



COUNSELOR CONNECTION

College Credit Opportunities at Palmer Ridge High School

What programs are we talking about?

CAREER START
ADVANCED PLACEMENT
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
DUAL ENROLLMENT

What's my Goal?

Earning credit toward college Certificate, Associate's or Bachelor's degree?

Consideration for acceptance at a highly selective college, university, or academy?

Enrichment beyond what D38 can offer?



How can I earn college credit in high school?

Dual Credit.. Dual Enrollment.. Concurrent Enrollment??
Terminology can be confusing!

Common element of all programs - the opportunity to receive both high school and college credit from the same course

Which program is right for me?

- ▶ Backwards planning to determine "fit"
- ▶ Postsecondary goal = Training needed = Appropriate program
- ▶ Individual Career and Academic Planning is our 4-year process with *all* students that includes career exploration, academic planning, program advertisement and more!

When can I participate?

	Career Start	Advanced Placement	Concurrent Enrollment	Dual Enrollment
Grade 12				
Grade 11				
Grade 10				
Grade 9				

Read on to learn more about the basics of each program. Still puzzled? Come to our D38 College Information Night! Or contact your counselor!

CAREER START PROGRAMS

Use links below for program description and college credit breakdown

[Auto Collision](#)

[Technology](#)

[Auto Service](#)

[Construction](#)

[Cosmetology](#)

[Criminal Justice](#)

[Culinary Arts](#)

[Cyber Security](#)

[Diesel Power Mechanics](#)

[Early Childhood](#)

[Education](#)

[Fire Science Technology](#)

[Health Careers](#)

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[Interior Design](#)

[Multimedia Graphic](#)

[Design](#)

[Radio and Television](#)

[Welding](#)

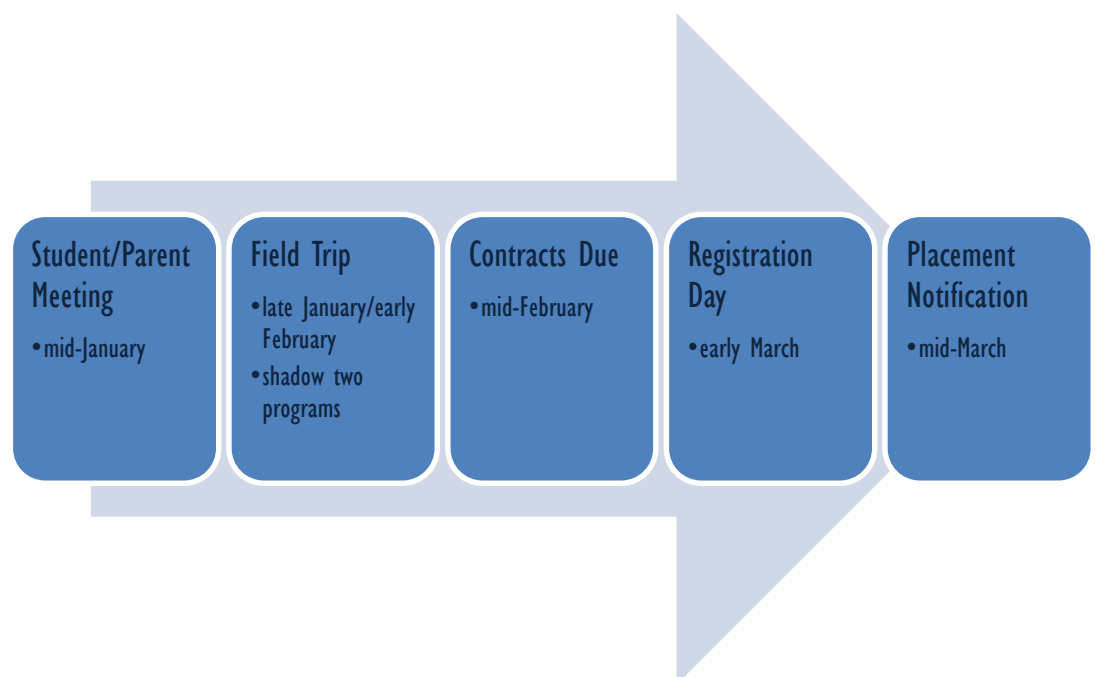
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**Check out
PPCC High School
Programs or contact your
counselor to learn more!**

Career Start (formerly Area Vocational Program)

- ▶ Open to grades 11-12
- ▶ At Pikes Peak Community College (Centennial campus) or Int'l Salon & Spa Academy
- ▶ Hands-on, CTE curriculum, Associate of Applied Science coursework
- ▶ Classes of high school students only
- ▶ College curriculum taught by college instructors with field experience
- ▶ Full year commitment, Fall and Spring semesters
- ▶ Dual credit — **high school and college credit**
- ▶ College credits transcribed onto official PPCC transcript
- ▶ Depending on program, students earn a combination of high school English, math, science, technology, and/or elective credit
- ▶ $\frac{3}{4}$ of school day at PPCC (one high school class each day upon return)
- ▶ Transportation provided by D38
- ▶ All program tools & materials provided on-site by PPCC
- ▶ No cost to students/parents unless fail class, withdraw after the drop date, or asked to leave due to discipline or non-attendance

Career Start Process



PRHS Advanced Placement Classes

English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Human Geography
European History
United States History
Government & Politics
Psychology
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics
Spanish
French
2-D Art (Photo)
3-D Art (Drawing/Painting)
Computer Science

Did you know?

In 2018, 75% of PRHS students taking an AP exam scored a 3 or higher

Check out the PRHS website or contact your school counselor to learn more!

Advanced Placement

- ▶ AP courses offered in grades 10-12
- ▶ Year-long courses taught on the high school campus
- ▶ College curriculum taught by AP-accredited D38 instructors
- ▶ National AP exams held in May
- ▶ High school credit earned by passing the course (additional GPA weight added for A, B, or C)
- ▶ Colleges use the May exam score (usually 3 or higher):
 - ▶ To award college credit (ie, CU-Boulder)
 - ▶ Degree-specific or elective credit
 - ▶ To determine college course placement
 - ▶ As evidence of rigor in highly selective admissions decisions
- ▶ In general, better *national* recognition than concurrent/dual enrollment
- ▶ Best practice — align with career interest, plan of study

Advanced Placement Registration Process (JANUARY and FEBRUARY)

Attend AP Night to learn about specific courses

Students use newly published Planning & Course Guides to choose classes and check pre-reqs

Students fill out Grade-Level Registration Forms with Teacher & Parent signatures

Students register for classes



Will my courses transfer??

Save time and money with Transferology's quick, intuitive way of getting your college transfer credit questions answered.

[Transferology.com](https://www.transferology.com)

Use the Colorado Department of Higher Education's tool for researching Guaranteed-Transfer Pathway courses, transferability in-state and more!

Complete College Colorado!



PPCC has three main campuses; most D38 students attend the Rampart Range Campus near Interquest & Highway 83, but there are several others to choose from, including additional Learning Centers and military bases:

Rampart Range
Downtown
Centennial
& More!

Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ Courses must align with student's Individual Career and Academic Plan
- ▶ Must have a 2.5 GPA
- ▶ Cooperative agreement with a qualified institution of higher education (PPCC, UCCS)
- ▶ UCCS is an option after PPCC course offerings have been exhausted
- ▶ Can take classes at any PPCC campus
- ▶ Classes with traditional college students
- ▶ Semester-long commitment
- ▶ District pays for tuition; family pays for books and fees (online ++)
- ▶ 0.5 high school credit per 3+-credit-hour college class
- ▶ No transportation provided

College Credit Considerations

- ▶ Not dependent on one exam's score like AP classes
- ▶ Earned grade over the course of a semester
- ▶ Permanent record of college coursework (whereas sharing AP scores is optional)
- ▶ Better transferability with in-state public universities than out-of-state and/or private universities (more research involved)
- ▶ Selective schools may accept some but not all credits; others may view as evidence of rigor but not award college credit
- ▶ Align with college degree plan; core or elective credit awarded?
- ▶ Guaranteed Transfer (GT)-Pathway courses highly encouraged (see [Colorado Department of Higher Education transfer matrix](#))
- ▶ **Research first, then register!**



Additional Resources:

D38 Concurrent Enrollment Guidelines & Checklist

Initial Intent Form

Course Placement Guide

Still have Concurrent Enrollment questions?

Contact Gwen Simbeck at PRHS or Jenilee Williams at PPCC for more information!



Concurrent Enrollment Process

• Meet with your counselor to discuss concurrent enrollment and adjust 4-year plan

• Submit Initial Intent Form (by March 1 for fall, by October 1 for spring) for approval

• Apply to college and College Opportunity Fund

• Meet with college advisor to finalize course selection(s)

• Submit contracts

• Submit test scores or transcript, if necessary

• Register for college classes (by May 15 for fall, by December 15 for spring)

• Adjust high school schedule

• Attend a CE Orientation at the college

• Start classes!

PRHS Dual Enrollment Classes

Chemistry
Calculus BC
English 3
English 4
Intro to Engineering
Principles of Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Marketing
Desktop Publishing
Accounting

(subject to change each school year)



CU-Succeed Dual Enrollment

Project Lead the Way Dual Enrollment

CCU Dual Enrollment

PPCC Dual Enrollment – see PRHS Planning & Course Guide



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CCU Contact: Britt Snyder

PPCC Contact: Jenilee Williams

Dual Enrollment

- ▶ Courses taught at high school by D38 instructors whose curriculum has been approved by a post-secondary institution for awarding college credit
- ▶ Family pays fee for grade to be transcribed onto college transcript (*note: permanent college academic record*)
- ▶ Often used to fulfill general elective requirements of college degree
- ▶ Policies regarding the transfer of credits and the specific ways in which they apply to degree requirements vary from institution to institution – research transferability before paying!
- ▶ Growing number of current D38 classes that can serve as dual credit (high school and college); more to come...
- ▶ Participation by three post-secondary institutions
 - ▶ UC-Colorado Springs
 - ▶ CU-Succeed (~\$52 per credit hour)
 - ▶ Project Lead the Way (\$68 – 102 per credit hour)
 - ▶ Colorado Christian University (\$200 per class)
 - ▶ Pikes Peak Community College (\$10 per class)

Dual Enrollment Registration Process (JANUARY and FEBRUARY)

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