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Caprock Academy High School Launches Concurrent Enrollment Program with Colorado Mesa University

New partnership provides seniors with off-campus college coursework for the first time in school history

Grand Junction, CO — January 21, 2026 — Caprock Academy High School has officially launched a Concurrent Enrollment program in partnership with Colorado Mesa University (CMU), marking the first time in the school's history that students are able to earn college credit through in-person coursework while still enrolled in high school.

Through this new partnership, Caprock Academy seniors have the opportunity to leave campus during the school day to attend college-level classes in person at Colorado Mesa University. This model allows students to experience the expectations, independence, and academic rigor of higher education while remaining supported by Caprock Academy's faculty and staff.

During the Spring 2026 semester, 10 Caprock Academy seniors are enrolled in concurrent classes at CMU, pursuing coursework aligned with their academic interests and postsecondary goals. For students, the opportunity represents an important step toward college readiness.

"It is a big step in preparing for our future and higher education." said senior Devron Skinner.

Another participating senior, Elizabeth Agajanian, shared that the experience has already helped ease the transition ahead. *"It makes the transition from high school to college less intimidating. Now I have an idea of what to expect."*

This initiative represents a historic first for Caprock Academy and serves as a pilot program as the school continues making intentional, much-needed changes to expand meaningful academic pathways for students.

"This is something we identified several years ago as an important next step for our high school program," said Matt Diers, Head of School. *"I'm proud that we've been able to bring this opportunity to life for our students. Concurrent enrollment gives our seniors a meaningful bridge to college by allowing them to experience the expectations and independence of higher education while still supported by our school community."*

The Concurrent Enrollment program complements Caprock Academy's rigorous academic model by offering students direct exposure to college expectations, including time management, campus navigation, and engagement with professors and peers. By earning

transferable college credit, students are able to accelerate their academic pathways while potentially reducing future tuition costs.

About Caprock Academy

Caprock Academy is a tuition-free, public K–12 charter school located in Grand Junction, Colorado. Founded on the principles of character, accountability, and rigorous academics, Caprock Academy provides a classical, student-centered education that prepares students for success in college, career, and life.

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