum and good grades every year. A key factor in getting be looking for courses that show a challenging curricufrom your student's high school at application. They will Just about every school will request an official transcript Your student's grades and course choices are important. The Importance of the transcript

ples of winning essays and to get support. can possibly be. Come to the Future Center to see samthis process so that the final submission is the best it it for you. Find a mentor in the District to help you with sure to carefully proofread it or ask others to proof read other applicants. Show it to others for feedback and be

because it is their chance to stand out from all of the This is the most important part of the college application Remember, grammar, punctuation and spelling count! events that have made them the people they are today. of his or her background, obstacles overcome, special statement". It needs to offer a deep and personal view brocess. This essay should be his or her "personal to write a college essay as part of the admissions In addition to the application, your student may be asked

your student transition into college and be successful in

| Keep in mind                                                                                                                                         | Provides these<br>benefits                                                                                                                                         | Offers                                                                                                 | Consider                                                                            | wnat degree or<br>certificate do you<br>want?         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Program can last from five months to three years. Students who register for this program MUST be planning to enroll in ASCENT as a fifth year senior | Open enrollment<br>(most students are<br>accepted)                                                                                                                 | Training in varied fields<br>such as cosmetology,<br>auto body repair,<br>barbering and<br>esthetician | Vocational training<br>schools<br>Emily Griffith<br>Technical College               | Certificate of<br>specialization in a<br>career field |
| If transferring, make<br>sure credits will be<br>accepted at 4-year<br>school destination. To<br>do that, contact the<br>community college           | Open enrollment Transfer to 4-year schools Affordable Can prepare students to enter workforce immediately                                                          | Coursework in varied programs of study Specialized training in career fields                           | Community college<br>Front Range<br>Community College                               | Associate degree or certificate                       |
| Vow tuition usually vod toldsilsvs yloo siable to instance residents                                                                                 | Can prepare you for a career or graduate school Generally less expensive than private colleges                                                                     | Varied coursework<br>from liberal arts to<br>many specialized fields                                   | 4-year <i>public</i> colleges<br>& universities<br>Metropolitan State<br>University | Bachelor's, master's,                                 |
| Cost of attending can<br>be high                                                                                                                     | <ul> <li>Can prepare you for<br/>a career or graduate<br/>school</li> <li>May offer generous<br/>financial aid package<br/>that makes cost<br/>feasible</li> </ul> | Varied coursework from<br>liberal arts to many<br>specialized fields                                   | 4-year <b>private</b> colleges<br>& universities                                    | doctorate or<br>professional degree                   |

at graduation and on campus resources available to help obtain. You should know about job placement assistance expectations the training is making your student eligible to money you pay in tuition is in alignment with the salary and cons about the choices. You need to ensure that the When considering a college or trade school, come to the

Future Center and ask the staff to help you review the pros College Application Process 6. Class rank and graduating class size recognition or honors your student has received

4. Community service and/or work experience becon he or she is today student overcame adversity and how it shapes the some other essay asking to describe a time when your 3. A brief personal history essay, future plan essay or employers, pastors, teachers, counselors

2. Letters of recommendation from community leaders, 1. Transcript and ACT scores (ACT score needs to be at

students for items like these: ble to help afford college. The applications will ask ists are here to help you earn as much money as possi-

5. School activities, leadership positions, public

counseling office and Community and Education Specialare available the fall of you senior year. The District require a 3.0 or higher GPA. Timeline: most scholarships cation requires students write essays. Most scholarships ALL scholarships for which they are eligible. Every appli-

Scholarships are a competition. Students can apply for ble for FAFSA but you may be eligible for state or institu-

status. If your child is a DACA student, you are not eligi-FOR FREE. All students are eligible to apply regardless of The District provides FAFSA completion support to you information in order for your student to complete FAFSA. FAFSA completion. As parents you are required to give tax the senior year. Most colleges and scholarships require Priority for FAFSA completion is January to March 1st in students to use when attending college or trade schools. form at school). There is over \$150 billion available for to repay) or work-study (payment for a job students perloans (low interest loans), grants (money you do not need first step in seeing if financial aid is available in the form of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is your As a parent, you will also need to complete the FAFSA. The

take the time to learn about all scholarship opportunities time to apply. In your student's junior year of high school, scholarships go unfilled because students do not take the aid, state aid, institutional aid and scholarships. Many There are many ways to afford college. There is federal Affording College

available and begin to plan for those deadlines.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE:

http://www.coceal.org/

Novelas Educativas

College Board

More scholarships!

Advancement of Latinos

http://www.tgslc.org/spanish/

http://www.aie.org/spanish/

Adventures in Education

Colorado Coalition for the Educational

http://www.novelaseducativas.com/

http://www.collegeboard.com/padres/

tor college and the college transition process:

education, come visit the Future Center!

Summer classes to graduate faster

or professional interests

☐ Fraternities/Sororities

Study abroad

tutoring, advising, mentoring

Additional sources of information regarding preparation

To learn more about how to get the most out of

☐ Representing your new college to future students

Giving back to future college students from your high

first year and/or low-income and first generation

Conferences based on leadership, careers, research

Campus resources such as mental health, exercise,

honors/sports/culture OR start a new club

College student clubs based on major/interests/

career interests and internship opportunities

Go to your college career center to learn about your

☐ TRIO or Student Support Services or other help for

## **How to Earn College Credit while still in High School**

Adams County School District 50 is committed to helping students prepare for their professional careers after graduation. To that end, the District will support college course completion that is in direct alignment with the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) of the student. These courses must be in support of postsecondary coursework leading to or required to obtain a professional certificate, Associate's Degree or core elective postsecondary requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Students on track to graduate and meet the District requirements have multiple ways to earn college credit while

still in high school. In fact, through the ASCENT program, a student on track to graduate, who has successfully completed at least 12 college credits before the end of the senior year, can enroll in college full time in the "fifth year" of high school. Students have the potential to graduate at the end of this "fifth year" with an Associate's Degree or Certificate in addition to the high school diploma.

Interested students need to complete all required and relevant courses offered within the District that align with their career plans. Once the student has taken all of the necessary courses

offered by the District, the District will approve and provide funding for students to enroll in and attend college level courses outside of the District. To be enrolled in these courses, a formal application process is in place to ensure that students are truly ready for the demands of college work, have already taken the proper prerequisite courses, understand the academic and financial impact of not passing a college level course with a C or better and that parents of these students understand the long-term impact of poor grades as well.

Any student who does not pass a college level course as part of

Concurrent Enrollment or ASCENT is obligated to reimburse the district for the cost of that course. Course fees and books are paid by the student, regardless. Pre-Collegiate and CU Scholar also requires student repayment for tuition, books and fees for non-attendance. Any student with a college/ postsecondary grade point average (GPA) less than 2.0 is not entitled to financial aid or scholarships at most higher education institutions and will, most likely, be placed on probation.

Students taking any college level courses need to be prepared to perform college level work since missing and/or failing class

has long-term impact.

To help better understand the differences between each of these programs, obtain the necessary application documents or learn more about what you need to do to be eligible to participate in any of these programs, please refer to the College Credit while in High School Program Overview grid and talk with your high school counselor or Community and Education

|                                    | GATEWAY TO COLLEGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | CONCURRENT<br>ENROLLMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CONCURRENT<br>ENROLLMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CONCURRENT<br>ENROLLMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | CU SCHOLAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | PRE COLLEGIATE                                                                                                                                                                                               | ASCENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | PROJECT LEAD THE WAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ADVANCED PLACEMENT                                                                                                                                                                 | CU SUCCEEDS                                                                                                                          |
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| WHERE                              | Front Range Community College (FRCC)<br>Westminster Campus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Metropolitan State University</b> (MSU)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Emily Griffith Technical College<br>(EGTC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FRCC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | CU Denver                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | CU Denver & Boulder                                                                                                                                                                                          | FRCC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Westminster High School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Westminster High School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Westminster High School                                                                                                                                                            | Westminster High School                                                                                                              |
| WHEN                               | <b>Semester 1, 2 &amp; Summer</b> (student must apply for summer school)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Limited to one class in the fall and one class in the spring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Summer                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Semesters 1 & 2, Junior & Senior yrs. only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                                                                    | Semesters 1 & 2                                                                                                                      |
| WHO IS IT DESIGNED FOR?            | Students, ages 16 - 20, who dropped out of school or at risk for dropping out. Students must read at the 7.5 grade level and have at least 6 high school credits. Students need to be able to attend school solely at FRCC and demonstrate internal motivation to change their lives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Students must be enrolled in 10th grade or higher, be less than 21 years old and meet the District and University's requirements for each course.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Students must be enrolled in 12th grade and be eligible for and plan to enroll in ASCENT in their 13th year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Students with a post-secondary plan who require courses that are not offered at WHS or HLHS. Also, students enrolled in FRCC courses taught by high school faculty at the high school are eligible.                                                                                                                                                                           | Seniors in High School (college bound, high-achieving first generation students). Students must have a cumulative GPS of 3.0 at the time of application, complete two years of math (Algebra 1 or higher) and have a B average or better, complete two years of English (one must be composition) with an average of B or better, commit to participating in Saturday Academies and attend all scheduled classes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Middle School through 12th grade in high school. This summer program is for first generation college students, it involves workshops, college field trips, ACT preparation, and two classes over the summer. | Students who have successfully completed 12 college credits by the end of their 12th grade year, who are on track to graduate high school, and who are willing to officially graduate high school one year late. ASCENT students are given the opportunity to enroll in college full time during this fifth year program. The expectation is that they graduate with both an associates degree or technical certificate and a high school diploma in this fifth year. If not, they should be very close to earning an associates degree or technical certificate, or have their first two years of general education credit earned by then. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Students can pursue the diploma program, meaning they will enroll in 6 advanced courses as well as core requirements for the IB diploma. Alternatively, students can enroll in up to three individual courses per year as "certificate" courses. For diploma students, a formal application process including letters of recommendation are part of the process.                                                                                                                                                                         | Advanced students in particular content areas of Biology, Chemistry, Language, Literature, US History, Art History and Calculus. AVID students are required to take one AP course. | This AP Biology course offers students 8 credit hours of college biology and lab through CU Denver.                                  |
| HOW COLLEGE<br>CREDIT IS<br>EARNED | Students must complete an application, have an interview with their parents/ guardian at the District and FRCC in order to apply. Once accepted by GTC and D50, students complete high school course requirements by taking full time college classes at FRCC. Students must complete Development Education requirements before taking transfer level college courses (done in Semester 1). They remain full time in college courses at FRCC Westminster until they have met all D50 high school graduation requirements and earned their high school diploma. | Students who successfully complete courses earn college credit.  The dual credit program allows students to earn a diploma while progressing toward a college degree or certificate. Accepted students take all of their courses at Metropolitan State University. The courses taken must be applicable to earning a degree or certificate. | Students enroll in Auto Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Esthetician or Barbering and earn their certificate within the two years of instruction.  The dual credit program allows students to earn a diploma while progressing toward a college degree or certificate. Accepted students take all of their courses at Emily Griffith Technical Col- lege. Enrolled students must be approved for one of the listed degree or certificate pro- grams and must be planning to enroll in ASCENT for the second year of instruction. | Community College (FRCC), complete the Accuplacer assessment test (or have qualifying ACT scores to be exempt), and complete all required Concurrent Enrollment paperwork. Students then register for approved FRCC courses for the semester through the FRCC eWOLF system. Students receive credit toward high school graduation upon completing courses with a C or higher. | Choices for courses include: Intro to Archeology Basic Biology Foundations of General Chemistry Core Chemistry: Chemistry for Consumer China and Chinese Fundamentals of Communication Intro to Media Studies Intro to Ethics Studies Core Composition I Telling Tales: Narrative Art in Lit/Film Intro to Environmental Science Environment, Society & Sustainability Intro to Arts Cultures of French Speaking Worlds World Regional Geography Intro to Urban Studies Physical Geology: Surface Processes Physical Geology: Internal Process Germany & the Germans US History to 1876 US History since 1876 Paths to the Present Math for Liberal Arts Algebra for Social Sciences & Business College Algebra Intro to Philosophy: Relationship of the Individual to the World Intro to Ethics & Society General Astronomy I Foundation of Physics Music Appreciation Intro to Political Science American Political Systems Intro to Religious Studies Intro to Sociology | As a high school junior or senior, students are able to take two classes over the summer.                                                                                                                    | Credit toward the 12 college credits can be earned through CU Succeeds, Pre Collegate or Concurrent Enrollment. Credits earned through AP or IB are only applicable if they have been transcripted on a student's college transcript.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Students take and successfully complete a full year PLTW course to earn 2 - 3 transcripted college credits.  Principles of Engineering Introduction to Engineering Design Aerospace Engineering Biotechnical Engineering & Architecture Engineering Design & Development Digital Electronics  Principles of Biomedical Sciences Human Body Systems Medical Interventions  Biomedical Innovation | Students are eligible to receive credit at universities upon successful completion of IB exams.  Colorado state law dictates that students who earn the diploma will start as a sophomore at any state/public school.  Even students who do not earn the diploma are eligible for college credit for passed exams in individual subjects.  Diploma students are awarded, on average, 12 credits per student.                                                                                                                             | Credit is awarded upon successful completion of the AP Exam.                                                                                                                       | Students take a full year course and are offered the option to purchase the college credit if they successfully complete the course. |
| EARNED                             | The dual credit program allows students to earn a diploma while progressing toward a college degree or certificate. Accepted students take all of their courses at FRCC. The program combines high academic expectations with one-on-one advising and support.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 College credit = .25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | credit in Adams 50 • 2 or 3 Co                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ollege credits = .5 credit in Adams 50 • 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | or 5 College credits = 1 credit in Adams 5                                                                                                                                                                   | 50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Students enroll in PLTW courses: Principles of Biomedical Sciences (PBS), Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions, Biomedical Innovation (BI), Intro to Engineering and Design (IED), Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, each course is worth 1 high school credit.                                                                          | Diploma students are awarded, on average, 12 credits per student. Up to 36 credits are possible. High school credit that can be earned is IB World Literature 2 credits, IB Math Studies 2 credits, IB Math (SL) 2 credits, IB Math (HL) 2 credits, IB Biology (HL) 1 credit, IB Physics (SL) 1 credit, IB History of the Americas (HL) 2 credits, IB Psychology (SL) 1 credit, IB Business & Manageent (HL, SL) 1 or 2 credits, IB Theatre (HL, SL) 2 credits, IB Music (SL) 1 or 2 credits, IB Spanish 2 credits, IB French 2 credits. |                                                                                                                                                                                    | Students earn high school credit when they successfully complete the learning targets for that course.                               |
| COLLEGE                            | Students are required to pass their class with a C or higher to receive college credit. The amount of credit earned depends on the student and the amount of time it takes to complete the high school coursework required for a diploma.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | they can enroll. Those en-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | toward their certificate.<br>Students can only enroll in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Up to 6 credits can be earned in the Multimedia program offered at WHS. Students who enroll in classes at the FRCC campus can earn credits for as many classes as District 50 approves.                                                                                                                                                                                       | Generally, students earn a maximum of three (3) college credits per semester for a total of six (6) college credits for both semesters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Full time students are required to take a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework each semester; Part time students must be enrolled in at least 3 but no more than 11 credits per semester. Maximum of 36 credits for a year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2 - 3 credits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Up to 36 credits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Course offerings are limited by the number of students eligible to take the course                                                                                                 | 8 credits - 4 per semester                                                                                                           |
|                                    | GTC is a scholarship program, and the District and FRCC partner to pay for the students tuition and books each semester. Students are required to pay for student fees unless they qualify for Free and Reduced lunch or Adams County workforce. Typically, student fees cost between \$100 - \$200.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | lege rate and the university                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Students pay for books, fees and testing costs associated with certification or licensing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Students pay fees and books.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Text books<br>Parking<br>Student ID                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | There is no fee for the college course, books or any other fees. They are all covered by the university.                                                                                                     | Students pay fees and books.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$102 per credit for tuition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Exam and Registration Fees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Exam fee                                                                                                                                                                           | \$300 per semester cost to students for transcripted credit - \$600 for the full year and 8 credits of biology and lab.              |