

Counting PTECH students in School District's Graduation Rate

Guidance from the Office of Postsecondary Readiness

[C.R.S. 22-35.3-103](#)(5) (*Technical changes relating to the operation of Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools*) states that:

(5) A p-tech school may have different high school graduation requirements from those of the local education provider or the host school. However, for purposes of applying the provisions of article 11 of this title 22 concerning school accountability and reporting graduation rates, a p-tech student will be counted in the local education provider's or host school's graduation rate in the year in which the student completes the local education provider's or host school's minimum graduation requirements. Nothing in this subsection (5) affects provisions relating to the funding of p-tech students pursuant to [section 22-35.3-104](#).

This new rule, which will become effective with the 2017-18 school year, will not change the existing requirements with regard to a PTECH student's high school diploma, in that a PTECH student's high school diploma cannot be dated and conferred to the student until he/she has completed the PTECH program. Also, the date of graduation on the PTECH student's official high school transcript must reflect the date that the student completes the PTECH program. Because PTECH funding for students enrolled in their 5th or 6th year is included in the PTECH school district's extended high school pupil enrollment, a PTECH student must still be classified as a high school student in order to be eligible to receive extended pupil enrollment funding.

Students completing their 4th year of high school, who have met their district's graduation requirements and are being retained for a 5th year to participate in an approved postsecondary program (including ASCENT and PTECH) should be reported in the district's End of Year data submission to CDE with an Exit Code of 90 and a Retention Code of 2. Please refer to the most recent Student Interchange File Layout at http://www.cde.state.co.us/datapipeline/inter_student for more details.