

Alternative Credit Options High Schools, GED, Workforce Centers, Training, Adult Education

Vantage Point High School (Adams 12)

When: Varies (7/8am – 1:30pm)

Where: 10900 Huron Street Northglenn, Co 80234

Format: Traditional classes

Fee: Free

Other information: Vantage Point High School is an alternative high school that offers an individualized, student-centered program designed to serve students in grades 9-12 who are at risk of not graduating.

Vantage Point is focused on increasing student achievement and success through mutual respect, positive peer pressure and affective support systems in a safe environment. Students are able to start fresh academically with small class sizes and less social distractions, recovering credits to graduate on time. At Vantage Point, students have modified schedules to accommodate job or family schedules.

Register/Apply: Students need to attend Orientation at Vantage Point High School – a parent is also required to attend. Students can find the dates for these meetings on their website or by calling 720-972-5800.

Website: <http://vantage.adams12.org/index.html>

Lester Arnold High School (Adams 14)

When: Varies

Where: 6500 East 72nd Avenue Commerce City, CO 80022

Format: Traditional classes

Fee: Free

Other information: Lester Arnold High School is an alternative high school that offers an individualized, student-centered program designed to serve students in grades 9-12 who are at risk of not graduating.

Register/Apply: Review the website for Lester Arnold High School –or by calling 303.853.3301

Website: <https://sites.google.com/adams14schools.org/www/home>

McClain Community High School (Jefferson County)

When: Varies (7/8am – 1:30pm)

Where: 13600 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood

Format: Traditional classes

Fee: Free

Other information: ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education) is for students 16-20 years old. We serve at-risk students who have been unsuccessful in their traditional high school due to personal and/or academic challenges. Students can make up lost credit and to continue toward their goal of earning a high school diploma! While the core content classes offer a stable foundation, experiential education, social and vocational opportunities abound. Such courses include the required Friday "Pathway" options: Warren Tech classes, experiential classes, volunteer work, or a variety of other options. Child care services are provided for our students who are also teen parents. Close relationships with Red Rocks

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Community College and Warren Technical Center for college coursework and career/technical training. There is also an adult program for students who are 18 or older who have dropped out for at least one semester.

Register/Apply: Students need to attend an Enrollment Information Meeting at McClain High School – a parent is also required to attend. Students can find the dates for these meetings on their website or by calling 303-982-7460.

Website: sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/mclain-high-school/

Emily Griffith (DPS & Technical College)

When: Students can attend classes anytime from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: 1860 Lincoln Street, 3rd Floor, Denver

Format: Traditional classes, with opportunities for self-paced curriculum

Fee: Varies

Other information: Emily Griffith High School is a dropout retrieval program offering courses toward the completion of a high school diploma. The school is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education and Denver Public Schools (DPS), which authorizes a regular high school diploma. Entrance requirements:

- 17-20 years of age
- 7th grade reading level
- High school dropout for at least two months
- Transcript from former accredited high school (not required for GED)
- Birth certificate
- Photo ID
- Immunization records
- Commitment to learning

Emily Griffith High School is connected to Emily Griffith Technical College which is a public college offering certificates. Programs include cosmetology, automotive technician, welding, legal assistant, video editing, and many more. There are two locations: students in the Colleges of Health Science, Design and Business attend classes at 1860 Lincoln St in downtown Denver; students in the College of Trades will receive technical training at 1201 Osage St in the Lincoln Park neighborhood in northwest Denver.

Free training programs, which do not require a high school program, are Culinary Quick Start, Construction Careers Now, Maintenance Apprenticeship Program, and Irrigation Boot Camp. They are one month training programs. At the end of the programs, they host a hiring fair where employers directly hire the students and then continue to train in that profession.

Register/Apply: Students need to complete an online contact form and submit an application.

Websites: <http://eghs.egtc.net> for the HS program

<http://www.emilygriffith.edu/hse> for the GED Program

<http://www.emilygriffith.edu/programs> for the Technical school, including the free training programs

Front Range Community College, Gateway to College

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When: Varies, students take college courses to earn credits

Where: Front Range Community College, 112th and Sheridan, 3645 W. 112th Ave, Westminster

Format: Classroom, college setting

Fee: Students pay class fees, course tuition is paid for by school district.

Other information: The Gateway to College Network is part of the Early College High School Initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In this program you will earn your high school diploma and college credits too. The program covers tuition and books for up to 12 college credits per semester, while students pay their fees. Students enrolled in this program from Westminster Public Schools will receive a Hidden Lake diploma. Entrance requirements:

- Between 16 and 20 years old
- A high school dropout or who is about to drop out of high school
- A student who has fallen far behind in school and does not have the amount of credits you should for your grade level
- Able to complete requirements to receive a high school diploma by your 21st birthday
- Reading English at the 8th grade level or higher

Register/Apply: Students need to attend an information session at Front Range Community College and bring a parent/guardian or a supportive family member. Student must receive approval from Westminster Public Schools to attend Gateway to College.

Website: www.frontrange.edu/Prospective-Students/Admissions/Gateway-to-College/

Florence Crittenton Services (DPS)

When: Varies

Where: 55 & 96 So. Zuni St., Denver

Phone: 720.423.7900

Format: Traditional classes

Fee: Free

Other information: Our campus is a full-service family resource center that includes an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Center, the Alethia E. Morgan, MD Health Center, and, through our 34-year partnership with Denver Public Schools, the on-site Florence Crittenton High School. Year-round programming The campus features a brand new, state-of-the-art Early Childhood Education Center for children from 6 weeks old through Pre-K, a Family Resource Center that offers wraparound support services for the entire teen family, and a new high school that includes: a gymnasium, a Certified Nursing Assistant pathways classroom, and the first school-based health center in Colorado to offer obstetrics and pediatrics.

Register/Apply: <https://flocritco.org/contact-us/>

Website: www.flocritco.org

RISE UP Community School- Charter School (DPS)

When: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, M-F

Where: 2342 Broadway St., Denver

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Phone: 303.292.1018

Format: Traditional classes

Fee: Free

Other information: RiseUp Community School is a free, public charter high school authorized by Denver Public Schools. Our school is open to any high school student in the Denver metro area. Its mission is to engage young people who have previously dropped out of school or are at risk of dropping out. In a supportive learning environment, each student is held to high expectations, cultivates a sense of social justice, and is inspired to obtain a high school diploma and prepare for college and careers after graduation.

Register/Apply: Drop in Monday- Thursday from 8-4 or by appointment to meet with the Principal

Website: riseupcommunityschool.net/

Colorado Connections Academy at Mapleton Public Schools

When: 24 hours a day/7 days a week options

Where: On-line

Phone: 303.853.1000

Format: Online

Fee: Free

Other Information: Colorado Connections Academy gives students who need an alternative to the traditional classroom the flexibility to learn from home.

Register: Call and contact Brian Fuller at 303-853-1000

Website: <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/colorado-online-school/about/mapleton>

Denver Online High School

When: 24 hours a day/7 days a week options

Where: On-line (based out of 4250 Shoshone St., Denver, CO 80211)

Phone: 720.424.8281

Format: Online

Fee: Free

Other information: Denver Online High School provides full-time (free), part-time, and supplemental enrollment options. Full-time students earn a traditional high school diploma from Denver Public Schools and are provided the opportunity to earn tuition-free concurrent enrollment college credits, work study credits, service learning credits, and independent study credits. Courses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the school year, supported by teachers who are available via in-person tutoring, Zoom video conferencing, email, phone, and text, required to uphold a 24 hour response time. Denver Online HS enrolls new full-time students every 9 weeks.

Register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSzG6UTJtUiBxCA5YvE0qWpTH9oliNGlfQsV1nYCx8rmCsQQ/viewform>

Website: <http://online.dpsk12.org>

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Colorado Virtual Academy

When: 24 hours a day/7 days a week options

Where: On-line (based out of 1526 Cole Blvd, Suite 200, Lakewood, CO 80401)

Phone: 877.586.9458

Format: On-line

Fee: Free

Other Information: Colorado Virtual Academy (COVA) is a tuition-free, online public charter school. The curriculum incorporates two tracks with varying levels of difficulty. Hence, we are able to select the best track for your student's learning capacity. Students have different styles of learning, and this curriculum allows us to combine traditional studies with experiential learning.

Register: <https://cova.coloradoed.org>

Website: <https://cova.coloradoed.org>

Hope OnLine Learning Academy

When: Traditional school hours

Where and Phone: 9051 Harlan St., Unit 20, Westminster, CO 80031, 303-669-0653

3605 Pecos St., Denver, CO 80211, 303-477-4499

2300 W. 90th Ave., Federal Heights, CO 80260, 303-650-7299,

Format: On-line

Fee: Free

Other information: HOPE is a blended learning model where K-12 students receive instruction online and through face-to-face classroom instruction. Students attend a community-based Learning Center five days a week for the full school day. On any given school day, students move from online lessons on computers to complimentary offline assignments at desks to fresh air during gym class and recess.

Register: <https://www.hopeonline.org/students/students-parents-interest-form>

Website: <https://www.hopeonline.org>

YouthBuild, Mile High Youth Corps

When: The program lasts up to two years, dependent on earning a diploma and meeting program benchmarks

Where: 1801 Federal Blvd., Denver

Phone: 303.433.1206

Format: A 50/50 split of time between on-site construction projects or health and wellness work, and educational and career development activities.

Fee: Free

Other Information: The YouthBuild Program is a comprehensive job-training, education and leadership development

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program that engages out-of-school and unemployed young adults ages 17-24. Throughout the term, YouthBuild participants spend half of their time either on a large-scale construction site learning construction skills and building low-income housing units, or receiving nurse aide training while serving in a healthcare related position with a local nonprofit or health center. The remaining time is spent in the classroom working toward earning their high school equivalency.

Register/Apply: <https://www.milehighyouthcorps.org/apply-now/apply-now>

Website: <https://www.milehighyouthcorps.org/program/youthbuild>

Job Corps

When: On-site program (from 9 months to two years)

Where: 57608 Highway 330, Collbran, CO 81624 (transportation is provided to and from home for your initial trip, during winter and summer breaks, and returning home upon completion).

Format: Self-paced, classroom, on-the-job training

Fee: Free

Other information: Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. Students complete their GED or the high school diploma (through a partnership with Grand Mesa High School – students must have a minimum of 15 high school credits) while they are working on training in a specific career field, such as Building and Apartment Maintenance, Cisco Networking Academy, Culinary Arts, Floor Covering, Office Administration Technologies, Union Carpentry, Union Cement Masonry, Union Painting, Welding. Students receive FREE housing (in dorms), meals, and receive an allowance twice a month (which increases as trainings are completed). Upon completion, students receive a transition stipend up to \$1000 and job placement assistance.

Register/Apply: To apply for admissions, students should see their WHS counselor or attend an orientation at WHS.

Website: collbran.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx

GED Information

Adams County Workforce Center

When: Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:30

Where: Pete Mirelez Human Services Center, 11860 Pecos St, Westminster, CO 80234

Format: The Adams County Workforce and Business Center offers a wide variety of free services to registered job seekers. The WIOA youth program supports students with educational goals, such as the GED

Fee: Free

Other information: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program offers assistance in supporting youth to obtain their high school diploma, GED, or post secondary certificate/training (2 years or less), and encourages

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youth through their education by offering case management and supportive services.

Register: www.connectingcolorado.com

Website: <http://www.adcogov.org/youth-services>_____

When: varies

Where: Adams County Workforce Centers:

- 3CE Building: 5115 Federal Boulevard, Unit #28 Denver, CO 80221, Thursdays 10-4
- Adams County Workforce Center: Pete Mirelez Human Services Center, 11860 Pecos St, Westminster, CO 80234, Monday-Friday, 8-4:30

Phone: 720.502.5890

Format: Varies

Fee: Free

Other information: Since opening in fall 2013, 3CE has helped over a thousand individuals and families improve their lives. 3CE customers have found better jobs, strengthened communication skills, accessed public benefits, and purchased their first home. Adams County Workforce Center has a program for young adults through the age of 24 that supports them with educational goals, including the GED.

Website: www.my3ce.org and <http://www.adcogov.org/youth-services>

Jefferson County, American Job Center, Workforce Center

When: Monday-Wednesday, 10:00am-3:00pm, Friday 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: 3500 Illinois Street, Laramie Building, Golden, CO 80401

Format: The American Job Center offers a wide variety of free services to registered job seekers.

Fee: Free

Other information: The American Job Center (AJC) Youth Services offers numerous free services to individuals, ages 14 to 24. This is a federally-funded program that helps youth develop job readiness skills and get connected to employment opportunities. Youth Services also offers free assistance in supporting youth to obtain their high school diploma, GED or post-secondary certificate/training (two years or less).

Register: www.connectingcolorado.com

Website: <http://jeffco.us/american-job-center/youth/youth-services/>

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Where: 57608 Highway 330, Collbran, CO 81624 (transportation is provided to and from home for your initial trip, during winter and summer breaks, and returning home upon completion).

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Fee: Free

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of 15 high school credits) while they are working on training in a specific career field, such as Building and Apartment Maintenance, Cisco Networking Academy, Culinary Arts, Floor Covering, Office Administration Technologies, Union Carpentry, Union Cement Masonry, Union Painting, Welding. Students receive FREE housing (in dorms), meals, and receive an allowance twice a month (which increases as trainings are completed). Upon completion, students receive a transition stipend up to \$1000 and job placement assistance.

Register/Apply: To apply for admissions, students should see their WHS counselor or attend an orientation at WHS.

Website: collbran.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx

GED Free Practice Test Websites

- www.gedpracticequestions.com
- <https://uniontestprep.com/ged-test/practice-test>
- <https://www.mometrix.com/academy/ged-test/>
- https://www.testprepreview.com/ged_practice.htm

Skill Training

Construction Careers Now

When: Monthly trainings, 5:30pm -8pm Monday through Thursday

Where: Currently virtual

Format: Four week class taught by Emily Griffith Technical College instructors. The program helps students get careers in various construction fields after the program is completed.

Fee: Free

Other information: Contacts: Jim 720-456-1845 jim@agccolorado.org and Karen (bilingual, Spanish) 720-492-3909 karen@agccolorado.org

Register/Apply: On-line

Website: <https://www.buildcolorado.com/ccn>

Culinary Quick Start - Emily Griffith Technical College

When: Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30pm-7pm in person and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30pm-7pm

Where: 1860 Lincoln Street, Denver

Format: Four week class taught by Emily Griffith Technical College instructors. Students will be qualified to work as a prep or line cook. Course topics include: Food safety, knife skills, recipe reading, prep and production, and many more. The program helps students get careers in the restaurant industry after the program is completed.

Fee: Free

Other information: 720-423-4700

Register/Apply: On-line

Website: <https://www.emilygriffith.edu/programs/culinary-quick-start/>

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Format: Self-paced, classroom, on-the-job training

Fee: Free

Other information:

Register/Apply: On line

Website: collbran.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx