

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 Specialist.

	GATEWAY TO COLLEGE	CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	CU SCHOLAR	PRE COLLEGIATE	ASCENT	PROJECT LEAD THE WAY	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	CU SUCCEEDS
WHERE	Front Range Community College (FRCC) Westminster Campus	Metropolitan State University (MSU)	Emily Griffith Technical College (EGTC)	FRCC	CU Denver	CU Denver & Boulder	FRCC	Westminster High School	Westminster High School	Westminster High School	Westminster High School
WHEN	Semester 1, 2 & Summer (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 enrolled in bioscience engineering and/or civil engineering who decide to pay for elective credit for their high school coursework. The credit is earned at CU - Colorado Springs.	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 CREDIT IS 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 College. Enrolled students must be approved for one of the listed degree or certificate programs 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 Physical 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 Collegiate or Concurrent Enrollment. Credits earned through AP or IB are only applicable if they have been transcribed on a student's college transcript.	Students take and successfully complete a full year PLTW course to earn 2 - 3 transcribed 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.
HOW H.S. CREDIT IS 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 College credits = .5 credit in Adams 50 • 4 or 5 College credits = 1 credit in Adams 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 & Management (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. Credit that can be earned is AP English Language & Composition 1 credit, AP English Literature & Composition 1 credit, AP Statistics 1 credit, AP Calculus 1 credit, AP Biology 1 credit, AP Chemistry 1 credit, AP Physics 1 credit, AP United States History 1 credit, AP Art History 1 credit, AP Spanish 1 credit.	Students earn high school credit when they successfully complete the learning targets for that course.
HOW MUCH COLLEGE CREDIT CAN BE EARNED?	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.	Students are not limited in the number of credit hours they can enroll. Those enrolled in 9 credits or more must have health insurance and are required to participate in MSU's student health program.	Students must be able to attend all scheduled classes toward their certificate. Students can only enroll in the selected postsecondary courses which must be applicable to earning a degree or certificate.	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
COST TO STUDENT	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.	Students pay the difference between the community college rate and the university rate (approximately \$177.85 per credit hour); students pay books, fees and a \$25 application fee.	Students pay for books, fees and testing costs associated with certification or licensing.	Students pay fees and books.	Text books Parking 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 transcribed credit - \$600 for the full year and 8 credits of biology and lab.