



# 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 tough classes in high school

## Start College NOW Through one of Rocky's Great Concurrent 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 = \$93  
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. \$93\*test (fee may be reduced for a student with financial need) \*\*2017 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



## CU Succeed/CU Gold Courses

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 Psychology  
AP US History

#### Business:

Business Leadership  
Marketing Leadership



# Career Pathways at Front Range CC



Students can attend a year-long course at FRCC specifically for high school students, while also attending RMHS.

<b>Program:</b>	Front Range CC Career Pathways
<b>Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larimer Campus (Fort Collins)</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Juniors/Seniors</li> <li>Application process—due mid-February.</li> <li>Be in good standing at RMHS.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50—\$100 fees for the year, plus some courses need additional materials</li> <li>Transportation to FRCC campus is needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Why take:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to earn 4-11 college credits throughout the school year.</li> <li>Students will be partway through a certificate program.</li> <li>Extremely low cost option.</li> <li>Great way to explore a career option—hands on.</li> </ul>
<b>Why NOT take:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits chances for other courses at RMHS.</li> <li>Generally not considered “high rigor” by college admissions.</li> <li>Credits generally do not transfer to a 4-year degree.</li> </ul>
<b>Courses available (subject to change):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Animal Technology</li> <li>*Automotive Technology</li> <li>*Culinary Arts (at FRHS)</li> <li>*Law Enforcement</li> <li>*Medical Careers</li> <li>*Welding &amp; Metal Fabrication</li> <li>*Wildlife, Forestry, &amp; Natural Resources</li> </ul>

## 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  
 Some courses require testing:  
 Accuplacer Test, ACT score or CCTP

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)

Accounting 2  
 Computer Applications 1  
 Engineering Drafting  
 French 4 & 5 (likely starting fall 2019)  
 German 4 & 5  
 Interior Design 2  
 Intro to Lit/English Comp  
 3D Modeling/Engineering Drafting 1 & 2  
 Spanish 5  
 Survey of Calculus (starting fall of 2019)  
 Teacher Cadet 1 & 2  
 Web Design 2



more details on any of these programs.

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).

Requirements:

- Application process
- Be in good standing at RMHS
- Additional requirements may be in place for students taking courses at CSU including GPA and test score minimums



Cost:

Transportation, books, and fees. Tuition is paid by the district at the community college rate. Students who attend Colorado State University are required to pay the remainder of the tuition 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.”

\*\*Please note: CSU only offers specific Mathematics and World Languages courses to high school students. The District pays the community college rate; students/parents incur the additional costs.

## 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, TUITION FREE.

**Requirements:**

- Must have 12 college credits before completing high school (AP scores do NOT count) with a 2.0 GPA
- Must not show need for remediation (through ACT sub-scores or Accuplacer testing)

- 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

*Free year of tuition at FRCC!*

