



School Profile 2026-27

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Community

Nestled in the city of Fort Collins, Colorado Early Colleges serves the entire northern Colorado area from the Wyoming State line in the north, the northern suburbs of Denver to the south, the plains of eastern Colorado, and to the foothills of the Rockies to the west. Colorado Early Colleges is under the authorization of the Colorado Charter School Institute which authorizes forty-one charter schools in the state ranging from K-12th grades. Fort Collins is consistently ranked as one of the "best places to live" by the top trade magazines and publications. The student body consists of a population of 73% Caucasian, 17% Hispanic, 2% African American, 3% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 5% of additional ethnicities.

School

Colorado Early Colleges is a comprehensive four-year public charter college preparatory high school that offers students the opportunity to earn an associate degree, postsecondary credential, or at least 60+ college credits towards the completion of a postsecondary credential while in high school. During the 2025-2026 school year 760 students in grades 9-12 were enrolled. The school opened in the fall of 2012. Colorado Early Colleges is accredited by the **Colorado Department of Education** and is chartered under the **Charter School Institute of Colorado**.

Curriculum

The **academic program** is organized around the model of students earning their associate degree, 60+ college credits, and/or postsecondary credentials while in high school, for free. The school currently pays up to \$4,800.00 each year per student, which covers students' tuition, fees, and required textbooks. Upon initial enrollment, every student takes the ACCUPLACER exam or Maps testing, administered by the College Board, which determines placement into college prep or college level courses. Students can place directly into College Composition I (ENG 1021) upon enrollment and never be required to take a high school level (college prep) English course. Students that place into College Algebra (MAT 1340), must have completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II before taking College Algebra. Students average about five courses a semester, which is all dependent upon a student's academic course load. For instance, a student that is completely college ready might only take ENG 1021 (3 college credits), MAT 1340 (4 college credits), and BIO 1111 (5 college credits). This student only takes three classes but is still considered to be taking a full academic load (12 college credits). Every course on campus is on a semester schedule. Classes are 60-120 minutes. College Prep courses are usually five days per week, while college level courses, taught on the CEC campus, are two, three, four, or five days a week courses depending on the credit level and contact hours requirement set forth by the community college (Front Range Community College, Aims Community College, or Red Rocks Community College).

For the 2026-27 school year, 41 college classes are offered on the CEC campus during the school day. These classes are a combination of Front Range Community College and Aims Community College courses ranging from 1 - 5 college credits. Many courses have multiple sections taught throughout the day. Students take college courses on the CEC campus, and once they have exhausted the courses, they need for their intended associate degree, take the remainder of their courses at Front Range Community College, Aims Community College, and or Red Rocks Community College. Each semester, students can re-take the ACCUPLACER exam for placement into a college-level course, if needed. ACT or SAT exam scores can be used in lieu of ACCUPLACER scores, dependent upon the required benchmark scores set by the colleges,
in those respective exams

College preparatory courses offered on the CEC campus during the **2026-27 school year** include:

- **English:** Literature & Composition 095, 099, English Language Development, Graphic Novels
- **Math:** Pre-Algebra, Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, Personal Finance, and Math Content Labs
- **Science:** Physical Science, Biology: Micro & Macro, Chemistry, and Forensic Science
- **Social Science:** Civics and Geography
- **World Languages:** Spanish I & II
- **Electives**

- o **Music:** Band, Orchestra, Concert Choir
- o **Computers/Engineering:** PC Apps, Certification Lab, Adobe Certification Lab, Cybersecurity, Small Engine Repair, Intro to Engineering, Robotics I & II, Introduction to Innovation Lab, Computer Modeling & 3D Printing, and Woodworking I & II and Principles of Construction
- o **Health & Fitness:** Intro to Weightlifting, Advanced Weightlifting, and Team Sports
- o **General:** Musical Theater, Theater, Tech Theater, Photography, Career Pathways, Career Foundations, Intro to Film, Film II, Yearbook, Work Based Learning, Student Leadership, Student Success Center, and Independent Studies

College courses offered on the CEC campus during the **2026-2027 school year** include:

- **English:** COM 1150, 1250, ENG 1021, 1022, & 2055
- **Math:** MAT 1140, 1340, 1260, 1440, 2410, 2420 & 2431
- **Science:** BIO 1005, 1111, CHE 1011, 1111, and GEY 1111 & 1135
- **Social Science:** HIS 1120, 1210, 1220, & 2015, MUS 1020 & 1023, PHI 1011, 1012, 2005, 2018 & 2020, PSC 1025 & 2220, PSY 1001, 1002
- **Electives:**
 - o **Art:** ART 1002, 1201, & 1703
 - o **Business:** BUS 1015, 2016 & 2017
 - o **Music:** MUS 1020 and 1051
 - o **Computers:** CIS 1018
 - o **Health & Fitness:** PED 1002, and 1003

Grading and Ranking:

High School Weighting*

A - Excellent	90-100	4
B - Above average	80-89	3
C - Average	70-79	2
F - Failure	69 or below	0

College Course Weighting*

A - Excellent	90-100	5
B - Above average	80-89	4
C - Average	70-79	3
F - Fail	69 or below	0

No "D's" are granted

Rank

Students are ranked based upon their weighted GPA. Valedictorians and Salutatorians are determined based upon their weighted GPA and must earn an associate degree. Final class rank is determined at the end of March after updating students' high school transcript from completed fall semester courses.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of **20 credits is required for graduation**. Graduates earn special distinction based off their weighted GPA. Graduates that have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75-3.89 are distinguished as Cum Laude, 3.9-4.199 cumulative weighted GPA are considered Magna Cum Laude, and 4.2-5.0 cumulative weighted GPA are awarded Summa Cum Laude. **College level classes are weighted** (see above). The college level formula is used to determine a weighted GPA. Grades are recorded on the transcript, ACT or SAT scores are not on transcripts. GPA is computed in January and June.

Class of 2026

There were **188** graduates in the Class of 2026. Based off weighted GPA 60% of graduates earned a 3.5 or higher GPA. Average weighted GPA is 3.65.

Standardized Test Results

75% of the Class of 2026 (199) took the SAT	
Average Reading/Writing Score	508
Average Math Score	493
Average Score	1001

College Course Completion Results

- 132 graduates (70%), earned their associate degree from Front Range, Aims, or Red Rocks Community College
- 137 graduates (78%) earned one or more industry certifications
- A total of 11,124 college credits were earned
- Graduates averaged 56 college credit hours
- 96% of graduates earned college credit

Post High School Placement

- 49% matriculated to 4-year colleges (99 students)
- 32% selected work, military service, 2-year institutions, or technical instruction (65 students)

Awards and Distinctions

- Colorado Charter School Institute School of Distinction 2024 - 2017 and 2014 - 2015
- 99% of graduates earned an associate degree, certification, or 60+ college credits
- 65% of graduates earned Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude Honors
- 88% of graduates earned Honors or High Honors designations
- 136 associate degrees were earned
- 235 industry certifications were earned

Colleges Attended by CECFC Graduates

Abilene Christian University (TX)
Adams State University (CO)
Aims Community College (CO)
Animal Behavior College (CA)
Arizona State University (AZ)
Auburn University (AL)
Bemidji State University (MN)
Brigham Young University (ID)
Brigham Young University (UT)
Butler Community College (KS)
California State Polytechnic University (CA)
Calvin College (MI)
Casper College (WY)
Central Washington University (WA)
Chattanooga State Community College (TN)
Cheeks Beauty Academy (WY)
Colorado Christian University
Colorado Film School
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Services (TX)
Denver School of Massage (CO)
Eckerd College (FL)
Florida State University (FL)
Fort Collins Police Academy (CO)
Fort Hays University (KS)
Front Range Community College (CO)
George Fox University (OR)
Grand Canyon University (AZ)
Grinnell College (IA)
Harding University (AR)
Heartland Baptist Bible College (OK)
Hofstra University (NY)

Institute of Business and Medical Careers (CO)

Iowa State University (IA)
Kansas State University (KS)
Laramie County Community College (WY)
Liberty University (VA)
Marvel Beauty Schools (Toronto, ON)
Marymount University (VA)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)
Master's College (CA)
Metropolitan State University of Denver (CO)
Michigan Technological University (MI)
Montana State University (MT)
Moody Bible Institute (IL)
Multnomah University (OR)
National Center for Circus Arts in London (United Kingdom)
Northeastern Junior College (CO)
Oklahoma Christian University (OK)
Oklahoma State University (OK)
Piedmont Community College (NC)
Point Loma Nazarene University (CA)
Regency Beauty Academy (CO)
Rollins College (FL)
Sheridan College (WY)
South Dakota School of Mines
United States Naval Academy (MD)
University of Alabama
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Colorado - Denver
University of Denver
University of Kansas
University of Mississippi, Oxford
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of North Texas (TX)
University of Northern Colorado
University of Sioux Falls (SD)
University of South Alabama
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Utah
University of Wyoming
Utah Valley University
Vanguard University (CA)

Western State University (CO)
Wheaton College (IL)