

## **Graduation Details**

Graduation will take place at Wellington MHS stadium on May 22, 2025 at 6:30pm

Cap, Gown, and graduation announcements - ordering will be (mid-Oct) - students will purchase their cap and gown - gowns will be maroon

## **Graduation Ceremony Planning**

Mr. Buffington will be working with a group of students and staff to plan the ceremony - we are establishing traditions and are excited for the opportunity - if you want to be a part of this, tell Mr. Buffington at:

marcb@psdschools.org





## <u>Separation process:</u> Support **AND** Independence



Students are the drivers for these processes and decisions

Parents are often in the driver's seat for financial aid

### Set up a schedule:

- Once a week, set time aside for discussion and updates
  - Sunday evenings over ice cream or a cup of tea, afternoon walk, etc.
  - Via email Wednesday with response by Friday (to have weekend privileges)

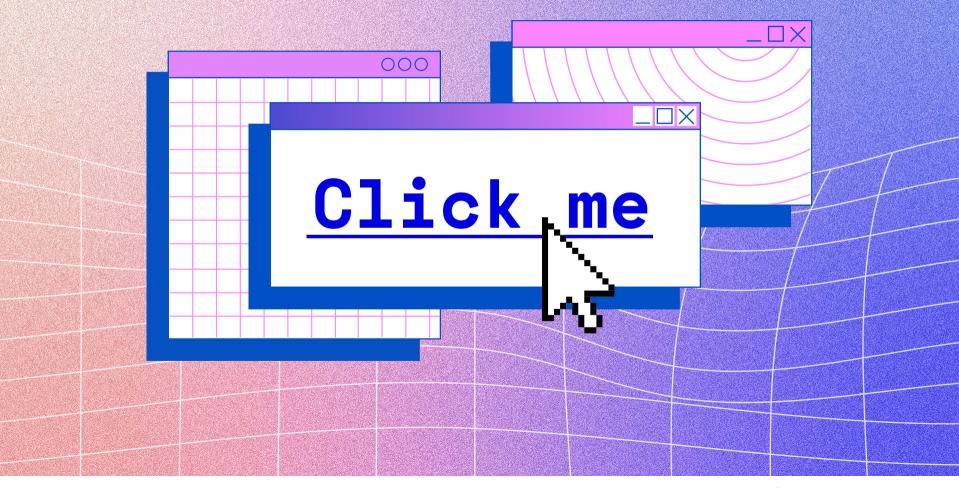
Be Aware of Deadlines

Senior year is all about DEADLINES

- college apps,
- financial aid & scholarships,
- changing courses,
- ordering your announcements
- completing all your requirements to GRADUATE!

Most deadlines are **NOT** flexible!





## HYPERLINKS

Graduation Requirements, College Expectations, & Finding College Options

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**Scholarships** 

**Net Price Calculators** 

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Resources and Upcoming Events

**Concurrent Enrollment Options** 

Agenda



# Graduation Requirements, College Expectations, & Finding College Options



## Graduation vs. College Entrance Requirements

### **PSD GRAD REQUIREMENTS**

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### COLORADO HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS (HEAR)

	English	.40	
	Math	40	
	Science	.30	
	Social Studies3	0	
	World Language10-30		
	Electives	20	
*Entrance requirements vary by college			

## Curriculum Expectations



1 year = 10 credits





Consider location, majors, size, cost, campus life, career options, etc.

Look at admissions requirements

Research

- Xello—School Selector
- Big Future
- College Reps & Fairs and Visits

Consider costs, your budget, and who values you as a student





## College List Building



## Identity and college: Consider your fit

- ■Hispanic Serving Institutions
- ■Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- ■LGBTQIA+ friendly campuses
- □Religiously-affiliated colleges
- ■Tribal Colleges
- ■Women's Colleges or Men's Colleges



## Students with IEPs, 504s, or disabilities

- Look for colleges with an appropriate level of support for your needs
- When you visit a college, meet with their disability support personnel (Disability support services, Learning support services, Office of special education programs, Center for students with disabilities, etc.)
- YOU must self-identify and advocate for accommodations or support

#### **Additional Resources:**

**7 Things to Know About College Disability Services** 

**College Guide for Students with Disabilities** 

**Info For Families** 

## Admissions Averages & Criteria

### Colorado State University

- 3.3-4.0 GPA
- 23-28 ACT (Test optional)
- · 1120-1300 SAT
- Essay and letter of rec
- December 1 priority deadline

#### CU Boulder

- 3.66 GPA
- 27 ACT (Test optional)
- 1180-1350 SAT
- Essay and letter of rec
- Nov 15 priority deadline

### University of Wyoming

- 3.46 GPA
- 21-27 ACT
- · 970-1235 SAT

### Front Range Community College

- Open AdmissionsRolling Admissions
- (Test optional)

### University of Northern Colorado

- · 3.02-3.8 GPA
- 19-25 ACT

(Test optional)

- 1030-1230 SAT
- Rolling Admissions

### University of Denver

- 3.71 GPA
- 28 ACT

(Test optional)

- · 1110-1310
- Essay and letter of rec
- Nov 1 Early Decision/Early Action

### Colorado Mesa University

- · 3.15-3.83 GPA
- 20-25 ACT
- 1020-1200 SAT

(Test optional for admission, not for scholarship)

<sup>\*</sup>Applications are often accepted at later dates as well, but offer less access to scholarships, etc.





## **Special Notes:**

- \*Selective Service
- \*Student Athletes
- \*ASCENT & TREP





Almost all male U.S. citizens (identified male at birth) and male immigrants, who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service.

### Selective Service



Colleges cannot let you enroll if you have not done this.



https://www.sss.gov

## NCAA--Athletics in College

Want to play Division I or II, be sure you have:

- Taken appropriate courses (especially SR English and Humanities)
- Registered at <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u>
- Sent your ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing agency (check with your college to see if required)
- Sent your transcript to NCAA
- Paid the NCAA fee



\*\*NCAA compliance is **your** responsibility. Your counselor is here to help.

## **Apprenticeships at FRCC**

Nationally recognized training programs, apprenticeships combine real work with learning - both on and off the job. With apprenticeships in healthcare, manufacturing, IT, tree care and more, FRCC has much to offer both students and the employers that hire them.

### What Makes an Apprenticeship Different?

Different than internships and other training programs, apprenticeships are specially designed programs that include five core elements:

- 1. Paid Employment
- 2. On-the-Job Learning
- 3. FRCC-Provided Instruction
- 4. Mentorship
- 5. Credentials



Login to your Xello account to see local apprenticeships or stop by the College and Career Center to speak with Ms. Ford or Mrs. Newbanks in Work-Based Learning.

## FRCC Degree and Certificate Programs

### **Choose from 30 Degrees & Certificates**

Early Childhood Education	Health Care ▼
Elementary Education   T	Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning ▼
Emergency Medical Services	Integrative Health & Massage Therapy
Forestry, Wildlife & Natural Resources	Nursing & Nurse Aide ▼

## ASCENT Program = FREE year at FRCC, Aims, Metro, or UNC

PSD will pay all TUITION + BOOKS + FEES (no supplies)

Application comes out in the Spring!

For students who have earned at least **9** College Credits before the end of senior year through:

- AP Testing from grades 9-11 (if on a college transcript)
- FRCC Concurrent Enrollment
- Other colleges

ASCENT does not cover remedial classes

Complete FAFSA/CAFSA

## Do you want to become an Educator?

Check out the <u>TREP Program</u> for 2 years of free tuition at FRCC, AIMS, Metro, or UNC\*\*

Application opens in November. See your Counselor or Ms. Ford if interested.



\*\*Subject to change. Books, fees, and supplies are the responsibility of the student in TREP.



### KRISTEN BESANCENEY

**Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator** 

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Cell: 970-657-3175



## **How Many Colleges?**

On average, Seniors apply to 3 schools

- 5-8 schools is common nationwide
- 9-15 is recommended if you are applying to highly selective colleges
- Consider admissions requirements and your financial situation:
  - Reach
  - Target
  - Safety

There are nearly 4,000 slightly different admissions processes and expectations!



### For Admissions



APPLICATION (ANYWHERE FROM 20-40 MIN OF QUESTIONS)



PAYMENT (USUALLY \$25-50/COLLEGE) COLORADO'S COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES ARE FREE!



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

### For Scholarships



SAT OR ACT TEST (USUALLY ONLY FOR COURSE PLACEMENT OR SCHOLARSHIPS)



**ESSAY** 



LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION FROM
A TFACHER

WHAT is Needed for most 2-year or Technical Colleges' Applications

## What is Needed for most 4-year Colleges' Applications



APPLICATION
(ANYWHERE FROM 20
MINUTES TO 2 HOURS
OF QUESTIONS)



PAYMENT (USUALLY \$35-100/COLLEGE)



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS



SAT OR ACT TEST (SOMETIMES EXTRA TESTING AS WELL)



**ESSAY** 



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A TEACHER



OCCASIONALLY: AUDITION, PORTFOLIO, INTERVIEW (FOR SPECIFIC COLLEGES/MAJORS)



INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PRIOR COLLEGE(S)

## College Application Process

### The Student:

- Complete application
- Pay application fee
- Submit essay (if needed)
- Request letters of recommendation and follow-up (if needed)
- Request test scores from testing agency – check college!
- Request Transcript & pay fee to WMHS Student Services

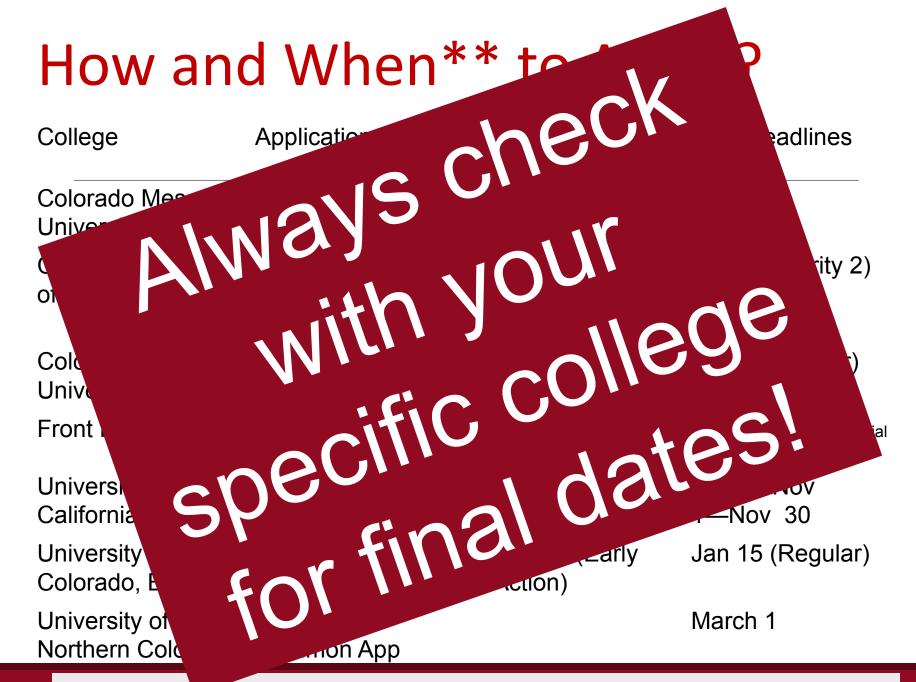
### **WMHS Student Services:**

- Sends Transcripts/Test Scores
- Sends Letters of Recommendation, if needed, for students not using Common App
- Sends School Profile
- Has Fee Waiver Applications available for students who qualify (if applicable)

## We suggest a goal of



## To beat almost all deadlines



## What is Common App?

- https://www.commonapp.org/
- An application platform that is accepted by over 900 colleges for their admissions.
- Through the platform, applicants can apply to multiple colleges at once. So students only have fill out details that most schools require, including name, address and extracurricular activities, one time.
- You choose exactly which colleges to send your complete application to (it doesn't automatically go to all 900+ schools)





## **Coalition App**

## **Avoid if possible**

- □It connects to a platform SCOIR, which we don't have at WMHS
- ☐ Most colleges on the Coalition Application have at least one other application option
- ☐Colleges will NOT penalize you for using a different platform to apply!



## **Colorado Free Application Days!**

Submit your applications for colleges/universities in Colorado on October 15-17 to waive application fees (\$30-65 each)

Prepare ahead of time so you can simply hit submit!

\* CSU now has FREE app day EVERYDAY for CO residents \*

## Admission Decision Processes

(Options vary by college)

### WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Nonrestrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT: NONBINDING Rolling Admission

#### **DEFINITION:**

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT: NONBINDING Early Action (EA)

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and nave until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

### Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NONBINDING

Students are esponsible for determining and following restrictions.

## What is Test Optional?



### **Test Optional** might mean:

- 1. Students have an equal chance to be admitted with or without a test score. Scholarships can also be awarded with or without test scores.
- 2. Test score is not needed for admissions, but is required for scholarships
- 3. Test score is not needed for admissions, but is increases opportunity for scholarships
- 4. A strong test score makes a student much more likely to be admitted than a student who doesn't submit (even if everything else is the same)

### **Test Blind:**

College will NOT consider your test scores for any admission or scholarship reason, e.g., University of California schools

## Do I need to test?



Check your colleges for test expectations for:

- Admissions
- ☐ Your possible Major(s)
- ☐ Scholarships

Does your College/Military Academy require a writing test (available only w/ACT)?

#### **Military**

☐ ASVAB exam required

## **Upcoming SAT/ACT tests**

Test date	Test type	Registration deadline	
October 5	SAT (www.collegeboard.org)	Sept 20	
October 26	ACT (www.actstudent.org)	Sept 20	
November 2	SAT	Oct 18	
December 7	SAT	Nov 22	
December 14	ACT	Nov 22	

- Register directly at collegeboard.org or actstudent.org
- Cost \$55-65/test. See your counselor for a fee waiver if you qualify for free/reduced lunch
- Locations vary by test (NOT available at WMHS). Students often find test seats open at CSU,
   Loveland, Greeley, Denver, Cheyenne, etc.

#### Getting Scores to Colleges:

 Many colleges will require that scores be sent directly from the testing agency (~\$12/score sent)





#### Cum GPA.

Cumulative is an "unweighted 4.0 GPA" that is often used for applications.
In this GPA, A=4, B=3, etc.

#### 5.0 GPA.

"4.0 weighted GPA".

Weighs AP or college-credit classes at A=5, B=4, C=3, etc. before the overall GPA is computed.

Adj GPA. Based on the 4.0 scale with extra weight given after the GPA is computed at .002/credit for AP or college-credit classes.

ONLY used within PSD for class ranking system

Some colleges recompute their own GPA.

## Essay



Check the prompt from each college

Answer the question
Tell a story
Come alive
Share a dimension of yourself NOT elsewhere in the application



Might use the essay to explain low grades, extenuating circumstances, etc. but it's better to use the "Additional Information" section, if available



Proofread and edit!

## Transcript Request Process

## Complete Yellow Transcript Request Form (in Counseling Office)

Sign the back stating WMHS can release your transcript to colleges

Submit form & your receipt for \$3.00 per college to Student Services



## Deadline: <u>2 weeks</u> before college deadline

Be aware of Thanksgiving and Winter Break!

# Letters of Rec: Help colleges understand YOU!

Your academic & personal background, your character, & why you will be successful in your next step.

## Helpful • Hints

- Only ask for what you need and no more
- Ask someone who can speak about you academically
- The same letter can usually be used for college and scholarships
- Letters are normally sent directly from the teacher to the college to maintain confidentiality.
- Teachers can say no to your request

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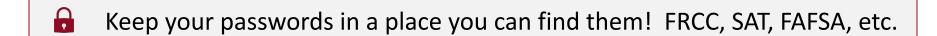
**Step 1**: Ask the teacher face to face

**Step 2**: Find out what info they need from you (resume, transcript, the LOR information form)

due Step 3: Let them know where and how letters will be sent (common app, UNC's online application, etc)

**Step 4**: Send a thank you note

## **Application Helpful Hints**



Have a professional email address (FirstLastGradyear@email.com)

Make a google folder and/or email folder for all things related to college

- Name/rename your documents so you can find them easily
- Use your full legal name
- Social media—clean it or close it!
- Proofread before you click submit...

## After applying

## Admit

- Celebrate
- Confirm (pay deposit) or Decline by May 1

## Move to Regular Decision

- Send a mid-year transcript and any other changes
- Connect with admissions

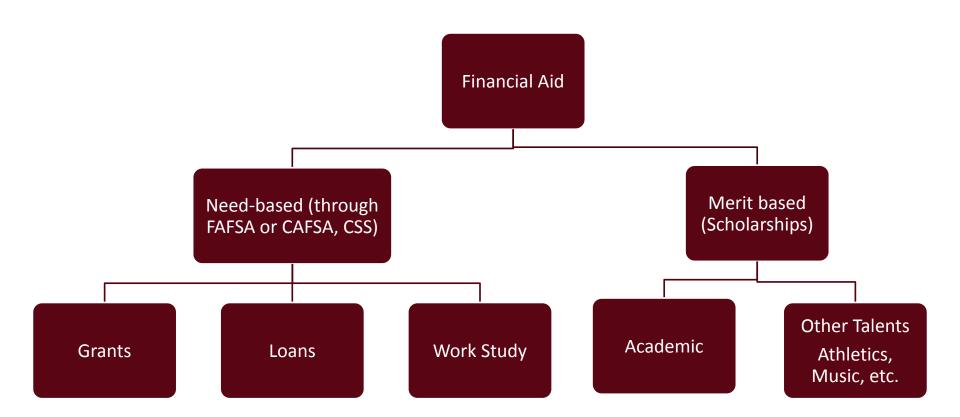
## Deny

 Possible appeal process, usually w/ new information (test score, achievement or grades)

#### Waitlist

- Send a mid-year transcript and any other changes
- Connect with admissions





# YOU SHOULD FILL OUT THE FAFSA



- IT'S EASY.

  The application has been simplified.
- IT'S FAST.

  It takes most people just 23 minutes to complete.
- MORE PEOPLE QUALIFY...

for student aid than you think.

#CollegeOpportunity | StudentAid.gov

## **FAFSA**

All student (parents) should file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible \*starting in October of senior year.

#### \*FAFSA Schedule and Process for 2025-26 Form

This month, the U.S. Department of Education announced that the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA® form) will be <u>launched through a new process</u>. Starting on October 1, the USDOE will release the 2025-26 FAFSA form for testing with a limited set of students and institutions. The USDOE will make the application available to all students on or before December 1.

This is based on 2023 taxes of parents and students.

### https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

- Go to the website ASAP and get your FSA ID
- Check out the FAFSA4Caster

Check out this video for more information: <a href="https://videos.schoolcounselor.org/sponsored-webinar-better-be-ready-for-better-fafsa/">https://videos.schoolcounselor.org/sponsored-webinar-better-be-ready-for-better-fafsa/</a>

## Key Terms

- Contributor
  - everyone with information on the FAFSA
- Financial Aid Offer
  - Estimated money the student can receive
- Student Aid Index (SAI)
  - Formerly EFC, the number sent to colleges to determine aid eligibility
- FSA ID
  - Personal login information. All contributors must have FSA ID
- Financial Aid Direct Data Exchange (FADDX)
  - Replacing IRS Data Retrieval tool
  - Must agree to this at start of FAFSA

# WMHS Seniors/recent Grads are almost always "Dependent" on the FAFSA

Unless they (the student)...

- ☐ Is married
- ☐ Has a child they financial support at least 51%
- ☐ Are active duty in the military
- ☐ Have been in foster care since they turned 13
- ☐ Have had both parents deceased
- ☐ Are an unaccompanied youth at risk for homelessness



## Who do I include?

- ★ If your parents are married and in the same household, include both.
- ★ If they are not married and/or are in separate households:
  - Choose the parent/household who provides most financial support
  - If that is equal, choose the parent/household who you live with more
  - Make sure to include stepparent if applicable.
- ★ Must be biological or adoptive parent (except for stepparent) to be included.
  - If Aunt/Uncle, Grandma/Grandpa, etc. raised student but did not legally adopt, they are not a contributor.



## **CASFA**

- CASFA is the State Financial Aid application for undocumented, Colorado ASSET students
- In-state tuition available for students who have attended high school in CO for one year
- You would not qualify for the FAFSA, but the <u>CASFA</u>
   (<u>Colorado Application for State Financial Aid</u>) is available for state aid for colleges in Colorado and works similarly to FAFSA.
- Apply <u>here.</u>

## Types of Aid:

#### **Grants**

- Funds do NOT have to be repaid
- Are for the most those with the most financial need
  - Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch almost always qualify for grants
  - Plus, many other students qualify depending on their family's situation and the college's cost

#### Loans

- MUST be repaid
- Available from the government and from private sources (federal Stafford loans, federal PLUS loans, federal Perkins loans, institutional loans, private loan programs)

#### Work- Study

- Students earn money by working part-time on campus
- Sponsored by college/government
- Say "Yes" to the question on the FAFSA that asks if you are interested in work-study eligibility (it's not required if you do qualify)





CSU's Colorado Tuition Assistance Grant is a pledge to provide Colorado students who have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$64,000 or less (and who meet other eligibility requirements) with grant funds from state and university sources to cover at least one-half the cost of tuition. In addition, those students who are eligible for a federal Pell Grant will receive grant funds from federal, state, and university sources to cover 100 percent of tuition and standard fees.

First-time students from Colorado who complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and attend full-time (at least 12 credits) are eligible for free tuition (after all other financial aid awards including, state and federal grants. and all CSU Pueblo institutional grants and scholarships) through the Colorado Promise Scholarship program. This scholarship requires a 3.0 grade point average to renew.

Learn more about CSU's <u>Colorado</u>
<u>Tuition Assistance Grant</u> and the <u>Federal Pell Grant</u>.

Read more about the <u>Colorado Promise</u> <u>Scholarship</u> and <u>The Pack Promise</u>.



## Other financial processes

## **CSS Profile**

Used by about 400 colleges/scholarship programs (mostly private)

CSU uses the CSS Profile to determine eligibility for the Commitment to Colorado grant

Usually due early: Form available Oct. 1

Check deadlines

You pay a fee: \$25 for 1 college, \$16 for each additional college (free for family income up to \$100,000)

Gathers financial information similar to the FAFSA, but more in depth

# <u>COF</u>



Provides a tuition stipend to eligible undergraduate students. The stipend pays a portion of your total in-state tuition when you attend a participating college

You already applied to COF if you have ever applied to FRCC. Pay attention to reminders to "Authorize funds" to the college you attend--usually a quick process in your college portal.





## Scholarships







#### Colleges

Admissions-based (automatically considered when you apply)

Foundation (requires separate application usually found in the college's portal that you can access after applying)

#### **Websites:**

FastWeb
Big Future (College Board)
Scholarships.com
Community Foundation of
Northern Colorado,
Raise.me
Boettcher
Daniels

#### **WMHS**

PSD Senior
Scholarship
Application
Teacher, Counselor,
Principal Nominated

# "Automatic" "Merit" "Admissions-based" Scholarships

- Many are test optional or test-blind for the Class of 2025, but some still require test scores
- Colleges may use unweighted, weighted, or recalculated GPAs (read their website for details)
- Not available at all colleges...

## **Common Scholarships for PSD Seniors:**

Esteemed Scholarship CU Boulder



Green & Gold Scholarship: Colorado State University



Colorado Mesa University



# Western Undergraduate Exchange)

Reduced tuition rates available at some public colleges in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Tuition rates at 150% of In-state

Varies by college—can be a *highly* competitive award or automatic to all who are accepted to the college





## **Quest Bridge**

## (essentially a full-coverage award at a highly selective college)

Open to all students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the United States.

Finalists typically come from households earning less than \$65,000 annually for a family of four, and often less.

#### Strong academics:

- Mostly A's in challenging courses
- •Top 5-10% of graduating class
- •SAT >1260 or ACT>27 (if taken)
- •Strong writing, intellectual spark, determination

#### Application available now online

Usually due late September

## **Boettcher Scholarship**—



### (up to a full ride or full tuition/fee scholarship in Colorado)

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Be a graduating Colorado high school senior who has lived in Colorado for your full junior and senior years of high school;
- Apply during the fall of what is your final year of high school, even if you are considering taking a gap year after graduation;
- Graduate from a Colorado high school; and
- Be a citizen, legal permanent resident, or lawfully present (including through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)) in the United States —OR--Meet the requirements and have applied or started the process of applying for citizenship, legal status or lawful presence.

#### For students who exhibit:

- Superior scholastic ability
- Evidence of leadership and involvement
- Service to community and school
- Outstanding character

Include your counselor's name/email as "Recommender" right away!

# Daniels Fund Scholarship up to \$25,000/year

#### **Selection Criteria:**

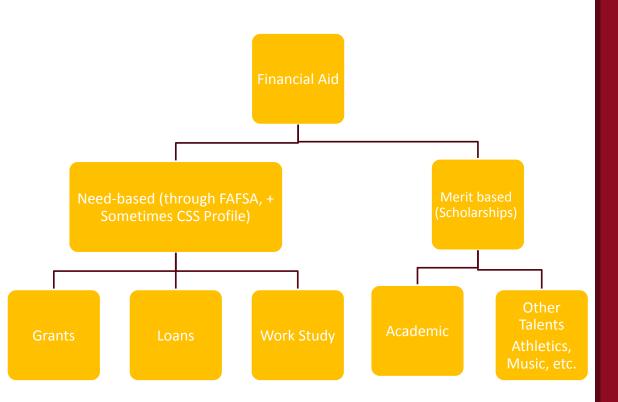
- Strength of character
- Leadership potential
- Commitment to serving their communities
- Academic performance or promise
- Well-rounded personality

**Finances:** AGI of \$85,000 or less. Income can be higher for multiple dependents.

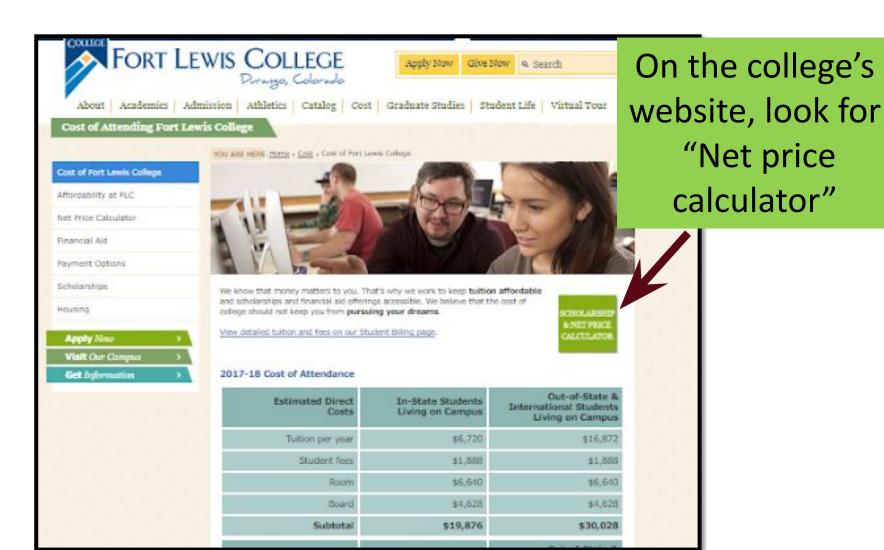
Earn a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 in high school (on an unweighted 4.0 scale), AND earn a minimum SAT Math score of 490 and a minimum Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 490, or a minimum ACT score of 18 in each category (writing score not required). Super scoring is not accepted.

## PSD Senior Scholarship App.

- 30+ local donors who offer award to PSD seniors
- Application in mid-December, due in January



## Net Price Calculators





Answer the questions below to help determine your annual cost of attending Fort Lewis College

22.130.0	olarship Eligibility			
0	First Year Students: Enter your combined SAT score, including the critical reading and mathematics subscores. (between 400 and 1600)			
2	First Year Students: What is your ACT composite score? (between 1 and 36)	0	2	6
3	First Year Students: What is your high school GPA? (4-point scale)	0	3.7	5
4	Transfer Students: What is your college GPA? (4-point scale)	0		
5	Will you be transferring from another College or University?	0	No	•
6	All Students: What is your state of legal residence?	0	Colorado	•
0	All Students: Are you a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe or Alaskan village?	0	Yes O No	•
8	Do you plan to apply prior to January 15th of the year you will enroll at Ft. Lewis College?	7	Yes   No	0

You will probably enter information about you. But usually NOT identifying information like your full name or SS#

**VIEW RESULTS** 

Some colleges offer automatic scholarships, based on your ACT/GPA.



SCHOLARSHIP

FINANCIAL AID

**NET PRICE** 

#### Scholarship Results

#### Congratulations!

Based on the information you have entered, you qualify for the:

#### Fort Lewis Scholarship

\$3,000

Please keep in mind that the scholarships listed above are estimates of what you may qualify for given the academic information supplied. Please continue to calculate your other financial aid eligibility. You may qualify for additional aid.

Please keep in mind that all of the scholarship information provided above are estimates. Fort Lewis College will be able to further clarify your qualifications for these scholarships once you have submitted a formal application for enrollment.



**CALCULATE FINANCIAL AID** 



Answer the questions below to help determine your annual cost of attending Fort Lewis College



While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the Net Price Calculator, please keep in mind that this estimate does not represent a final determination, or actual award, of financial assistance. It shall not be binding on the Secretary of Education, Fort Lewis College, or the State, and may change. You must complete the <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> in order to be eligible for, and receive, an actual financial aid award that includes Federal grant, loan, or work-study assistance under Title IV programs.

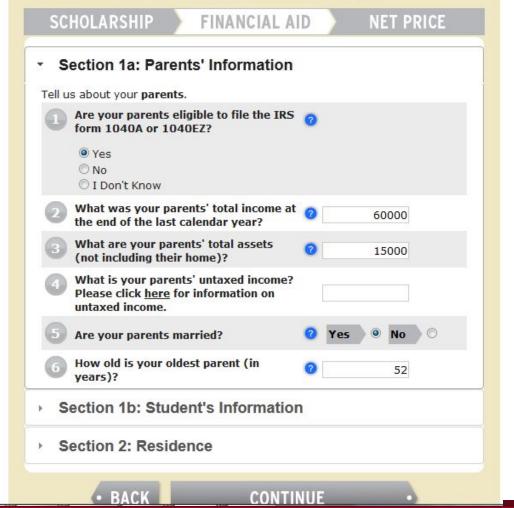
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To get a better sense of total cost, many colleges gather information like what the FAFSA will ask you.

You usually need parent information.



Answer the questions below to help determine your annual cost of attending Fort Lewis College



## **SCHOLARSHIP**

## FINANCIAL AID

### NET PRICE

The following numbers are estimates of what you may qualify for at Fort Lewis College. If you have any questions about these numbers, please contact us at 1-877-FLC-COLO.

# Estimated cost of attending Fort Lewis College

Tuition & Fees	\$4,925
Room & Board	\$8,450
Total Estimated Direct Cost	\$13,375
Books & Supplies	\$1,680
Other (personal, transportation)	\$3,972
Total Estimated Cost	\$19,027

#### **Estimated Scholarship**

Fort Lewis Scholarship \$3,000

Total Estimated Scholarship \$3,000

#### Estimated Scholarship & Gift Aid

Pell Grant	\$2,000
Estimated Other Gift Aid	\$2,300

**Total Estimated Gift Aid** 

\$7,300

**Estimated Net Price:** 

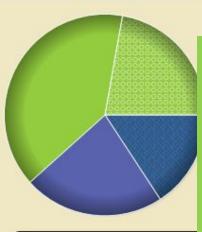
\$11,727

#### Estimated Other Aid

7.500
52,000
5,500

Estimated Net Price after \$4,227
Other Aid:

Alternative Loan Eligibility \$4,227



- Scholarships
- Gift Aid
- Net Price
- Net Price after Other Aid

When you enter your academic information and your family's financial information, you will usually get an estimate like this

# What about saving money next year?

- •CLEP Tests—placement exams to test out of classes and earn credits(costs vary)
- Consider a lower cost college
- Live at home
- Residence hall savings
- Apply to a less selective college to increase your competitiveness for merit aid
- ASCENT/TREP Programs



# Counseling Office and College & Career Center



College
Representatives
meeting with
PSD students
(in-person or
online)



WMHS
Application,
Essay, &
Scholarship
Workshops



Announcement Emails



College
Application
Checklist

Check Google Classroom & your school email!

# Interested in joining the military?

- High school diploma (not GED) is required by most branches
- Prep for ASVAB
- Prep for physical test
- Investigate the career options in each branch
- Investigate scholarship, military academies, and ROTC options
- Tattoos, prior drug use, legal convictions, and physical/mental health conditions may affect enlistment options

## Upcoming important dates:

- ■Coast Guard visits WMHS September 19 9:15am
- ■ASVAB will be offered at WMHS in November (date TBD)

Stay tuned for visits from additional branches of the military



## **Transcript To-Dos**

- Make sure you are on-track for on-time graduation
- Make a plan with your counselor to make up any outstanding credit (don't forget your College & Career Readiness Measure)
- Review your Quarters 2-4 schedule to make sure you have what you need to be set up for your postsecondary goals







Want to take FRCC classes this spring? Registration starts in October, but first you must talk with your counselor, apply to FRCC, get advising, and apply with PSD. Ms. Ford can help.

## **Casey Vavrina (our FRCC Rep)**

Phone: 970-204-8421

casey.vavrina@frontrange.edu





# College Application Workshops @ WMHS

Keep an eye on Google Classroom for upcoming dates and locations of workshops.

Workshops may include:

Financial Aid

Scholarships

Application Support

Colorado Free Application Day

# **College Rep Visits for Students**



Visits happen here @ WMHS. Schedule available on Google Classroom, the school calendar on the homepage of the WMHS website, and via email. Encourage students to check their PSD email often!

- Get information about a college and get YOUR questions answered
- This is the second best way (after visiting the college campus) to get personalized information!

Upcoming College Rep Visits Include: CSU, Colorado Mesa University, University of Wyoming, UC Colorado Springs, Wyo Tech, Northeastern Junior College, and Lincoln Tech.

# **College Fair Week in PSD: September 23-27**

MON September 23 In-State College Fair at Rocky Mountain HS

6pm -7:30pm

TUES September 24
Out-of-State College Fair
at Poudre HS

6pm -7:30pm



# Why attend college fairs?

- Learn more about schools you might want to attend
- Network with college admissions professionals colleges keep track of who attends!
- Can't make it to visit a school? College fairs "bring" the school directly to you

# WMHS College, Career & Military Fair

October 1

3:00pm-5:30pm



# Fall Senior SAT at Wellington MHS

October 29

9am-12pm

Why take the SAT?

Improve your score

Use for College & Career Readiness Measure





# FREE

Oct. 15-17, 2024

**Application Days** 



# **October 15 - WMHS Application Event**

All Colorado public colleges and universities & some private CO institutions waive application fees for all in-state students





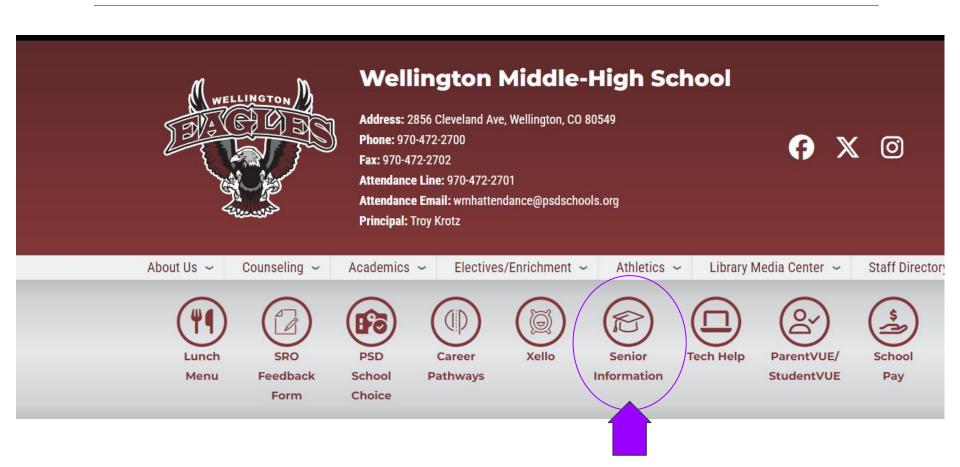
# Students To Do...1<sup>st</sup> quarter

- Start checking SCHOOL EMAIL for important college updates
- Research prospective colleges
- Have a candid family discussion about financing plans
- Set up visits at colleges you are considering
- Take or retake the SAT, ACT, ACT with Writing, (as needed for your colleges/scholarships)
- Apply to your college(s) in the next 2 months

# Students to do... soon

- Explore the scholarship and financial process for each college, make a calendar so you don't miss any deadlines
- Apply for FAFSA starting in December
- Apply for Scholarships as they are available

# **Senior Information Page**



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#### **Resources & Links**

College Board College
Planning Website
Common App for College
Applications

FAFSA - Federal Financial Aid Site

Going Merry Scholarship
Search







#### **Documents**

Senior Meeting
Presentation
College bound checklist
Common App Essay
Prompts
Gap Year Information
Military Information
Trade School Information
Where to find
scholarships
CSU, UNC, CU, WYO

deadlines and

Home

## **Senior Information Page**

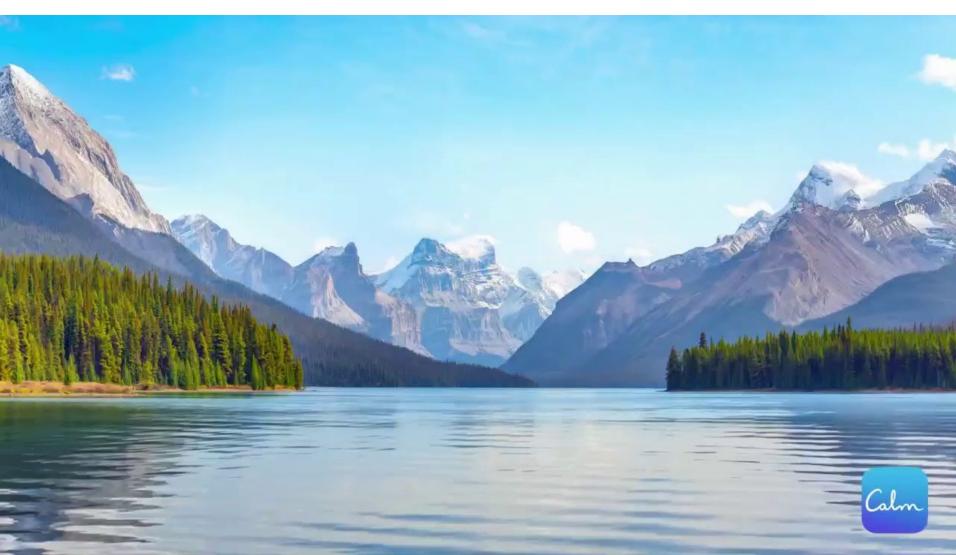
#### Some important upcoming dates for seniors:

- . Aug. 1st Application for admission opens for CSU, CU, UNC, and WY (most colleges)
- . Aug. 14th Transition Day for grades 6 and 9
- Aug. 15th First day of school for grades 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12
- · Aug. 19th Fall term begins at FRCC
- · Sept. 1st Boettcher Scholarship Application Opens
- . Sept 4th 9:00am to 9:40am Required Senior meeting in Auditorium (graduation and post-secondary info)
- Sept 5th 7:00pm Senior parent meeting (students are welcome, too after Back to school night) will meet in the auditorium
  - to include graduation info, cap & gown, and grad announcement info, post-secondary information, and general senior year content
- Sept. 24th Northern Colorado Out-of-State College Fair @ PHS 6:00-7:30pm
- Oct. 1st WMHS College, Career & Military Fair 3:00-5:30pm
- . Oct. 1st FAFSA application for financial aid for the 25-26 school year opens
- · Oct. 16th and 17th first quarter final exams

Wellington graduation has been set by Poudre School District for Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 at 6:30pm. The location is currently scheduled as the Wellington MHS stadium.

Google Classroom - We will be sending a parent/guardian communication for you to opt-in to joining the senior Google Classroom





# What's Next? Small steps!



- Step one: Review resources on WMHS Senior page
- Step two: Find a time to sit down with your student to discuss their plans for graduation and beyond

Your student will have an individual senior meeting with their counselor to review their progress towards graduation and get all questions answered during the week of <a href="September 9-13">September 9-13</a>













- ASCENT (Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment) is a fifth year PSD program for college-ready students that pays for students' tuition, books and fees for a year at FRCC, Aims, Metro, or UNC.
- To be eligible, students need to have:
  - Earned at least 9 college credits during their four years of high school
  - Completed high school in 4 years (no early or late grads)
  - Submitted a FAFSA

\*ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

\*PSD PAYS FOR TUITION, BOOKS, AND MOST FEES. SUPPLIES ARE PAID FOR BY FAMILIES.













- Think of ASCENT like a one-year scholarship to a community college.
- Seniors will receive an email when the Ascent Application opens in early November.
- The Application closes early April 2025.
- Students will walk in the 2025 graduation ceremony but will not receive their diploma until the end of their ASCENT year. Their diploma will say 2026.
  - Students remain enrolled with PSD as a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior, which is how PSD receives funding to pay for the students' tuition, books and fees.
- Students can be full-time (+12 credits) or part-time (3-11 credits). If they choose to be part-time in the fall, they will only be able to be part-time in the spring.













# **ASCENT Details cont.**

- Students need to be enrolled in at least one class in the spring of their senior year; this can be a campus select class, work-based learning or a class at the HS.
  - If a student has met their graduation requirements, we highly recommend the student uses their remaining semester to take campus select classes and treat the semester like a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of ASCENT.
- A student's ASCENT year does NOT affect the GPA they graduate with. All ASCENT classes will be on their college transcript, not on their PSD transcript.
- Students register for classes with a college advisor, not their HS counselor.
- PSD does not receive funding to pay for classes taken the summer between graduation and the start of the ASCENT year.

CDE's ASCENT Website: <a href="https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce\_ascent">https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce\_ascent</a>



# TREP







- TREP (Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation) is a 2-year program for college-ready students interested in becoming a teacher.
- Students must have an ICAP in an educator pathway.
- To be eligible, students need to have:
  - Successfully completed 1 college course from the <u>educator pathway</u> during 12th grade - Teacher Cadet and the Future's Lab offer these classes
  - Met their PSD graduation requirements with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA
  - Completed high school in 4 years (no early or late grads)

**\*ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS** 

\*PSD PAYS FOR TUITION ONLY. Books, fees, and supplies are paid by student.











- Same details as ASCENT (see ASCENT slides), but students are eligible for TWO years of tuition reimbursement from PSD.
- Students will walk in the 2025 graduation ceremony but will not receive their diploma until the end of their two TREP years. Their diploma will say 2027.
  - Students remain enrolled with PSD as a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior and then 6<sup>th</sup> year senior, which is how PSD receives funding to pay for tuition, books and fees.
- TREP Educator Pathway and TREP Fact Sheet
- TREP Agreement
- TREP Program State Guidelines



# WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

#### CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

PSD partners with Front Range Community College, Aims Community College, University of Colorado Denver, Colorado State University, Metro State, and more, to provide opportunities for students to earn college credit either on the high school campus or on the college campus.

We also have post-high school opportunities through ASCENT, TREP and PTECH programs.





# HIGH SCHOOL SELECT



- Courses are taught in the high schools by HS teachers who are credentialed and hired to teach a specific college-level class.
- Classes are available starting in 9th grade and are free for students.
- The Career & Tech Center offers an opportunity for students to take High School Select classes not offered at their home campus.
  - Transportation is provided to/from all high schools.
  - o 11 pathways to choose from!
- \*ON THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS
- \*TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO THE CTC FROM ANY PSD SCHOOL
- \*NO COST TO FAMILIES





# **CAMPUS SELECT**



- Once students are comfortable with college-level curriculum provided through high school select, they can enroll for classes on the college campus or online.
- If a class is available as a high school select class, we do not want the student to take it as campus select.
- Students can take guaranteed transfer or CTE courses that align with their ICAP.
- PSD pays for students' tuition, books and fees.
- \*ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS
- \*TRANSPORTATION NOT PROVIDED
- \*PSD PAYS FOR TUITION, BOOKS, FEES. SUPPLIES ARE PAID FOR BY FAMILIES



# DUAL ENROLLMENT





- Much like high school select, these classes are taught in the high school by credentialed teachers.
- CU Succeeds is a dual enrollment program as the students pay a portion of the tuition to earn college credit.
- CSU also has math and foreign language classes available to students for a cost.

\*ON THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

\*DECREASED TUITION FOR STUDENTS - BUT THERE IS A COST



# **ASSOCIATE PATHWAY**



- Associate degrees require 60 credits, 15-25 of which must be taken on the college campus.
- Each 5 credit PSD class is generally 3 college credits.
- Most students earning an Associate degree will need their ASCENT or TREP year to finish meeting the required credits.
- Students will select a degree to work toward and will have different graduation requirements based on the degree pathway.
- \*ON THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CAMPUS
- \*TRANSPORTATION NOT PROVIDED
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# **PTECH**



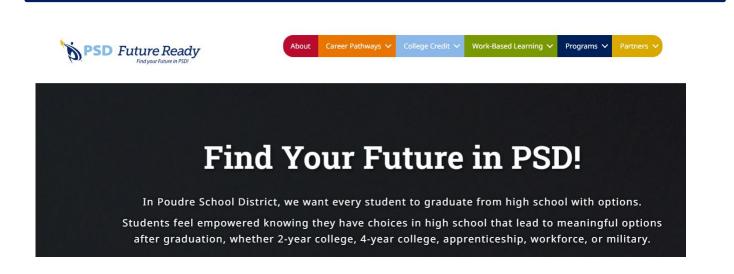


- PTECH (Pathway in Technology Early College High School) is hosted at Poudre High School and is in conjunction with FRCC and Woodward.
- Students choose a pathway <u>starting their freshman year</u> and will continue in the program for six years, at the end of which they will have an Associate degree in their specified field as well as certifications.
- Students will take some advanced and specific classes at FRCC and 75% of their courses at PHS
- \*ON THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CAMPUS
- \*TRANSPORTATION NOT PROVIDED
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# INFO NIGHT

# & THE ASCENT PROGRAM

Come to The Future Ready Center to learn about all the options available in Poudre School District to earn college credit while in high school and beyond.

WHEN WHERE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 PM

#### THE FUTURE READY CENTER

215 E FOOTHILLS PKWY SUITE 510 - NEXT TO H&M FORT COLLINS CO 80525

**GET MORE DETAILS AND REGISTER HERE:** 

WWW.PSDFUTUREREADY.ORG/EVENTS



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