



COLORADO
Early Colleges
Parker

School Profile

Mission Statement

Each student, 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.

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Our Community

Nestled in the city of Parker, Colorado Early Colleges Parker serves the entire South Denver Metro area from the northern suburbs of Denver, the plains of eastern Colorado, the foothills of the Rockies to the west, and the city of Castle Rock to the south. We are under the authorization of the Charter School Institute, which authorizes 35 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's degree while in high school. CEC is a bold approach, based on the principle that academic rigor, combined with the opportunity to save time and money, is a powerful motivator for students to work hard and meet serious intellectual challenges. CEC blends high school and college in a rigorous yet supportive program, accelerating the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college.

CECP as an Early College

CECP was founded in 2014 and welcomed its first students in the fall of the same year.
CECP started with 315 students in 2014.

79% of students are taking at least 1 college course. More than 43% of students are taking **ALL** college courses.
All CECP graduates finish high school with college credit and a college transcript.

Curriculum at CECP

The academic program is organized around the model of students earning their associate's degree, while in high school, for free. The school currently pays up to \$4,200 each year per student, which covers students' tuition, fees, and required textbooks. Upon initial enrollment, every student takes the Community College Placement Test (CCPT), which determines placement into college prep or college level courses. Students that place into College Algebra (MAT 121), must have completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II before taking College Algebra. Students average about five high school courses a semester, which is all dependent upon a student's academic course load. For instance, a student who is completely college ready, might only take ENG 121 (3 college credits), MAT 121 (4 college credits), and HIS 201 (3 college credits). This student only takes three classes but is still considered to be taking a full academic load (10 college credits). Every course on campus is on a semester schedule. Each high school (College Prep) class is 60 minutes. College Prep courses are five days per week, with the exception of Workforce Readiness (M/W), while college level courses, taught on the CEC campus, are two or four days a week courses depending on the credit level and contact hours requirement set forth by the college (Arapahoe Community College and Colorado State University – Pueblo).

During the 2016-17 school year, 66 college credits are being offered on the CEC campus during the school day. These courses are a combination of Arapahoe Community College and Colorado State University – Pueblo courses. Students take college courses on the CEC campus, and once they have exhausted the courses they need for their intended degree, they take the remainder of their courses at one of the local colleges that CEC partners with. Each semester, students re-take the CCPT exam for placement into a college level course from a college prep course.

<p>College Prep (High School) Program College preparatory courses offered on the CEC campus during the 2016-2017 school year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature and Composition 030, 060, and 090 Pre-Algebra (060) Algebra I (090) Geometry Algebra II (099) Biology A & B Chemistry Physics Spanish I and II Workforce Readiness Yearbook Physical Education Choir <p>College preparatory course design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rigorous high school level course work Semester based courses Highly Qualified teachers Prepares students for college-level course work quickly and efficiently Core classes fulfill college course prerequisites Designed to help students at all levels, including those who are academically ahead, right on track, or behind Tracks with the community college system by offering course content similar to their pre-college-level courses 	<p>College Program College courses offered on the CEC campus during the 2016-2017 school year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Composition I and II Introduction to Literature Public Speaking Creative Writing College Algebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus I General College Biology and Principles of Chemistry U.S. History I and II American Government Principles of Microeconomics World Regional Geography Introduction to Philosophy General Psychology Introduction to Computer Information Systems Music Appreciation and Art History <p>College course design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses and grades are recorded both on CEC's high school transcript and on the college transcript from the institution providing the course. CEC employs college/university-approved professors College BRIDGE students attend ACC or CSU Pueblo college courses on the CEC campus as part of CEC's normal school day in classes composed entirely of CEC students. College SELECT students attend college courses at area institutions such as Arapahoe Community College, Community College of Aurora, Red Rocks Community College, Pikes Peak Community College, Front Range Community College, Community College of Denver, UC Denver, Metro State University, and UCCS, 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
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Grades & Credits

- College prep courses usually earn 0.5 credits/semester.
- College courses are weighted one additional grade point.
- College semester credit hours convert to high school semester credits as follows

College Credit Hours	High School Credit
1	.5
2	1
3	1
4	1.5
5	2

Standardized Test Results

Class of 2016 ACT	State of CO
Composite 24.3	20.6

2016-2017 Student Population

Total student body 480

Seniors 142
 Juniors 140
 Sophomores 112
 Freshmen 86

Female 241
 Male 239

African American 1.4%
 American Indian/Alaskan Native .1%
 Asian 2%
 Caucasian 86.25%
 Hispanic 7%
 Pacific Islander .25%
 Two or More Race Categories 3%
 Unspecified 0%

Graduation Requirements

CECP has two pathways of instruction.

Each requires 20 high school credits plus 30 college credits.

	University/Associates	Career	
English . . .	4	4	credits
Math	4	3	credits
Science . .	3	2	credits
Social Science . .	3	2	credits
Foreign Language . .	2	0	credits
Acad/Career Success . .	1	1	credits
Academic Electives . .	3	8	credits
			20 high school credits

Grading and Ranking

Students are ranked based upon their weighted GPA. Valedictorians and salutatorians are determined based upon their GPA and amount of college credit they have accumulated. Class rank is determined at the end of the first semester of a student's senior year.

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 the amount of college credit earned. Graduates that have earned 9-29 credits are distinguished as Cum laude, 30-59 credits are considered Magna cum laude, and 60 + credits are awarded Summa cum laude. Students can graduate with distinction if they have a weighted GPA of 4.25 or above. College level classes are weighted. The college level formula is used to determine a weighted GPA. Grades are recorded on the transcript, as well ACT and/SAT scores. GPA is computed in January and May.

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

CECP does not recognize a D as a passing grade.

College Course Weighting

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

While college transcripts will give grade points for D grades, CECP does not recognize a D as a passing grade.

CECP Transcript

College courses are indicated with the institution's initials at the beginning of the course name.

CECP Transcript Key

ACC—Arapahoe Community College
 CSUP—Colorado State University Pueblo
 CCA—Community College of Aurora
 RRCC—Red Rocks Community College
 PPCC—Pikes Peak Community College
 FRCC—Front Range Community College
 CCD—Community College of Denver
 UCD—University of Colorado Denver
 MSU—Metro State University Denver
 UCCS—University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Affiliates:

Arapahoe Community College – ACC
www.arapahoe.edu

Colorado State University Pueblo – CSUP
www.csupueblo.edu

Community College of Aurora – CCA
www.ccaurora.edu

Red Rocks Community College – RRCC
www.rrcc.edu

Pikes Peak Community College - PPCC
www.ppcc.edu

Front Range Community College – FRCC
www.frontrange.edu

Community College of Denver – CCD
www.ccd.edu

University of Colorado Denver – UCD
www.ucdenver.edu

Metro State University Denver – MSU
www.msudenver.edu

University of Colorado Colorado Springs – UCCS
www.uccs.edu

Charter School Institute – CSI
www.csi.state.co.us

League of Charter Schools
www.coloradoleague.org