

PREPARING TO LAUNCH

CAREER,
COLLEGE,
MILITARY,
OR TRADE,
D11 WILL
GET YOU
THERE!

PRE-LAUNCH EXPLORATION

Jace is a 9th-grade student who loves hiking, and the outdoors. He enjoys his time at school especially in classes where he can be hands on with his learning. He is unsure on his specific career plans but wants to start exploring college options in our beautiful state of Colorado.

What Jace and his family don't know yet is that there are so many postsecondary pathways just waiting to launch Jace on a pathway to lifelong success. Read on to learn more!



MY POSTSECONDARY PATH

Occupational Profile for students advancing to two-year or four-year institutions

Interests

Do you want NO-COST or LOW-COST certifications and two-year and four-year college credits while still in high school? Connect career interests to your Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP)

Postsecondary Planning 9th/10th Grade

Building a 4-year plan to meet graduation requirements. Accelerated learners can take concurrent enrollment courses as early as 9th grade.

Postsecondary Planning 11th/12th Grade

Identifying on-campus, online and in-person opportunities at Roy J. Wasson or a college campus. Build three or more postsecondary options into your high school degree plan. Fill your senior year with postsecondary experiences.

Career & Technical Education Planning 9th/10th Grade

Identifying local CTE programs at your school, or on the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus which can be taken as early as 9th grade, or at Pikes Peak State College which can begin in 11th grade.

Career & Technical Education Planning 11th/12th Grade

If any district CTE pathway is the best choice for you, plan to complete the pathway to earn all college credits and industry certifications available. Take advantage of internships in your senior year to start your career sooner.

Students completing nine postsecondary credits in high school qualify for their first year of college tuition free. Learn more about ASCENT on the D11 Concurrent Enrollment website.

The average cost per credit in Colorado is \$499. Students earning 15 credits while in high school would save on average \$7,485 and be a semester ahead in their postsecondary program.

Nine out of 10 jobs in Colorado with an average yearly salary of \$73,000 require a postsecondary credential. Credentials may be college degrees or industry certifications.

A POSTSECONDARY TRUE STORY

NAME

EUNSEO CHOI

SCHOOL / YEAR

Mitchell High School
9th Grade

"Several teachers have inspired me on my journey.

Mr. Whitby was my math teacher before I started to take College Algebra with Dr. Briggs. Mr. Whitby was the person who encouraged me to take College Algebra.

When I got into the College Algebra class, Dr. Briggs explained to me the benefits of taking college courses while in high school.

My prior history teacher, Ms. Zito also worked very hard to put me into Mr. Roberson's Psych 101 course, so I thank her for that as well."



"Taking college classes this early in my life will provide me with college credits before entering college, which means I will have to spend less money on classes in college after graduation."

POSTSECONDARY COURSES ENROLLED

- CSU-Pueblo Online Art 100 Visual Dynamics*
 - Western Colorado University PSY 100 General Psychology*
 - Pikes Peak State College MAT1340 College Algebra*
- (* indicated guaranteed transfer credit)

SCHOOL ACTIVITES

"I participate in the academic bowl at MHS. I am also very interested in my choir, and drama elective classes as well. I plan to try out for the volleyball team next fall."

ICAP CONNECTION

"My ICAP goals leaned towards the artistic and medical side if I remember correctly. For the artist side, the recommended careers were graphics designer, actress, and fashion designer, and in medical the careers were surgeon, psychiatrists, etc."

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAY

Mitchell High School offers college courses on campus from three different institution partners. For D11 students the postsecondary possibilities are endless. Contact your counselor to learn more.



AS EASY AS 3-2-1 LAUNCH!

The high school diploma is no longer the finish line for students. Families can save time, save money, and get ahead on degrees or certificates with our growing postsecondary partnerships.

Colorado Springs School District 11 partners with over 10 colleges and universities to bring unique course offerings in multiple learning modalities. Let us help guide your family on the path that is right for your student.

D11 will send you these monthly toolkits that will give you and your child helpful tips, guidance, and resources for exploring all the postsecondary options we offer.

If you'd like to start exploring the possibilities now, visit the [Concurrent Enrollment website](#) or contact (719) 328-2164



WESTERN
COLORADO UNIVERSITY



Stanford
University



Penn
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA



LAUNCHING NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Does your child want to get ahead by taking college courses that count towards their high school diploma and an associate's degree or certificate?

D11 offers college courses on our high school campuses from Western Colorado University.

Take advantage of tuition-free courses from WCU in Communications, Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and much more. WCU removes student enrollment or testing barriers and most courses are guaranteed to transfer within the state of Colorado.



For more information on how to enroll in college courses on your high school campus connect with your counselor or contact the **Concurrent Enrollment** office.

Now, more than ever, D11 is committed to leading the region in postsecondary offerings.



FOCUS ON CTE PATHWAY: Hospitality and Event Management



Olivia Schwarz

Bijou & Career Pathways; FCCLA member, state competitor, district officer; ProStart culinary team; ProStart and Resort & Event Management classes; MSU Denver dual enrolled student.

Olivia started in ProStart 1 because her dad is a chef, and she realized that passion is working with people, and making them happy. She learns service expertise, customer service and working with others, teamwork, all skills that will help in any career path. Currently, Olivia is considering a career as a therapist or in the mental health field.

Olivia's ProStart Team was just awarded the state championship title at the recent ProStart state conference. She will be headed to Washington D.C. to represent D11 at nationals this summer.

Does your student know they may want to be a chef, or in the industry of hospitality, but they're not sure how to get started?

District 11 offers culinary and hospitality pathways at nearly every high school and at the Roy J. Wasson campus available to all students. Students can earn college credits for catering and Pro Start as well as industry certifications. Now, more than ever, D11 has launched WORK-BASED LEARNING where every student can take credit-bearing internships. By matching the student with the right employer, work-based learning is a great opportunity that can lead to apprenticeships and long-term employment.

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