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## Concurrent Enrollment

The Board believes that students who wish to pursue postsecondary level work while in high school should be permitted to do so. In accordance with this policy and accompanying regulation, high school students may receive course credit toward the fulfillment of high school graduation requirements for successful completion of approved postsecondary courses offered by institutions of higher education.

This policy and accompanying regulation do not apply to students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses pursuant to the Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program or a “dropout recovery program” pursuant to the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act (the Act). Students seeking to enroll in the ASCENT program or a dropout recovery program will ~~shall~~ work with district administrators and meet the Act’s applicable requirements.

### Definitions

For purposes of this policy and accompanying regulation, the following definitions will ~~shall~~ apply.

“Concurrent enrollment” means the simultaneous enrollment of a qualified student in a district high school and in one or more postsecondary courses at an institution of higher education.

“Qualified student” means a person who is less than 21 years of age and is enrolled in the 9th grade or higher grade level.

“Postsecondary course” means a course offered by an institution of higher education and includes coursework resulting in the acquisition of a certificate; an associate degree of applied sciences, general studies, arts, or science; and all baccalaureate degree programs.

"Institution of higher education" means:

- a. A state university or college, community college, junior college, or area vocational school as described in title 23, C.R.S.;
- b. A postsecondary career and technical education program that offers postsecondary courses and is approved by the state board for community colleges and occupational education pursuant to applicable state law; and
- c. An educational institution operating in Colorado that meets the Act's specified criteria.

## Eligibility

Qualified students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses at the district's expense and receive high school credit for such courses ~~must shall~~ follow the procedure accompanying this policy.

## Academic credit

Academic credit granted for postsecondary courses successfully completed by a qualified student ~~will shall~~ count as high school credit toward the Board's graduation requirements, unless such credit is denied.

High school credit ~~will shall~~ be denied for postsecondary courses that do not meet or exceed the district's academic standards. High school credit ~~will shall~~ also be denied for a postsecondary course substantially similar to a course offered by the district, unless the qualified student's enrollment in the postsecondary course is approved due to a scheduling conflict or other reason deemed legitimate by the district. Concurrent enrollment is not available for summer school.

## Agreement with institution of higher education

When a qualified student seeks to enroll in postsecondary courses at an institution of higher education and receive high school credit for such courses, the district and the participating institution ~~will shall~~ enter into a written cooperative agreement in accordance with the Act.

## Payment of tuition

The district ~~will~~ ~~shall~~ pay the tuition for up to 6 credit hours of postsecondary courses in accordance with the Act and the district's cooperative agreement with the institution of higher education. ~~successfully completed by a qualified student and for which the qualified student receives high school credit.~~ A qualified student may enroll in up to 6 credit hours of postsecondary courses per academic term.

~~The tuition paid by the district for the qualified student's successful completion of an approved postsecondary course will shall be in accordance with the Act and the district's cooperative agreement with the institution of higher education.~~ The institution of higher education may charge additional tuition and/or associated fees to the qualified student or the student's parent/guardian in addition to the tuition paid by the district.

~~Prior to paying the tuition for any qualified student, the district will shall require the student and student's parent/guardian to sign an agreement stating if the student fails or otherwise does not complete the postsecondary course for any reason without consent of the principal of the high school in which the student is enrolled, the student and/or the student's parent/guardian shall repay the amount of tuition paid by the district on the student's behalf.~~

## Transportation

The district ~~will~~ ~~shall~~ not provide or pay for the qualified student's transportation to the institution of higher education.

## Notice

Information about concurrent enrollment options ~~will~~ ~~shall~~ be made available to high school students and their parents/guardians on an annual basis.

Information about concurrent enrollment options and the benefits of participating in concurrent enrollment during high school will be provided to middle school students and their parents/guardians electronically at least once during the school year and at least once during the summer.

NOTE: State law requires the community college system, in collaboration with districts, to develop and provide informational materials to the parents of 6th-8th graders explaining the benefits of participating in concurrent enrollment programs in high school. At a minimum, the community college system must provide these

materials electronically at least once during the school year and once during the summer months, and may also provide the information through other appropriate means. C.R.S. 23-60-202.7.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(nn) (discussion of the requirements for and benefits of concurrent enrolment must be part of ICAP process)  
C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq. (Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act)  
C.R.S. 23-60-202.7 (requirement to provide information concerning concurrent enrollment to parents of middle school students)  
1 CCR 301-86 (State Board of Education rules regarding the Administration of the Concurrent Enrollment Program)

CROSS REFS.: IHBK\*, Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success  
IJNDAB\*, Instruction through Online Courses  
IKF, Graduation Requirements  
JFC, Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts