

Concurrent Enrollment

The Board believes that students who wish to pursue post-secondary level work while in high school should be permitted to do so. In accordance with this policy and accompanying regulation, high school students may receive course credit toward the fulfillment of high school graduation requirements for successful completion of approved postsecondary courses offered by the institutions of higher education.

This policy and accompanying regulation do not apply to students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses pursuant to the Acceleration Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program or a “dropout recovery program” pursuant to the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act (CEPA). Students seeking to enroll in the ASCENT program or a dropout recovery program shall work with district administrators and meet the Act’s applicable requirements.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy and accompanying regulation, the following definitions shall apply.

“Concurrent enrollment” means the simultaneous enrollment of a qualified student in a district high school and in one or more post-secondary courses at an institution of higher education.

“Qualified student” means a person who is less than 21 years of age and is in the 9th grade or higher and is enrolled in the Garfield RE2 School District.

“Postsecondary course” means a course offered by an institution of higher education and includes coursework resulting in the acquisition of a certificate; an associate degree of applied sciences, general studies, arts, or science; and all baccalaureate degree programs.

“Institution of higher education” means:

A state university or college, community college, junior college, or area vocational school as described in title 23, C.R.S.;

A postsecondary career and technical education program that offers postsecondary courses and is approved by the state board for community colleges and occupational education pursuant to applicable state law; and

An educational institution operating in Colorado that meets the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act’s specified criteria.

An “academic term” means one semester of study.

Eligibility

Qualified students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses at the district's expense and receive high school credit for such courses shall follow the procedure accompanying this policy in IHCD-R.

Academic credit

Academic credit granted for course work successfully completed by a qualified student shall count as high school credit toward the Board's graduation requirements, unless such credit is denied.

High school credit may be denied in the following circumstances:

- High school credit may be denied for postsecondary courses that do not meet or exceed the district's academic standards.
- High school credit may be denied if the classes are not on the list of approved postsecondary courses created by Garfield Re-2 and Colorado Mountain College.
- High school credit may be denied for a postsecondary course substantially similar to a course offered by the district.
- High school credit may be denied if the course is not a part of the student's Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP).

Exceptions may be granted if there is a scheduling conflict or other reason deemed legitimate by the school administration or designee.

High school credit shall be denied in the following circumstances:

- High school credit shall be denied for courses offered during summer school.
- High school credit shall be denied if the family chooses to enroll the student in CMC classes without following the CEPA application process outlined in IHCD-A-R. Furthermore, the district will not pay for CMC courses if the family enrolls the student in a CMC course without following the CEPA application process outlined in IHCD-A-R.

Agreement with an institution of higher education

When a qualified student seeks to enroll in postsecondary courses at an institution of higher education and receive high school credit for such courses, the district and the participating institution shall enter into a written cooperative agreement in accordance with the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act.

Payment of tuition and enrollment

If the courses are taught by a CMC professor and the school district is charged tuition, Garfield Re-2 will pay for a qualified student to enroll in up to two postsecondary courses per academic term.

A student shall apply to an administrative review panel if:

- they are on a collegiate or certified pathway and
- they would like the district to pay for more than two concurrent enrollment classes in a semester.

The administrative review panel shall consist of counselors, administrators from each school, the Superintendent or designee, and a Board of Education member.

Students who are homeschooled, who attend a private school, or who live outside of the Garfield Re-2 School District boundaries may also apply to the administrative review panel to participate in concurrent enrollment classes through Garfield Re-2.

Because the district is not charged concurrent enrollment tuition for classes taught by Garfield Re-2 teachers on Garfield Re-2 campuses, there is no limit to the number of postsecondary courses in which a student enrolls as long as the following conditions are met:

- the district is not charged tuition for the postsecondary classes,
- the classes are on the approved CEPA list,
- the student follows the application process,
- the classes are on the student's ICAP, and
- the counselor approves.

The tuition paid by the district for the qualified student's successful completion of an approved postsecondary course shall be in accordance with the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act and the district's cooperative agreement with the institution of higher education. The institution of higher education may charge additional tuition and/or associated fees to the qualified student or the student's parent/guardian in addition to the tuition paid by the district.

Prior to paying the tuition for any qualified student, the district shall require the student and student's parent/guardian to sign an agreement stating if the student fails or otherwise does not complete the postsecondary course for any reason without consent of the principal of the high school in which the student is enrolled, the student and/or the student's parent/guardian shall repay the amount of tuition paid by the district on the student's behalf.

Transportation

The district shall not provide or pay for a qualified student's transportation to the institution of higher education.

Notice

Information about concurrent enrollment options shall be made available to high school students and their parents/guardians on an annual basis.

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LEGAL REFS.:

C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(nn) (*discussion of the requirements for and benefits of concurrent enrollment must be part of ICAP process*)
C.R.S. 22-35-101 *et seq.* (*Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act*)
1 CCR 301-86 (*State Board of Education rules regarding the Administration of the Concurrent Enrollment Program*)

CROSS REFS.:

IHBK*, Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success
IJNDAB*, Instruction through Online Courses
IKF, Graduation Requirements
JFC, Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts

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