



COLORADO
Early Colleges
— Colorado Springs —

CECCS

School Profile

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Mission Statement

All students, regardless of background or skill level, will have the opportunity to pursue a growth mindset that will allow them to achieve mastery and to demonstrate they can succeed in school, in college, and in their chosen career. No exceptions. No excuses.

Our Community:

Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs serves the entire El Paso & Teller County areas. We are under the authorization of the Charter School Institute, which authorizes 40 charter schools in the state, ranging from K-12th grades.

What is Colorado Early Colleges?

Colorado Early Colleges is a comprehensive, four-year public charter college preparatory high school that offers students the opportunity to earn an associate degree while in high school. CEC blends high school and college course work in a rigorous yet supportive program, accelerating the time it takes to complete a high school diploma, the first two years of college, and/or an industry certificate.

CECCS (Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs) as an Early College:

- ❖ CECCS was founded in 2007 and added a middle school in Fall 2021.
- ❖ CECCS has grown from 320 students in 2007 to 650 in 2023.
- ❖ CECCS has had 16 graduating classes; 100% of the graduating class of 2023 earned an Associate degree, 60+ college credits, or an industry certificate before their high school graduation.
- ❖ Over the years CEC has grown and expanded to Fort Collins, Parker, Aurora, Windsor, Inverness, Castle Rock and Westminster. There is also a CEC Online School, and multiple middle school campuses.
- ❖ CECCS assesses every student who enrolls and meets them where they are academically, no matter the level. CECCS students earn a combination of high school and college credits as they pursue a high school diploma and an associate degree or higher.
- ❖ CECCS provides a personal and supportive atmosphere where students pursue their unique and individual educational and career goals.

CECCS High School Leadership:

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Curriculum at CECCS:

The academic program is organized around the model of students earning their associate degree while in high school, for free. Upon initial enrollment, every student takes the Accuplacer which determines placement into college prep or college level courses. Students take college courses on a CECCS campus, and once they have exhausted the courses they need for their intended degree or certification, they take the remainder of their courses at one of the local colleges that CECCS partners with.

| College Prep (High School) Program | College Program |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigorous high school level course work • Semester based • Highly Qualified teachers • Prepares students for college-level course work • Core classes fulfill college course prerequisites • Designed to help students at all levels, including those who are academically ahead, right on track, or remedial • Tracks with the community college system by offering course content similar to their pre-college-level courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses and grades are recorded both on CECCS's high school transcript and on the college transcript from the institution providing the course. • College BRIDGE students attend ACC college courses on the CECCS campus as part of CECCS's normal school day in classes composed entirely of CECCS students. • College SELECT students attend college courses at area institutions integrating into the classrooms and campus life of those institutions learning side-by-side with other college students. • GT courses guaranteed to transfer to post-secondary institutions in CO |

CECCS Transcript: College courses are indicated with the institution's initials at the beginning of the course name. Semester or quarter credit hours are indicated at the end of each course name. i.e. (3) or (4). A student's college transcript should be submitted and considered along with CECCS's.

CECCS Transcript Key:

PPC—Pikes Peak State College

CSU---Colorado State University at Pueblo

UCS—University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

AMC--- Aims Community College

SNC--- Snow College

Class rank is based on GPA. Both the class rank and GPA on the transcript are current as of the printing of the transcript based on grades currently on the transcript.

| High School Weighting | | | College Course Weighting | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| A | 90-100% | 4 | A | 90-100% | 5 |
| B | 80-89% | 3 | B | 80-89% | 4 |
| C | 70-79% | 2 | C | 70-79% | 3 |
| F | 69 or below | 0 | F | 69 or below | 0 |

Grading Scale: While college transcripts will give grade points for D grades, CECCS does not recognize a D as a passing grade.

2023-2024 Student Population

Total High School student body: 492 (Part-time students 5)

Seniors 155

Juniors 127

Sophomores 111

Freshmen 99

Female 258

Male 234

African American 6%

American Indian/Alaskan Native 1%

Asian 3%

Caucasian 57%

Hispanic 23%

Pacific Islander 0%

Two or More Race Categories 10%

Unspecified 0%

District & Accreditation: CECCS is authorized under and accredited through the Colorado Charter School Institute, a statewide authorizer for charter schools, accredited within the State of Colorado. We are not

affiliated with any Colorado Springs school district.

Diploma & Distinctions:

- Honors: 30-59 college credits and postsecondary or industry certification
- High Honors: Associate degree or 60+ college credits
- Cum Laude (with praise): 3.75-3.89 cumulative weighted GPA
- Magna Cum Laude (with great praise): 3.9 – 4.199 cumulative weighted GP
- Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise): 4.2 cumulative weighted GPA

Grades & Credits:

- College prep courses earn .5 credits/semester
- College courses are weighted on a 5-point GPA scale.
- College semester credit hours convert to high school semester credits

| College Credit | High School Credit |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | .5 |
| 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 1.5 |
| 5 | 2 |

Graduation Requirements: CECCS has two pathways of instruction. Each requires 20 high school credits plus the completion of an associate degree, 60 college credits or post-secondary certification. Completion of college-level math or English satisfies requirements for those areas regardless of credit count.

*Social Science credit includes the satisfactory completion of a Civics/government course that encompasses both the United States & State of Colorado (C.R.S. 22-1-104)

| | University & Associate Degree Pathway | Career & Technical Education Pathway |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| English | 4 | 4 |
| Math | 4 | 3 |
| Science | 3 | 2 |
| Social Science/Civics | 3* | 2* |
| World Languages | 2 | 0 |
| Academic Electives | 4 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 20 |

Affiliates:

Pikes Peak Sate College- PPSC (formerly Pikes Peak Community College)

www.pikespeak.edu

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs-UCCS

www.uccs.edu

Colorado State University-Pueblo- CSU-P

www.csupueblo.edu

Aims Community College

www.aims.edu

Snow College

www.snow.edu

Charter School Institute- CSI

www.csi.state.co.us

League of Charter Schools

www.coloradoleague.org