



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

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

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



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 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)? The 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 examinations.

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.
- Requirements to take course:** Fulfill pre-requisite classes (when applicable) course fee may apply.

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

Business:

Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principals

Language Arts:

Composition & Language
Composition & Literature

Mathematics

Calculus AB
Calculus BC

Statistics

Science:

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1 & 2

Social Studies:

Comparative Government & Politics
Human Geography
Modern European History
Psychology
US History

US Government & Politics

Visual Arts:

Art Studio (3 courses)

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. Most courses are 3 credits (fees are NOT reduced for students with financial need)

Requirements:

- Complete pre-requisite courses
- 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 through CU-Denver (subject to change):

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

Business: Business Leadership
Marketing Leadership

Hands-on Career Exploration through

Concurrent Enrollment

Career Pathways PSD Futures Lab



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 Timberline
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 with your other classes.
Cost:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50—\$100 fees for the year, plus some courses need additional materials. • Transportation to FRCC campus is needed for the AM session. Transportation for the PM session 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 *Medical Careers *Welding & Metal Fabrication <p>All programs are in their final year and will no longer be available starting fall 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Advanced Manufacturing *Architecture, Construction, & Engineering *Audio Production *Aviation *Business *Coding *Culinary & Hospitality *Design Thinking *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

Requirements:

Application process with FRCC
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)

- 3D Modeling/Engineering Drafting 1 & 2
- Accounting 2
- Advanced Gourmet/Catering 2
- Engineering Drafting-3D Modeling
- Engineering Drafting 1
- Finance
- German 4 and German 5
- Interior Design 2
- Intro to Education /Exploration of Teaching
- Intro to Lit/English Comp
- Pre-Calculus
- Select Ensembles
- Spanish 4 & Spanish 5
- Social Media for Business
- Survey of Calculus
- Practicum I and II



more details on any of these programs.

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:

- Transportation, books, and fees. Tuition is paid by the district at the community college rate.

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

Concurrent Enrollment: ASCENT

Free year of tuition at FRCC!

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

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.

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