



Concurrent Enrollment, Dual Enrollment, and ASCENT:

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

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
- Increase your skills so you can avoid remediation at college
- Use your time to explore potential careers
- Take advantage of smaller class sizes and more time in class to learn



CU Succeed
University of Colorado Denver



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:

- Take more challenging or specialized courses in topics of particular interest
- 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
- Prior college credits may transfer toward a degree or allow you to skip introductory courses giving you more flexibility to study abroad and/or complete an additional major or minor
- In some cases, you may even earn a certification or an Associate's Degree prior while in high school, or finish your college program or degree more quickly
- Save money!

CU Succeed* = \$75/credit

FRCC College Now* = \$0 (PSD pays tuition & fees)

AP Test* = \$96 (can lead to as many as 15 credits)

*High School related programs

Arizona State University \$960/credit (out of state tuition)

Colorado State University = \$428/credit (in state tuition)

Front Range Community College \$153/credit (in state tuition)

Will credits transfer?

- GT (Guaranteed Transfer) Pathways courses, in which the student earns a C- or higher, will transfer and apply to GT Pathways requirements in AA, AS and most bachelor's degrees at every public **Colorado** college and university. GT Pathways does not apply to some degrees (such as many engineering, computer science, nursing and others [listed here](#)). You should always seek advising from the appropriate advisor at the college or university you plan to attend to ensure you are selecting the appropriate coursework for your degree and that it will apply to those degree requirements.
- Some of our courses are not GT, and transferability will be dependent on the college and major a student chooses. Often a class will transfer as an elective credit but won't fulfil a specific degree requirement.
- Students considering **out of state** colleges may find more information at transferology.com about the likelihood of transferring. For the best information, get advising from the appropriate advisor at the college or university you plan to attend.
- Credit from AP testing is very likely to be accepted by **in state** and **out of state** colleges alike. Students are encouraged to take the AP exam if considering out of state colleges, especially selective colleges.
- Students considering pursuing a degree **internationally** are highly encouraged to take AP exams. While it may not lead to transferable credit, it usually to help with the admissions process.



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). Register and pay for test, if desired.

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
- AA & AB

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 & Design

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

Business: Business Leadership
Marketing Leadership

Lang. Arts: British Lit and Comp
Media Analysis

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 US History
We the People

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 for college credit placement: Accuplacer Test, ACT or SAT

Why Take:

No additional fee for college credit (small course fee may apply),
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, and may be dependent on teacher or section):

Business:

- Web Design Foundations
- 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 (senior year only)

Social Studies:

- American Government
- AP Psychology

Technical Education:

- Advanced Solidworks
- Mechanical Design I
- SolidWorks/Mechanical

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. Students must complete PSD paperwork and get these courses pre-approved (in April/May for fall courses and October/November for spring courses). Students earn high school and college credit.

Requirements:

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



Cost:

- Tuition, fees, and book rental are paid by the district. Student/family must pay any additional costs: transportation, uniforms or tools, 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 through CSU to earn high school and college credit.

Requirements:

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

Cost:

- PSD will pay the community college tuition rate toward classes. The remainder of CSU's tuition rate plus transportation, books, and fees are the student's responsibly. Est. family cost is \$1500/course

Why Take:

- 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." Only a small discount for students, no access to financial aid



Concurrent/Dual Enrollment: Futures Lab

- **Location:** PSD Futures Lab at Timnath HS
- **Requirements:** Pre-register in February (for the following year)
- **Why Take:** Low cost option.
- Potential to earn 1-6 college credits through Aims, FRCC, and/or CSU, depending on the program
- Students in some programs may earn an industry certification
- Great way to explore a career option—hands on
- **Why NOT take:**
- Takes the place of 40 credits (year-long) or 20 credits (semester-long) at RMHS, limiting access to other courses at Rocky
- Some selective college admissions may not consider this program "high rigor"
- Credits may not transfer to a 4-year degree.
- Low grades in the college credit will start your college transcript (at many colleges) and may affect scholarship, financial aid, etc.

Programs available:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Audio Production & Management
- Aviation
- Business & Innovation
- Coding
- Culinary & Hospitality
- Design/Build
- Early Childhood Education
- Multimedia & Graphic Design
- Natural Resource Management
- Networking & Cybersecurity



See your counselor for more details on any of these programs.

5th or 6th Year Programs

Concurrent Enrollment: ASCENT

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, while PSD pays tuition, fees, and book rental.

Requirements:

- Must earn 9 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

Why take:

- Low cost option
- Is a great option for students who want to explore more before committing to a four-year college

- Often allows students to complete a certification or Associate’s Degree without paying tuition!

Why NOT take:

- No access to federal student aid during this year.
- Additional costs may include uniforms, transportation, tools, etc.
- Delays official HS graduation date by one year and ASCENT grades impact overall HS GPA (students walk in graduation with their original graduating class)



Concurrent Enrollment: TREP

TREP is a “5th/6th Year high school” program for future educators. The Teacher Recruitment Education Preparation Program allows students to take courses for two years, full-time, at FRCC or University of Northern Colorado, while PSD pays tuition, fees, and book rental after high school.

Rocky encourages all students who qualify to apply. TREP priority will include:

1. Low income students and/or students from traditionally underserved populations
2. Students who have participated in at least one secondary or postsecondary educator preparation course (Education Exploration, Teacher Cadet, etc.)
3. Students who have participated in education-related work-based learning experiences (e.g. peer helper, internships, apprenticeships, etc.)

Requirements:

- Must earn at least 3 college credits during senior year 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

Why take:

- Extremely low cost option
- Is a great option for students who want to avoid debt while planning to become an educator

Why NOT take:

- No access to federal student aid during this year.
- Additional costs may include transportation, housing, etc.
- Delays official HS graduation date by two years and TREP grades impact overall HS GPA (students walk in graduation with their original graduating class)

