

## STEM School Highlands Ranch Concurrent Enrollment Policy

Concurrent Enrollment (CE) allows high school students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) to enroll in college-level, guarantee transfer (within the Colorado public university system) courses while still in high school. STEM School Highlands Ranch will pay the tuition portion of that college education. Families must reimburse the school for any course not successfully completed (grade of “F”, “I”, or “W”). To qualify for the Concurrent Enrollment Program, students must:

1. Be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
2. Be a student of good standing in previous course work and show a history of strong standardized test scores. This may include a GPA of 3.0 for the previous 2 semesters.
3. Have a social maturity to excel in a college environment
4. Receive a minimum score on the ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer as needed
5. Complete all portions of the CE application and submit the completed application to the Concurrent Enrollment Counselor by the published deadlines
6. Meet with the Concurrent Enrollment Counselor once each year to review eligibility for CE
7. Be enrolled in a college-level, guaranteed transfer courses
8. Return the attendance form that will be sent to students (fall semester only)
9. Be enrolled in the College Opportunity Fund

### Good Standing

Student has at least a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (college GPA), has completed (passed) at least 67% of attempted credits and has not exceeded 150% of the program’s total credits.

Failure to maintain “good standing” at the institute of higher learning may make a student ineligible for financial aid until the student repairs his or her academic status.

### Credit Equivalency

Students completing college-level concurrent enrollment courses with a grade of C- or higher will be awarded credit equivalency as follows.

1 semester credit	.5 year high school credit
2-3 semester credits	1 year high school credit
4 semester credits	1.5 years high school credit
5 semester credits	2 years high school credit

## Option 1: High School Concurrent Enrollment

### General Information:

- Courses taught by STEM teachers
- Courses taught during regular school day hours
- In addition to high school credit, if a student earns a C or better, he or she will receive college credit.

### The Student **MUST** do the following in addition to normal high school course registration:

- Apply to the post-secondary institution aligned with the course:
  - Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
- Apply to the Colorado College Opportunity Fund (COF)

## Option 2: College Campus Concurrent Enrollment

### General information

- Student must have prior approval from STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Must be a class not offered at STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Must align with student's career goals and be approved by STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Tuition is paid by STEM at the *Community College rate* (approx. \$148, but varies each year) and will ***ONLY BE PAID IF*** a student has been granted permission to take the course and a completed application is on file.
- Student/Parent/Guardian is responsible for payment of any additional tuition not paid by the school.

### The student **MUST** do the following:

- Student complete the College Campus Concurrent Enrollment form (Available through Concurrent Enrollment Counselor)
- Student may go to any accredited institution at which STEM has a cooperative agreement (ACC, Red Rocks, Metro, CU Denver), however, will be reimbursed **ONLY** at Community College tuition rates. (approx. \$148, but varies each year)
- Confirm dual credit
- Apply for Colorado College Opportunity Fund (COF) for in-state institutions

On College Campus Available Tracks		
Strand 1: 75/25	Strand 2: 50/50	Strand 3: 0/100
Full time course load at STEM (6 courses) & <b>maximum</b> of 6 credit hours	Half time course load at STEM (4 courses) & <b>maximum</b> of 9 credit hours	No courses at STEM & <b>minimum</b> of 12 credit hours of college courses

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Students receive up to \$893.40 per semester to use for tuition. Funds DO NOT roll over from one semester to the next.	Students receive up to \$1340.10 per semester to use for tuition. Funds roll over from one semester to the next within each school year.	Students receive up to \$2680.20 per semester to use for tuition. Funds roll over from one semester to the next within each school year.

**Option 3: College Campus: Non-Reimbursable Tuition Options**

**General Information**

- Student chooses to take a non-STEM high school course without getting prior approval by district.
- Student must be a full time DCSD student.
- Student pays ALL TUITION AND FEES

**The student MUST do the following:**

- Apply to online, hybrid, or out of state college/university/ private school/ summer courses, etc.
- Confirm dual credit will be granted with the high school counselor
- Pay ALL tuition and other related costs
- Apply for Colorado College Opportunity Fund (COF) for in-state institutions