



## **Five Star College Now**

2024-2025

### **What is Five Star College Now?**

Five Star College Now is a program that offers tuition-free college coursework. This program is open to 11th and 12th grade students in Adams 12 Five Star Schools who attend a district non-charter school. Courses are taught in a real time remote format by Front Range Community College (FRCC) Instructors. Real time remote courses are taken online from any location and meet synchronously at the same days and times each week. In addition to synchronous classes, students will engage in independent, asynchronous work each week. Courses will be part of a student's schedule at their home high school and transcribed on the HS transcript and a FRCC transcript. All Five Star College Now courses are Guaranteed Transfer, which means they can transfer to any Colorado public college or university.

At this time, we are able to offer free enrollment to 25 students in each course based on the criteria listed below.

### **Student Requirements**

- Student is an 11th or 12th grader at an Adams 12 Five Star district high school.
- Student wants to start earning college credit for free in high school.
- Access to a computer with a working camera; college expectation is that cameras are on during class.
- Access to a quiet space from which to participate in class.
- Reliable internet access; see Internet Access section below for assistance.

### **It might not be a fit if...**

- Student is behind on credits and not on track to graduate.
- Student can't commit two days per week after school to real time remote classwork.
- Student has a conflict such as an activity, sports, or job that will conflict with the course schedule.

### **Internet Access**

Families are encouraged to apply for low-cost or free internet access through [Comcast Internet Essentials](#) and/or the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#). Families who are not eligible for either service may submit a referral to the [Student and Family Outreach Program](#).

### **Adams 12 Five Star Schools and Front Range Community College Schedule Changes**

- If a student seeks to drop or withdraw from a Concurrent Enrollment course, the student must meet with their school counselor to discuss. Students must maintain a full time

schedule at their high school, therefore classes can not be dropped unless there are extenuating circumstances.

- The college has course drop and course withdrawal deadlines that students must adhere to when making schedule changes. All of those deadlines will be provided on the syllabus for the course.
  - Dropping a college course means you do it by the drop deadline early in the semester, and the course never appears on a college or high school transcript.
  - Withdrawing from a college course means the student is withdrawn by the withdrawal date later in the semester and a “W” or a grade of “F” is recorded on the student’s college and high school transcripts.
  - Students who withdraw from a course will work with their high school counselor/administrator to determine an appropriate schedule change to meet graduation requirements and a full course load. Students may be added to an existing course that meets in person, or they may be added to an online Edgenuity course depending on scheduling constraints.
  - Failing grades may result in Academic Probation and/or Academic Suspension through FRCC. Students will need to meet with their high school counselor to determine if future concurrent enrollment courses are appropriate.

### **Registration Process & Information**

1. Students request a Five Star College Now course as part of the regular registration process.
2. Meet with your counselor to go over course options and ensure you meet the student requirements.
3. [Apply to FRCC](#) and receive an FRCC ID (S#) **If you have previously participated in Concurrent Enrollment with FRCC, you do not need to do this again.** When applying to the college and asked about the College Opportunity Fund (COF), please click “Apply on my behalf” because COF will pay a portion of the tuition.
4. Complete the [Five Star College Now Concurrent Enrollment Agreement form](#) with your parent or guardian.
5. If a course fills up, a waitlist will be created.

### **Student Progress Monitoring**

- The FRCC instructor will provide progress grades weekly and the grades will be entered into Infinite Campus. Grades will impact athletic eligibility.
- Final grades will be on a student’s HS transcript (in addition to the FRCC transcript) and are non-weighted.
- We ask that parents check in with their student weekly to ensure their student is attending class and completing all course assignments.
- Students will have access to the [Academic Support Services](#) at the FRCC Westminster campus.

### **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Information**

- Adams 12 teachers who teach Concurrent Enrollment courses through FRCC can engage with parents/guardians via email, in person, or by phone without their student's consent or presence (\*updated guidelines as of Fall 2023\*). Five Star College Now courses are taught by instructors only employed by FRCC, and they will work through a district counselor or other designated Adams 12 employee to inform parents of grades and concerns about academic progress.

## FALL 2024 Course Offerings

### **SCI 1105 Science in Society**

11, 12

.5 Science HS credit, 3 college credits

Location: Real time remote (virtual), 2 days/week TBD, 4-5:30pm

Course Description: Examines issues relating to the way science interacts with society. A selection of issues from information technology, the environment and earth science, physics and astronomy, biology, medicine, and the interaction of science with politics will be examined, as informed by current events. Emphasis will be on research, inquiry, and critical analysis of science-related issues, including the negative and positive roles of science in society.

### **HUM 1015 World Mythology**

11, 12

.5 English HS credit, 3 college credits

Location: Real time remote (virtual), 2 days/week TBD, 4-5:30pm

Course Description: Introduces an interdisciplinary approach to world mythology. The course illustrates and connects common themes in mythology to world religion, philosophy, art, literature, music, and contemporary culture using various interpretive methods.

## SPRING 2025 Course Offerings

### **GEY 1108 Geology of National Parks**

11, 12

.5 Science HS credit, 3 college credits

Location: Real time remote (virtual), 2 days/week TBD, 4-5:30pm

Course Description: Explores significant geologic features and the processes that create them using examples and case studies from the U.S. National Park System. Weathering and erosional landforms, caves and reefs, coasts, glaciers, volcanoes, and complex mountains are discussed. Fundamental geologic concepts including plate tectonics, deep time, and rock classification are introduced and incorporated throughout the course.

### **SOC 1001 Intro to Sociology I**

11, 12

.5 Social Studies HS credit, 3 college credits

Location: Real time remote (virtual), 2 days/week TBD, 4-5:30pm

Course Description: This course examines the basic concepts, theories, and principles of sociology, including topics of culture, race, class, gender, sexuality, social groups, and deviance through a local and global lens. Analyzes and interprets socio-historic as well as contemporary issues by using critical thinking skills and linking individual experiences to social structures.

**NOTE: Adams 12 Five Star Schools will confirm registration after the HS registration process. In addition, as course information (days and instructor) is released by Front**

**Range Community College, Adams 12 Five Star Schools will communicate directly with students enrolled in the course.**

**Questions?**

Check out the Five Star College Now [website](#) or email [CareerandCollegeReady@adams12.org](mailto:CareerandCollegeReady@adams12.org) or talk to your high school counselor.

