

Concurrent Enrollment & Specialty Programs Information Meeting

An Overview of our Concurrent Enrollment Program, Career Start, International Salon & Spa Academy and MiLL Carpentry Program



ONLINE PRESENTATION FALL 2026



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AND

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MEETING AGENDA



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW



OPPORTUNITIES AT FFCCHS



QUALIFYING FOR SPECIALTY PROGRAMS



PROGRAMS APPLICATION PROCESS & WINDOWS



NEXT STEPS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Earning College Credit. Building Bright Futures.



POSTSECONDARY CREDIT ATTAINMENT (commonly referred to by PWR as College Credit or CC)

At Fountain-Fort Carson High School, students can earn college credit through the following opportunities:



- Successfully completing a transferable credit college course **taught at FFCHS.**



- Successfully completing a transferable credit college course **taught at Pikes Peak State College.**



- Successfully completing college courses through **Pikes Peak State College's Career Start Program and CTE Articulated Credit.**



- Earning a qualifying score on an **Advanced Placement (AP)** exam.



WHY EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL?



SAVE TIME

Get ahead on college requirements.



SAVE MONEY

Reduce the overall cost of college.



BUILD CONFIDENCE

Feel more prepared and confident for your future education and career.



WILL THESE CREDITS TRANSFER?

Transferability versus Applicability



THINK ABOUT YOUR CAREER PATH BEFORE CHOOSING YOUR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE

The Concurrent Enrollment course you register for should go towards the degree, certification, or training you are planning to complete after you graduate high school.
This is how you are going to save money and time in college!



CHOOSE COURSES THAT TRANSFER

Introductory courses or Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathway courses are good examples of the types of Concurrent Enrollment courses to consider.



Classes that appear on the Colorado State Guaranteed Transfer (GT) List will transfer to all public colleges and universities in Colorado.



LIMITS?

There may be limits on what an institution will accept towards the program of study. Institutions may require a minimum number of credits to be awarded a degree.



Concurrent Enrollment classes in high school should count for college credit. However, the transferability of credits earned through Concurrent Enrollment takes a little work on your part, before and after you take your course.

A good resource is the website [Transferology.com](https://www.transferology.com), which helps students determine how college-level classes might transfer to over 400 colleges and universities throughout the country.



transferology®



PLAN AHEAD. MAKE SMART CHOICES. INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE.





WHY ARE GUARANTEED TRANSFER COURSES IMPORTANT?



Most college degrees require general education (GE) coursework.



ASSOCIATE DEGREE (TYPICALLY 60 CREDIT HOURS)



31 CREDIT HOURS

are general education requirements



taken from approximately

7 DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS



BACHELOR'S DEGREE (TYPICALLY 120 CREDIT HOURS)



31 CREDIT HOURS

are general education requirements



taken from approximately

7 DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS



If students complete some of these general education courses in high school, it can **SAVE TIME AND MONEY** on their path to a college degree.



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List of GT
Concurrent
Enrollment
Courses at
PPSC



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Earn College Credit in High School. Build Skills. Expand Your Future.



**PIKES PEAK
STATE COLLEGE**

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS



CAREER START



GUARANTEED TRANSFER

Concurrent Enrollment Courses
on PPSC Campus



**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
COURSES ON FFCHS CAMPUS**



**COLLEGE ALGEBRA
MATH 1340**

FUTURE EDUCATOR COURSES



Intro to Education	EDU 2211
Practicum II	EDU 2088
Teaching, Learning & Technology	EDU 2611



**COLORADO STATE
UNIVERSITY PUEBLO**



**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
COURSES ON FFCHS CAMPUS**



**CSU History 201
HIST 201**



**CSU History 202
HIST 202**



**Spanish 4
SPN 201 & SPN 202**



**UNIVERSITY OF
COLORADO DENVER
CU SUCCEED PROGRAM**



**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
COURSES ON FFCHS CAMPUS**



**AP Chemistry
CHEM 2031**



**AP Chemistry Lab
CHEM 2038 Lab**



FFCHS CAMPUS
Courses taught
at FFCHS



COLLEGE CAMPUS
Courses taught
on college campus



**CAREER/TECHNICAL
PROGRAM**
Career-focused program
through PPSC

CAREER START PROGRAM

Start Your Career. Earn College Credit.



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS



BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY & PUBLIC SERVICE

- Criminal Justice **
- Cybersecurity **
- Fire Science Technology



HEALTH SCIENCES

- Emergency Medical Technician
(Must be 18-years-old)
- Nursing Assistant
(Must be 18-years-old)

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SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, & MATH

- Veterinary Assistant
(Must be 18-years-old)
- Zoo Keeping



TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- Automotive Collision Tech **
- Automotive Service Tech
- Broadcasting & Electronic Media
- Diesel Power Mechanics
- Multimedia Graphic Design
- Welding **

** = Programs with a second-year option available



WHO: Junior and Senior
High School Students

10th and 11th grade students apply the
year prior to their 11th and 12th grade year.



**FFCHS Bus
Transportation Provided**



Learn More About
Career Start
[pikespeak.edu/
career-start](https://pikespeak.edu/career-start)



Through the Career Start Program, high school
students enroll in career and technical education
courses and earn college credits. Most programs
feature opportunities to earn college certificates
and industry recognized certifications.



FFCHS SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Not Concurrent Enrollment, But You Must Apply!

FFCHS also offers specialty programs that are not Concurrent Enrollment, but students do have to apply for these programs.



1 International Salon, Spa and Barber Academy (ISSA)

This cosmetology program is offered through the International Salon and Spa Academy in Colorado Springs. Students will be prepared to take the Colorado State Board examination, to render service to patrons, and conscientiously prepare to be an asset to future employers. This course is approved and regulated by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, Division of Private Occupational Schools.



Attendance is crucial for success within this program. If students fail any classes, then they may be required to pay tuition and fees associated with the failed class.

Students interested in the ISSA Program must also schedule a meeting with their assigned counselor.



TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED TO THIS PROGRAM.



10th and 11th grade students apply the year prior to their 11th and 12th grade year.



2 The MiLL Carpentry Program – *Offered through a partnership with District 3*

The Manufacturing Industry Learning Lab (MiLL) is a 46,000-square-foot career and technical education facility operated by Widefield School District 3 (WSD3) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It provides high school students with hands-on training in high-demand skilled trades, including cabinet manufacturing, construction technology, and welding. District 8's partnership focuses on the Cabinet Manufacturing Program: Students design and build custom cabinetry using advanced industry machinery, with options to earn Woodwork Career Alliance credentials.



Attendance is crucial for success within this program. **Students interested in the MiLL Carpentry Program must also schedule a meeting with their assigned counselor.**



TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED TO THIS PROGRAM.



Explore Your Passion. Build Your Future. ★ **APPLY, ATTEND, AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP!** ★



QUALIFICATIONS

★ FOR THE ★

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM, CAREER START, ISSA, AND MILL PROGRAM



1



STUDENTS MUST BE ON-TRACK TO GRADUATE

Concurrent Enrollment courses should also contribute to students' meeting their high school graduation requirements.

2



COURSES MUST ALIGN WITH THE STUDENT'S ICAP

Concurrent Enrollment Program courses and Specialty Program coursework must align with the high school student's Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) – a student's career plan after high school.

3



STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE RATE

Attendance rate must be at least 93% and above.

4



STUDENTS MUST MEET ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES.

- FFCHS will look at students' qualifications using a holistic approach with the above indicators. However, colleges and universities have specific academic prerequisites that students must meet in order to register for specific courses.



Students must meet all qualifications to be eligible for the Concurrent Enrollment Program, Career Start, ISSA, and MiLL Program.





APPLICATION PROCESS

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOWS



1 SPRING 2027 GENERAL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW



APPLICATION WINDOW

8/10/26 to 10/15/26

2 FALL 2027 GENERAL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW



APPLICATION WINDOW

01/15/2027 to
02/28/2027

10th and 11th grade students
apply the year prior to their
11th and 12th grade year.

3 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR PPSC CAREER START PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW



APPLICATION WINDOW

8/10/26 to 11/30/26

10th and 11th grade students
apply the year prior to their
11th and 12th grade year.

4 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR INTERNATIONAL SALON & SPA ACADEMY (ISSA) AND MILL PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW



APPLICATION WINDOW

8/10/26 to 11/30/26

10th and 11th grade students
apply the year prior to their
11th and 12th grade year.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Students will receive FFCHS approval
notice approximately two weeks after
the application deadline through their
school email accounts.



CHECK YOUR FFCHS EMAIL!

Students should consistently check their
FFCHS email accounts regarding next
steps in the application process because
these programs require additional next
steps for official program approval
and enrollment.



STUDENT LOGIN REQUIRED

Only students can access the application
as they must be logged into their
FFCHS School Outlook Email Account
to access the application link.



HOW TO ACCESS THE APPLICATION

The Spring 2027 Concurrent Enrollment Application which also includes the
2027-2028 School Year **Career Start Program**, **International Salon and Spa
Academy** and **Mill Carpentry Program** Application can be found on the
FFCHS Counseling Center's Webpage within the "**Concurrent Enrollment**" button.



[2027 Spring Semester
Concurrent
Enrollment
Application & 27-28
School Year PPSC
Career Start,
International Salon &
Spa Academy, and
MiLL Carpentry
Program Application](#)



★ BE READY. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE FUTURE READY. *Your Future. Your Choice. Get Started Today!* ★



YOUR READINESS. YOUR NEXT STEPS.

Think About – Is Concurrent Enrollment or a Specialty Training Program A Good Fit for Me?



NEXT STEPS



Complete and submit application by the deadline.



Frequently check FFCCHS student email for communication about program acceptance and next steps.



Schedule follow-up meeting with your high school counselor to complete the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement Forms.



Complete additional program specific applications.



Attend required meetings.



Set up appointments with Pikes Peak State College High School Programs Admissions Department to get registered for the next semester college class



Advocate for oneself by making phone calls or sending emails to get answers to questions. A students' readiness to complete these tasks will be very important.



STUDENT AGENCY

You know your goals. You know your future.
Take ownership. Take action. Make it happen.
Ask questions. Seek support. Keep moving forward.



BE PREPARED. BE PROACTIVE. BE YOUR OWN ADVOCATE. **YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.**



Readiness: College, Career, and You



Readiness doesn't mean you already know everything. It means you have the **foundation, habits, and willingness to learn** what comes next.



Resources



- [D8-FFCHS Concurrent Enrollment Program Information](#)
 - This document gives information about the D8-FFCHS Concurrent Enrollment Program processes, qualifications, and includes information about costs related to tuition, fees, and textbooks coverage.
- [High School Versus College Resource – Are you ready?](#)
- [Colorado CE Website](#)
- [Colorado College Admissions](#)
- [Help Your Teen Be College Ready](#)

Concurrent Enrollment and Specialty Programs
Student and Parent/Guardian Informational Meeting

Thank You For Attending



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