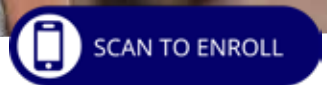




High School Planning Guide

Poudre School District



Get a head start on your future

Poudre School District has some of the most robust career and college readiness programming in the state. Thousands of students take advantage of these opportunities to get a jump start on their future.

Find a high school experience as unique as you are by participating in one of PSD's many courses or programs designed to give you the skills, knowledge, and training needed to pursue your goals. Earn college credits and certificates, explore career pathways, gain on-the-job experience, or get a head start on postsecondary programming. Learn more in this annual guide or online at www.psdschools.org.

Whether your plans for life after graduation include a two-year or four-year college, military service, heading straight into the workforce – or you're hoping to figure out what you want to do next in high school – PSD has options for you.

Use this guide to find your right fit!



Explore pathways, graduate with options

- Earn college credits at little or no cost to you or your family.
- Explore several career pathways in a variety of industries.
- Work toward (and even earn) an associate's degree in a 5th or 6th year of high school.
- Learn job-ready skills through rigorous Career and Technical Education options.
- Gather credits through work-based learning with 225+ businesses to choose from.

921

PSD students earned credit for a work-based learning experience

587

CTE industry certifications earned by PSD students

2,476

PSD students took **at least one** AP course

4,021

PSD students took college classes

98%

graduation rate for students who take four or more courses in one of the PSD pathways

*Data for 2023-24

Graduation Requirements:

Graduation requirements for PSD students entering the ninth grade in Fall 2025 or later will offer students more flexibility to pursue their passions and tailor their high school experience to fit their goals.

Learn what's required (and what will change)

	Classes of 2025-2028	Classes of 2029 & beyond
Language Arts	40 credits	40 credits
Mathematics	30 credits	30 credits
Science	30 credits	30 credits
Fine and Applied Arts	10 credits	10 credits
Financial Literacy	5 credits	5 credits
Social Studies	25 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include U.S. History and U.S. Government 	30 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 credits in U.S. History • 10 credits in World History • 5 credits in Civics • 5 credits in Social Studies
Wellness	15 credits	10 credits
Additional Coursework	85 credits, must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Language or Culture (10 credits required) • Humanities (5 credits required) • Economics (5 credits required) • Electives (65 credits) 	85 credits, may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Language (10-30 credits encouraged) • Humanities (5 credits encouraged) • Economics (5 credits encouraged) • Geography (10 credits encouraged) • Health or Teen Choices (5 credits encouraged)
TOTAL	240 credits	240 credits

Blue shading indicates no change in requirements



Plan Your Path

Find course listings by school, explore unique career and college readiness programs and options, review academic standards and graduation requirements, and read digital copies of the High School Planning Guide in three languages at qrco.de/PSDhsguide25.

Choose the Right School for You

While every neighborhood school in PSD offers a high-quality education and a variety of classes, we know you may want to choose a school outside your attendance area for a specific program or option. Learn more about the school choice application process at www.psdschools.org/schools/school-options-choice.



College Credit and Preparation:



There are several ways for students in PSD to prepare for a two-year or four-year college experience and get a running start on a postsecondary degree by earning multiple college credits at little to no cost to students or their families.



Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT): Students who earn nine postsecondary credits in high school are eligible to spend the year after 12th grade taking in-state college courses tuition-free.



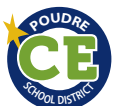
Advanced Placement (AP): Students can take AP classes with college-level rigor during their high school years and earn college credit through AP exams. In 2023-24, 438 PSD students earned honors based on their AP exam performance.



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID): This program helps raise the achievement and chances of college success for underrepresented students through increased support and rigorous expectations.



Associate Degree Pathway: Highly motivated students can earn an associate degree from Front Range Community College while still in high school without having to pay tuition.



Concurrent Enrollment: Earn college credits by taking college courses in your high school with teachers who are credentialed to teach for the college or on a college campus.



International Baccalaureate (IB): Earning an IB Diploma involves completing rigorous IB courses, a community service project, and a lengthy essay. Students can take IB exams to earn 24 college credits.



Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (PTECH): Colorado authorizes just 20 PTECH programs in the state to help high school students earn experience in high-demand fields. Students who spend five or six years in Poudre High's PTECH program can earn an associate's in advanced manufacturing.



Teacher Recruitment Education & Preparation (TREP): Use a fifth and sixth year of high school to take college courses tuition-free for future educators.

Learn how you can prep for college and earn free credits at www.psdfutureready.org/collegecredit.



Career and Technical Education Pathways:

	Centennial	Fort Collins	Fossil Ridge	Poudre	Polaris	PSD Career Tech Center	Rocky Mountain	Timnath	Wellington
Agriculture <i>(includes animal and plant science and AG mechanics)</i>				●					●
Architecture & Construction	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Automotive & Transportation <i>(includes automotive and bike tech mechanic pathways)</i>						●			
Aviation & Drones						●			
Business & Marketing		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Computer Science <i>(includes coding and cybersecurity)</i>		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Culinary & Hospitality <i>(includes culinary programming and ProStart)</i>		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Design & Multimedia Arts <i>(includes audio production and graphic design)</i>		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Education & Training <i>(includes education and early childhood)</i>		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Engineering <i>includes engineering and the STEM Academy at Fossil Ridge</i>		●	●	●			●	●	
Health Science <i>includes health science and behavioral health</i>		●	●	●		●	●	●	
Interior & Fashion Design		●	●	●			●	●	●
Natural Resource Management <i>includes natural resources and outdoor recreation</i>					●	●			
Production & Managerial Arts <i>includes technical theater</i>		●	●	●					
Welding & Manufacturing		●	●	●		●	●	●	

Explore your future career at www.psdfutureready.org/careerpathways

Explore 10 engaging, in-demand career pathways at the PSD Career Tech Center (formerly the Futures Lab). Gain employment-ready skills in audio production, automotive, aviation, behavioral health, construction/HVAC, early childhood education, manufacturing, medical assistant, natural resources, and networking and cybersecurity pathways open to students from all PSD high schools. More information is available at www.psdfutureready.org/ctc.



Interested in a military career?

Transportation is available from all PSD high schools to Poudre High for JROTC, a half-day program focused on character, civics, and wellness. Learn about JROTC and taking the ASVAB test before enlisting at www.psdfutureready.org/military.

Want to learn more about your options?

Visit the **Future Ready Center** Located at Foothills, 215 E. Foothills Parkway, # 510

Interested in what clubs and organizations are available at Poudre School District?



Work-Based Learning:



Participate in career tours, internships, job shadowing, resume building, capstone projects, and more to gain credits and on-the-job experience, network with potential employers, and learn what it's really like to work in different industries before committing to a college major or job pathway. **Work-based learning opportunities also include:**

Apprenticeships – PSD's apprenticeship opportunities recently expanded thanks to a state grant. Student apprentices earn credit, wages, and real-world experience while making connections with local employers.

Capstone Project – Complete a project based on what you've learned in class with the aid of a local mentor.

Credit-for-work – Earn high school credit for working a part-time job.

Learn more about on-the-job experiences at www.psdfutureready.org/wbl.

Integrated Services:

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transition



Pathways

PSD offers many services and programs for students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Learn more at www.psdschools.org/programs-services/integrated-services/transition-resources or contact Aaron Vogt at avogt@psdschools.org.

Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) - Students, including students identified as special populations, experience developmentally appropriate career programming.

Collaboration Among Many Promotes Universal Success (CAMPUS) - Students 18-21 receiving Integrated Services support travel to Colorado State University twice a week to build independent living skills and explore opportunities in the community.

Community Connections – Students 18-21 with significant learning needs work on foundational skills to help them transition from high school to adult living.

Cooper Home – Students ages 18-21 receiving Integrated Services support learn work-related skills, prepare for independent living, learn to navigate agency services, and build daily living and social skills.

Project SEARCH – Students in their final year of receiving Integrated Services support learn work-related skills, prepare for independent living, learn to navigate agency services, and build daily living and social skills.

School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) - Young people ages 15-24 with mild to moderate employment barriers work to become job ready through work-based learning, career exploration, learning how to write resumes, and more.





Explore Our Schools:



Centennial High School

330 E. Laurel St.
970-488-4940

chs.psdschools.org



Poudre Community Academy

2540 LaPorte Ave.
970-490-3295

pca.psdschools.org



Timnath Middle-High School

4700 E. Prospect Road
970-419-3400

tmh.psdschools.org



Fort Collins High School

3400 Lambkin Way
970-488-8021

fch.psdschools.org



Poudre High School

201 Impala Drive
970-488-6000

phs.psdschools.org



Wellington Middle-High School

2856 Cleveland Ave., Wellington
970-472-2700

wel.psdschools.org



Fossil Ridge High School

5400 Ziegler Road
970-488-6260

frh.psdschools.org



Poudre School District Global Academy

703 E. Prospect Road
970-490-3086

pga.psdschools.org



PSD Career Tech Center

201 Impala Drive
970-488-4400

fut.psdschools.org



Rocky Mountain High School

1300 W. Swallow Road
970-488-7023

rmh.psdschools.org



Polaris Expeditionary Learning School

1905 Orchard Place
970-488-8260

pol.psdschools.org



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Questions?

- Contact your school counselor or Work-based Learning Coordinator.
- Contact Career and Innovation Director Tanya Alcaraz talcaraz@psdschools.org
- Need help with translations? Families and students may contact their family liaison.



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