



EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Home of the Phoenix

December 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 12/1/2017-12/18/2017 Accuplacer Progress Monitoring Window
- 12/1/2017 Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.
- 12/1/2017 Winter Formal, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- 12/4/2017 School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 12/12/2017 Last Day for Traditional Schools Career Pathways Finals for CP on this Day (Extension opportunities will still be provided for students at the RJWAC)
- 12/13/2017 No PLC Wednesday (Finals at Traditional High Schools Begin Today)
- 12/13/2017 No PLC Wednesday, EC Final · FINAL 1, 7:30-9:05; Period 2, 9:10-9:57; Period 3, 10:01-10:48; Period 4, 10:52-11:39; Lunch, 11:39-12:09; Period 5, 12:13-1:00; Period 6, 1:04-1:51; Period 7, 1:55-2:42
- 12/15/2017 ALL CP FINAL GRADES WILL BE POSTED BY 3:00 P.M. FOR ALL CP STUDENTS.**
- 12/14/2017 EC Finals · FINAL 2, 7:30-9:05; FINAL 3, 9:10-10:45; FINAL 4, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 12/15/2017 EC Finals · FINAL 5, 7:30-9:05; FINAL 6, 9:10-10:45; FINAL 7, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 12/15/2017 End of 2nd Quarter; End of 1st Semester
- 12/15/2017 PPCC Fall Semester Ends (ECHS/RJWAC Campus)
- 12/17/2017 PPCC Fall Semester Ends (PPCC Campus)
- 12/18/2017-1/3/2018 Winter Break, District 11 Closed (Students)
- 12/18/2017-1/1/2018 Winter Break, District 11 Closed (Staff)
- 12/25/2017-1/1/2018 Winter Break, PPCC Closed
- 12/25/2017 Christmas Day

**Office &
Attendance
719-328-2020**

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719-328-2025**

**Counseling
719-328-2085**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Early College Families,

As we wrap up 1st semester and prepare for Winter Break, I want to take the time to reflect upon things that are positive in our school.

First, District 11 voters and parents chose to pass 3E at our November election. This is a HUGE win for all of our students and our staff, as it means that resources (such as our Counselor Corps Grant funded counselor position) will remain intact.

Next, Dr. Gledich and Human Resources approved our two science teacher FTE requests, which means that we are now in a position to solidify Horticulture as a Career Pathway moving forward into the 2018-2019 school year—while providing full time science access to all of our students at Early College.

Additionally, the Naming Committee convened on Wednesday, 11/15, and unanimously supported the request to submit the name Odyssey Early College and Career Options to the Board of Education for consideration in our request for a personal identity and brand. Now we wait for the BOE's "non-action" and "action items" meetings for their decision...

During our audit visit on 11/9, the Higher Learning Commission was pleased and impressed with our partnership with Pikes Peak Community College. They supported our work with students and we received extremely positive feedback regarding who we are and what we do.

Career Pathways continues to offer interesting Career Panels that are highly relevant to our students. The latest Career Panel offered in November involving the Colorado Springs hospitality community was well organized, beautifully executed, and very interesting. How fortunate I feel to get to work with individuals who are making exciting connections happen in our business community. I look forward to the next Career Panel on February 8 that will feature professionals who will speak to their field of visual and design arts.

The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs (North location) reached out to Early College & Career Pathways. Their correspondence with us proved fruitful as we now have a new partnership in place for providing additional job shadow and internship experiences, as well as scholarship opportunities for our students.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, CONTINUED...

A November tour and visit with Kosovo's Ministry of Education (they spent two hours visiting with us to learn about Early College & Career Pathways plus Adult and Family Education) was an exciting confirmation that Early College & Career Pathways teachers and staff impact the student community and the greater world in general.

Early College High School has a brand new Speech and Debate (also known as Forensics) Team coached by Mr. Zachary Alarcon, AVID teacher. Practice occurs on Mondays and Fridays after school until 4:15 in the Flex Room. Tournaments take place on Saturdays at Pikes Peak area high schools.

Winter Break is a time for students to sleep in, rest, and rejuvenate. If your child gets bored, encourage him or her to spend a few minutes each day on Khan Academy. This curriculum-rich website will assist your child in strengthening his or her skills in mathematics, grammar, science and social studies.

Stay warm, sip hot cocoa, and enjoy this holiday season.

Principal Umana-Arko



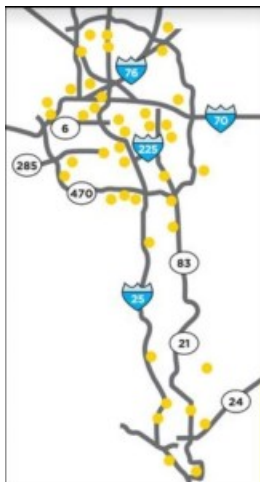
Angela McCullum and Kat Dumas, essay winners.

YOUNG CHAMPION AMBASSADOR ESSAY WINNERS

Kat Dumas's essay "What I Would tell the World about Colorado Springs" won first place for Early College High School. Angela McCullum's essay won second place. Kat will attend the Class of 2018 Ambassador Welcome Reception on Dec 7, where all of the new Ambassadors are introduced and welcomed in the evening's event (welcomed by the Mayor). The Leadership Phase will begin in January. Later in the YCA program, there will be a Recognition Banquet where each Ambassador will be recognized again and receive a certificate from the program. Congratulations to these winning writers!



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EARLY COLLEGE NAME CHANGE UPDATE

by Devra Ashby

Per Board Policy, FF, Naming of District Facilities, Properties and Assets, the District naming committee was convened on November 15, 2017 to consider bringing forward a recommendation to the Board of Education for the purpose of reassigning a school name to the Early College High School. The D11 naming committee, made up of staff, parents, and community members, reviewed the name submitted by Aurora Umana-Arko, principal, and Sean Norman, dean of students, Early College High School. The committee moved to bring the submission to the Board as a non-action item on December 13, 2017. The name of the submission to be considered is Odyssey Early College and Career Options (Odyssey ECCO).

The School District 11 Early College High School opened in August 2013 as the "Early College High School." As written in the justification for the naming submission, submitters feel this name is a designation, similar to "elementary," "middle," or "high school." Submitters feel a need to have a name that makes the school stand out from others, and prevent confusion with another school by a similar name in the city. As part of the process to determine a possible name submission, staff at the Early College High School solicited name ideas from students, parents/guardians, community members, and alumni. Everyone was invited to vote on the name ideas, and the one with the most votes, Odyssey Early College and Career Options (Odyssey ECCO), was submitted to the naming committee.

SPANISH CLASS PEN PALS

Congratulations to Spanish 111 and 112 classes on HUGE improvements on Spanish writing as evidenced by achieving proficiency in writing conventions IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE! Next semester pen pals will be required every other week instead of once a week.



ECHS FINALS SCHEDULE

The Early College High School Final Schedule is below. Please note the early dismissal time of 1:00 on Thursday, December 14, and Friday, December 15, 2017. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Early College High School Wednesday, December 13, 2017				Early College High School Thursday, December 14, 2017				Early College High School Friday, December 15, 2017			
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes	Period	Start	End	Minutes
FINAL 1	7:30	9:05	95	FINAL 2	7:30	9:05	95	FINAL 5	7:30	9:05	95
2	9:10	9:57	47	FINAL 3	9:10	10:45	95	FINAL 6	9:10	10:45	95
3	10:01	10:48	47	FINAL 4	11:20	1:00	100	FINAL 7	11:20	1:00	100
4	10:52	11:39	47	Early Dismissal				Early Dismissal			
Lunch	11:39	12:09	30								
5	12:13	1:00	47								
6	1:04	1:51	47								
7	1:55	2:42	47								

ATTENDANCE

Dear ECHS Families,

It is hard to believe that a whole semester is almost completed! In an effort to support your student's success at the end of the semester, I wanted to remind you that your student's attendance is of utmost importance. Many studies support that student attendance is one of the top key indicators of success. Simply put, if students are not present, they are not learning and grades are suffering. However, we understand that there are valid reasons for students to miss school. School Board Policy JH outlines those valid excused absences as:

1. Temporary illness.
2. A student who is absent for an extended period due to physical, mental, or emotional disability (includes residential treatment centers) can be excused by a school administrator if documentation is provided by a doctor.
3. A student to whom a current age and school certificate or work permit has been issued can be excused by a school administrator if documentation is provided.
4. A student who is pursuing a work-study program under the supervision of a public school can be excused by a school administrator if documentation is provided.
5. Absences related to school activities can be excused by school administration.
6. Absences due to severe weather conditions will be excused on a case-by-case basis by school administration.
7. A student who is in the custody of a court or law enforcement authorities will be excused by a school administrator or designee.
8. Absences related to military service and the Interstate Compact Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

We understand that not all situations are outlined above. In those cases, administrators are willing to work with families in unique situations that impact attendance. In the case that your student is chronically absent, you will be required to provide a doctor's note for documentation of illness. All missed school should be reported to the ECHS attendance secretary within 48 hours of the absence. Thank you again for supporting your student's success.

Sincerely,

Sean Norman

Dean of Students

Early College High School and Career Pathways





EDUCATING CHILDREN OF COLOR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Parents and students:

For information on how you can apply for scholarships, click the link below.

<http://www.educatingchildrenofcolor.org/scholarships.html>

LAPTOPS ARE BEING ISSUED TO EVERY STUDENT AT BEGINNING OF 2ND SEMESTER

When students return to school from Winter Break, they will be issued laptops to be utilized in school and at home for the remainder of the school year (Spring 2018). User Agreements will be sent home before the end of 1st semester.

Students will be expected to have their laptop user-agreements signed and turned in to Ms. Ladefoged at the same time that laptops will be distributed. Students will be expected to participate in the District 11 Laptop Insurance program, offered at a *pro-rated* rate of \$25 (rather than \$50) for regular lunch students, and on a sliding scale for free and reduced lunch students.

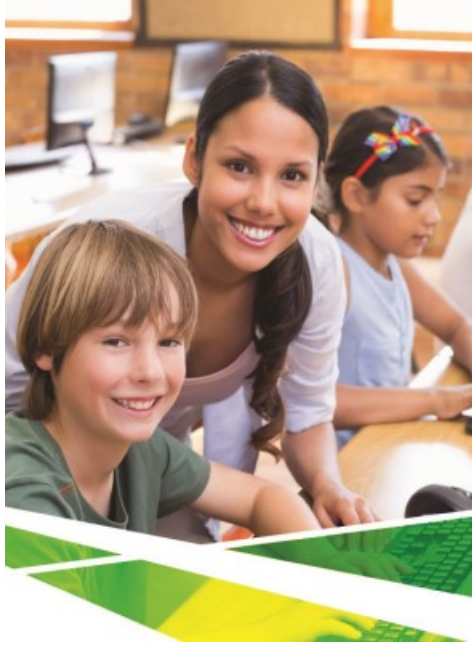
Because laptops will be issued to students, students will be expected to carry their laptops to every class throughout the Spring 2018 semester. Students should plan on charging their laptops at home the night before, so as to diminish the amount of charge time in class that will result.



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Teachers and Technology Program

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Eligibility - Full-time classroom teachers in public or private PreK-12 schools located in CenturyLink's residential service areas may apply for a Teachers and Technology Grant for the 2017-18 school year. Applicants do not have to be CenturyLink customers in order to apply for these grants.

Key Dates - Applications will be accepted October 1, 2017 until January 12, 2018. Grants will be announced and presented between April 1 and May 15, 2018.

Grants - CenturyLink will award approximately \$145,000 across Colorado. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Apply here - www.centurylink.com/teachersandtechnology

For more information, contact:
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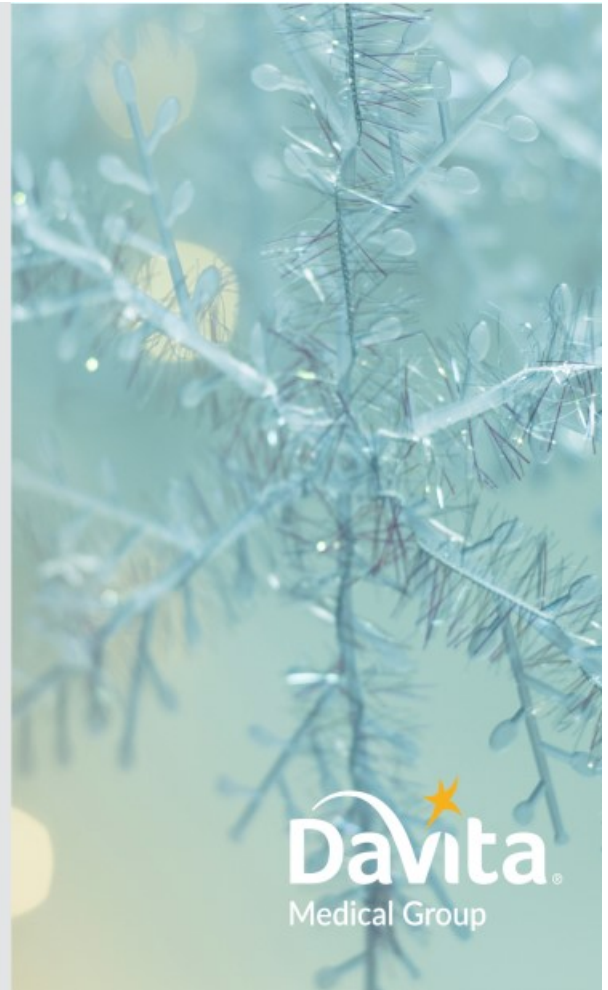
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STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Colorado Springs School District 11
Board of Education Policy
EHC-E-4, Student Electronic Device Letter of
Agreement
Revised April 27, 2016

Student Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____

Technology is an integral part of our work lives in education. Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) is providing you with an electronic device to use in your educational pursuits. The device remains District property and requires that you and your parent/guardian sign this letter of agreement before a device is issued to you. You will not be responsible for normal wear and usage, however, you will be responsible for the full replacement cost due to damage, loss, or proven theft occurring out of abuse, misuse, or neglect. Mysterious disappearance of the device is not covered by the District's property policy and therefore would be my financial responsibility. We will pay the insurance premium of \$_____ to offset any damages.

Type of Device _____ Model# _____

Asset# _____ Serial# _____

This device also includes items checked below:

- ☐ Battery pack
- ☐ AC adaptor power cord
- ☐ Patch cord
- ☐ Case and shoulder strap
- ☐ User license for Microsoft Office, Windows, and web browser

Examples of abuse, misuse, or neglect include, but are not limited to:

- Not handling device with care (don't drop, throw, bump or treat in a manner that can cause damage or drop heavy objects on top of the device).
- Remove the hard drive.
- Exposing device and drives to magnets.
- Exposing device to extreme temperature changes (by possibly leaving device in your vehicle).
- Getting the device wet or exposing it to water (by possibly getting food and drinks on device).
- Exposing device to dust and dirt.
- Leaving items on keyboard when closing device.
- Allowing device and peripherals to be used with unsupervised children and pets.
- Not ensuring that device is secure from theft at all times.

Other procedures to be followed:

- Remove or install the battery only when necessary and when powered off.
- Don't turn off the device when the hard drive LED is lit or hard drive is spinning.
- Clean the exterior periodically (when device is turned off).
- Keep the device free from viruses and use provided anti-virus software.

- Don't mar or mark the device with ink or other substances.
- Do follow the device shut down or suspend procedure.
- I will not change the standard configuration of the device and will not install non-district owned software, games, etc.
- I will not loan this device to anyone including other students and/or family members.
- I agree to comply with Board of Education policies, regulation and procedures, including any user agreement when using this device.
- I will not conduct personal business activities.
- I will not access or store pornographic or obscene materials on this device.
- I will only use my assigned device in my educational pursuits in the District.
- I will report any malfunction to the LTE or LTT as soon as there is a problem.
- Should I no longer be a student in my school, I understand this device is the property of Colorado Springs School District 11, and I will return it to the LTE or LTT before my last day.
- This device is subject to inspection at any time, including without prior notice.

In the event of a loss:

- If this District device is lost, damaged or stolen while assigned to me, I will immediately notify my LTE, LTT and/or Resource Officer (if my school has one). I also agree to notify the appropriate police agency and provide District Security and Risk Management with the police report. I also agree to work with District staff to notify the police, District Security, and Risk Management.
- I understand that I am responsible for the full replacement cost if there is damage, loss, or theft and will reimburse the District for the loss within 30 business days.
- I may choose to file a claim under my personal homeowner or auto insurance coverage to reimburse the District or I will reimburse the District directly for the loss within 30 business days.
- I understand the replacement costs for this District device will be determined by the District Technology Services staff. (Employee initials) _____ (Date) _____
- I understand that failure to comply with this procedure may result in disciplinary action.

Online Video Conferencing Usage (for example Skype)

Electronic devices will often include a camera that will permit the student and teacher to see video of each other in order to allow the student to better communicate with the student's teacher through Skype.

From time to time, the District has and will adopt policies, regulations, rules, guidelines and other guidance regarding a student's use of electronic devices. The student and parent/guardian, by signing this Agreement, affirm that the student and parent/guardian have had an opportunity to study the District's current technology use materials (the EHC series of policies, regulations and exhibits as well as the Student Code of Conduct) and have had an opportunity to ask any questions related to such materials. The student and parent/guardian acknowledge that the student has received training regarding use of electronic devices and access to the Internet. The student and parent/guardian also acknowledge that, because the District does not currently have the technological ability to limit use of such equipment for educational purposes, there are certain risks of misuse of the equipment, and this Agreement imposes additional responsibilities on the student and parent/guardian to protect against such misuse.

Student Commitments:

By signing below, the student agrees to comply with all requirements of the District's technology use materials (the EHC series), including without limitation requirements that:

- (a) The student must use the device only for District educational purposes.
- (b) The student must take reasonable steps to protect the device from damage.
- (c) The student will not allow others to use this device and will take precautions to assure that others do not use this device.
- (d) The student will not access any Internet materials using this device, other than materials necessary for educational purposes that comply with the District's technology use materials.
- (e) The student must promptly report any misuse of this device to the District.

The student hereby releases the District from any liability or other responsibility with regard to his or her use or misuse of this device. Unless otherwise expressly provided by the District in writing, not less often than each calendar quarter, the student must bring this device to a location directed by the District for inspection regarding compliance with this Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Commitments:

The undersigned Person is a parent or guardian of the student referenced herein. By signing this Agreement, the parent/guardian hereby expressly acknowledges that, although the District makes efforts to block inappropriate use of District technology equipment, there is no certainty that such efforts will always be effective. Accordingly, as a condition to permitting the student to utilize this electronic device, the parent/guardian agrees to meet certain requirements with respect to such usage as outlined below.

1. I, the undersigned parent/guardian, will explain to the student the requirements of the District technology use materials to the best of my ability, and will help the student to understand the responsibilities associated with possession and use of this device. These requirements include without limitation the specific requirements imposed on the student outlined above. Further, I will take responsibility to assure that the student complies with the obligation stated above to bring this device to the District periodically for inspection.

2. I acknowledge I will provide supervision to the student with respect to the student's use of this device, and I will take responsibility to assure that the student is using the device solely for valid educational purposes.

3. On my behalf and on behalf of the student, I hereby release the District from any liability or other responsibility with regard to any use or misuse of this device during periods when it is not being used under the direct supervision of District personnel.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date



Annual Student Device Technology Fee for Take-Home Devices

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Student ID# _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Device's Asset Barcode Number: _____

District 11's Annual Technology Fee

Your child is taking home a device, and a technology fee is required to cover this device. The cost of District 11's technology fee will cover the entire replacement cost of a stolen device **minus \$100 deductible**. For your information, the cost of replacing a lost/stolen device may be up to \$700. This technology fee covers accidental damage or theft of the device, but it does not cover lost or stolen device parts such as power cords. A police report is required when a theft claim for the device is filed.

NOTE: Parents/Guardians are responsible for the full replacement cost for misuse or abuse if this device is damaged.

To satisfy the technology fee requirement, I choose the following option: (check box)

- ☐ **Option 1:** Pay \$50 now with cash, credit or check made out to your school.
- ☐ **Option 2:** If your student is on Free or Reduced Lunch, you may have the fee reduced and pay with cash, credit, or check made out to your school. Please provide a letter of proof; and if you need another copy of your family's Free or Reduced Approval Letter, it may be obtained by calling Food and Nutrition Services at 520-2934.
 - Cost with evidence of free lunch is \$17.
 - Cost with evidence of reduced lunch is \$33.

Statement of Liability

I agree to all of the terms and conditions listed in this document and Board Policy EHC-E-4 (Student Electronic Device Letter of Agreement). I acknowledge that if my child takes a device home, I will pay the annual technology fee, or, if I choose not to pay the technology fee, I will pay all costs associated with any damage to, replacement, or theft of any device.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____