

## **Postsecondary Options/Concurrent Enrollment**

The Board believes that students who are capable of and wish to pursue college level work while in high school should be permitted to do so.

There are two options in state law available to high school students meeting specified criteria for post-secondary study. Any student participating in either of these programs shall be granted a high school diploma upon evidence that he has completed the required academic work.

### **Postsecondary program**

Any 11th or 12th grade student who is under the age of 22, based on the advice of his principal to be in need of course work at a higher academic level than that available at Creede Schools, will be eligible to apply to an institution of higher education for enrollment through the post-secondary options program. To be eligible, the high school must deem the student to be in need of a different environment. The student must have given two months written notice to the school district specifying the courses in which he intends to enroll.

Academic credit granted for course work successfully completed by a student under this program will count as high school credit toward graduation requirements unless the principal denies credit and the superintendent and the Board of Education uphold the denial on the basis that such credit is inappropriate. An appeal procedure is provided in the event a student is denied high school credit. A student participating in this program will still be considered as enrolled in the district and eligible for all high school activities.

The program is not available for summer school.

When a student enrolls in courses at an institution of higher education for high school credit, the school district and the participating institution shall enter into a written cooperative agreement that will include but not be limited to payment of tuition. The agreement will include statements that any courses taken by students under this program also will qualify as credit toward earning a degree or certificate at the institution of higher education.

The school district will not provide or pay for transportation to the institution of higher education.

The school district will pay the tuition for the first two postsecondary courses taken by a student for high school credit in any one academic term. The student and/or his parents shall pay the regular tuition charged by the institution of higher education for the third and each additional course per academic term.

If a student voluntarily drops a course without consent of his principal, the student or the student's parent/guardian will reimburse the school district for the amount of tuition paid by the district.

Information about the post-secondary options program, including the appeals procedure if high school credit is denied, will be distributed annually to all students in grades nine through 12 and to their parents. Notice will be given to allow sufficient time for students and parents to consider this option.

The Board will comply with all reporting requirements of the State Board of Education.

### **Fast track program**

Any student who has completed the requirements for graduation may take one or more higher education courses during his senior year. He will remain eligible for sanctioned high school activities if he meets the academic and residency qualifications.

The district will pay tuition for higher education courses in accordance with the formula in law. The district will not be responsible for the costs of transportation, room and board, fees, books or equipment.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-34-101  
C.R.S. 22-35-101 *et seq.*  
1 CCR 301-1, Rule 2202-R-3.10 (2)  
1 CCR 301-33, Rules 2235-R-1.0 *et seq.*

CROSS REFS: IKF, Graduation Requirements  
IHC, Extended Instructional Programs

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