



Concurrent Enrollment, Dual Enrollment, and ASCENT:

How to Make the Most of YOUR Time & Money at Rocky

Start College NOW Through one of Rocky's Concurrent or Dual Enrollment Options!



Definitions

- ♦ **Concurrent Enrollment:** Earning College Credit in high school while PSD pays the college tuition
- ♦ **Dual Enrollment:** Earning College Credit in high school while Student/Family pays the college tuition
- ♦ **Advanced Placement:** Earning College Credit through Testing

Advantages of taking college and rigorous, college-level courses in high school:

- You may take more challenging or specialized courses in topics of particular interest
- You may get a head start on accumulating college credits that will save you tuition costs later
- You may finish your college program or degree more quickly because you will already have some college credits
- You are more likely to complete your college degree when you have taken rigorous classes in high school, even in situations where you don't earn college credits

Fill ALL 4 Years at Rocky!

Students have the opportunity to earn 80 credits/year at Rocky (during the normal school day), and only need 240 credits to graduate, so there is ample time for extra courses to explore careers and/or start earning college credits.

- Earn college credits at low cost or no cost
- Use your time to explore potential careers
- Increase your skills so you can avoid remediation at college

AP (Advanced Placement)

What is AP (Advanced Placement)? Advanced Placement (AP) is a program offering college-level curriculum and exams to high school students. American colleges often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores above a certain number on the exams.

Requirements to take course: Fulfill pre-requisite classes (when applicable).

Why take an AP course and test?

- 90% of U.S. Colleges recognize AP and offer credit for scores (usually scores of 3, 4, or 5)
- Ex: AP Test: Earn 3 credits for passing a test = \$98
CSU Tuition: 3 credits = \$1,400
Some students have saved \$10,000+ in tuition
- Students who take AP classes and exams—Even students who do NOT score a 3 or higher on the AP exam—are more likely to be successful in college!
- Shows challenge/rigor for college admissions
- Students *may* earn up to 15 credits for a single test! (depending on the test and the college they attend)

Why NOT take AP?

- Chance for college credit is dependent on a single test

Cost: Free to take the course. \$98*test (fee may be reduced for a student with financial need) *2020 rate, subject to change. Small course fee may apply.

AP Classes currently available at RMHS
(subject to change):

Business:

- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principals

Language Arts:

- Comp & Language
- Comp & Literature

Mathematics:

- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Statistics

Science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental
- Physics 1 & 2

Social Studies:

- Comparative Gov. & Politics
- Human Geography
- Modern European History
- Psychology
- US History
- US Government & Politics

Visual Arts:

- Art Studio

World Languages:

- French
- German
- Spanish



Dual Enrollment: CU Succeed

Students can earn college credit from University of Colorado, Denver through RMHS classes. CU approves courses based on curriculum content and teacher's education.

Cost: Currently \$77/credit hour (grants are sometimes available to subsize cost for students with financial need). Most courses are 3 credits.

Requirements: Complete pre-requisite courses (when applicable). Register and pay with CU (teacher will provide details)

Why take a CU Succeed course?

- Starts your college transcript
- Is "guaranteed transfer" within public Colorado colleges (with some exceptions when taken in "major" area)
- Frequently can transfer outside of Colorado, but varies by college.
- Huge financial savings over regular college courses
- EX: CU Succeed: Earn 3 credits = \$231. CSU Tuition: 3 credits = \$1,400 (some students have saved \$10,000+ in tuition)
- Grade is NOT dependent on a single test
- Cost of books is included.

Why NOT CU Succeed?

- More costly than AP testing.
- Low grades could affect your college transcript (at many colleges) and may affect scholarship, financial aid, etc.



Classes that offer college credit thru CU-Denver (subject to change):

Business: Business Leadership
Marketing Leadership

Language Arts: British Lit and Comp

Math: AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Calculus 3
College Algebra
College Trig

Science: Advanced Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Chemistry

Social Studies: AP European History
AP Psychology
AP US History

Concurrent Enrollment: Hands-on Career Exploration



Summary	Front Range CC Career Pathways Students attend a year-long course at FRCC, specifically for high school students, while also attending RMHS.	Futures Lab Students attend a semester-long or year-long course (depending on the program) at the PSD Futures Lab, specifically for high school students, while also attending RMHS.
Location	Larimer Campus (Shields and Harmony)	PSD Futures Lab at Prospect and Stover
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Juniors/Seniors who are in good standing at RMHS. • Application process—due mid-February. • Some programs require the Accuplacer test, ACT or SAT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-register in February (for the following year) • New programs expected to start in 22-23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Advanced Manufacturing *Forestry, Wildlife & Ecological Studies
Cost:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50—\$100 fees for the year, plus some courses need additional materials. • Transportation is provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation is provided.
Why take:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to earn 7-10 college credits throughout the school year at no additional cost. • Extremely low cost option. • Students may earn an industry certification. • Great way to explore a career option—hands on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to earn 1-6 college credits through Aims, FRCC, and/or CSU, depending on the program • Students may earn an industry certification. • Extremely low cost option. • Great way to explore a career option—hands on.
Why NOT take:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes the place of 20 credits (in AM) or 40 credits (in PM) at RMHS. • Some college admissions may not consider this program “high rigor” • Credits generally do not transfer to a 4-year degree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes the place of 40 credits (year-long) or 20 credits (semester-long) at RMHS. • Some college admissions may not consider this program “high rigor” • Credits may not transfer to a 4-year degree.
Courses available (subject to change):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Automotive Technology *Welding & Metal Fabrication <p>Programs are in their final year and will no longer be available starting fall 2022.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Audio Production & Management *Aviation *Business Incubator *Coding *Culinary & Hospitality *Design Build *Education *Multimedia & Graphic Design *Networking & Cybersecurity

Concurrent Enrollment: High School Select: FRCC at RMHS



High School Select courses are taught on Rocky's campus by Rocky's staff. These courses have been approved to allow students to earn high school and college credits through Front Range Community College.

Requirements:

Application process with FRCC & PSD
Some courses require testing: Accuplacer Test, ACT or SAT

Why Take:

Free option
No fees, books, or transportation are required

Why NOT take:

Low grades will start your college transcript (at many colleges) and may affect scholarship, financial aid, etc.

Courses currently available (subject to change):

Business:

- Complete Web Authoring
- Personal Finance
- Principles of Marketing
- Social Media for Business

Family & Consumer Science:

- Catering 2
- Interior Design 2

Language Arts:

- Intro to Lit/English Comp
- Teacher Cadet I and II

Math:

- Pre-Calculus
- Survey of Calculus

Performing Arts:

- Select Ensembles

Social Studies:

- American Government

Technical Education:

- SolidWorks/Mechanical
- Advanced Solidworks
- Mechanical Design I

World Language:

- German 4 & German 5
- Spanish 4 & Spanish 5

Concurrent Enrollment: Campus Select at FRCC

Students may take courses at the college campus that align with their career plans and are reflected in their ICAP 5-year plan. These courses must be pre-approved (in April/May for fall courses and October/November for spring courses). Students earn high school and college credit.



Requirements:

- Application process
- Be in good standing at RMHS
- Additional requirements may be in place including prerequisites, GPA, or test score minimums

Cost:

- Tuition is paid by the district. Student/family must pay additional costs: transportation, books, and fees, etc. (Grants may be available to subsidize costs.)

Why Take:

- Extremely low cost option
- Great way to go further in a content area than what is available at Rocky, or to take courses that we don't have available
- Lots of options for an independent, driven student

Why NOT Take:

- Limits chances for other courses at RMHS.
- Credits may or may not transfer to a 4-year degree.
- Low grades could affect your college transcript (at many colleges) and may affect scholarship, financial aid, etc.
- There is less class time at FRCC than RMHS—it can be more difficult (but isn't always) to get the help needed for courses. Requires students to research courses, apply, and register independently. There is no "set program."

Dual Enrollment: Colorado State University



Students may elect to take courses thru CSU to earn high school and college credit. Students will be responsible for 100% of the tuition, fees and books associated with the class.

Requirements:

- Application process at CSU
- Additional requirements may be in place including prerequisites, GPA, or and test score minimums

Cost:

- All tuition, transportation, books, and fees at the student's responsibly.

Why Take:

- Great way to go further in a content area not available at Rocky
- Lots of options for an independent, driven student

Why NOT Take:

- Limits chances for other courses at RMHS.
- Low grades could affect your college transcript (at many colleges) and may affect scholarship, financial aid, etc.
- There is less class time than RMHS—it can be more difficult (but isn't always) to get the help needed for courses.
- Requires students to research courses, apply, and register independently. There is no "set program."
- No discount for students, no access to financial aid

ASCENT is the "5th Year high school" program. After completing high school, students can take courses for one year, full-time, at FRCC or AIMS Community College, TUITION FREE.

Requirements:

- Must have 12 college credits before completing high school (AP scores may be transcribed by a college) with a 2.0 GPA
- Must not show need for remediation (through SAT or ACT subscores or Accuplacer testing)
- Be a full-time RMHS student senior year.
- Complete application process during senior year

Concurrent Enrollment: ASCENT

Free year of tuition at FRCC or Aims CC!

Why take:

- Low cost option.

Why NOT take:

- Program funding is not determined until after graduation.
- No access to federal student aid during this year.
- Costs vary and include fees, books, transportation.

