

College Credit Opportunities at East High School

- **International Baccalaureate Programme**

At Pueblo East High School, students are able to pursue an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. This rigorous course of study will definitely prepare your student for the rigors of college! Students who pursue the IB Diploma have the opportunity to earn at least 24 college credit hours at any state-supported college or university, which grants credit according to internal guidelines – as backed by Colorado House Bill 1108.

However, student may also take one or more IB Diploma Programme Course where they have the opportunity to gain exposure to rigorous curriculum. Similar to the Advanced Placement Courses in other high schools, in order to earn high school honors credit and potentially earn college credit, students must take the external exam in May and complete internal exam components. Students must pay for the external exam; however, fundraising, payment plans, and grant opportunities exist. College credit is determined based on exam scores. To see how much credit can be earned at each college, just search “IB / AP Recognition Charts at [\(enter the specific university name here\)](#).” This programme begins the junior year. For more information, see the Pueblo East IB Web Page!

- **High School Senior to College Sophomore (STS) program**

The Senior to Sophomore Program is an agreement between CSU-Pueblo and Pueblo City Schools. It allows qualified 11th and 12th grade students to enroll in college courses at their own high school campus and receive dual credit from both institutions. A reduced tuition/fee per college semester hour will be assessed. Senior to Sophomore classes receive weighted grade.

- **Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)**

Colorado Law (HB 1244) allows for eligible students to apply credit earned at post secondary state institutions of higher education toward high school graduation as well as a post secondary degree or certificate. Designated PSEO classes receive additional weight grades toward class rank. College credit is converted to high school credit at a 3 to 1 ratio under a block schedule. Tuition for courses taken with prior written approval by the principal and the Executive Director of Secondary Career & Technical Education shall be paid by the district. The district will pay a small portion of the tuition for a maximum of two course but not all of the fees are covered such as books, parking, technology, day-care, athletic fees, etc. Students must be registered 60 days prior to the beginning of the semester at the university. **If a student fails one or more of the PSEO classes or drops one or more of the classes after the designated drop period, the student and/or parent will be responsible to pay Pueblo City Schools for the respective class(es).**

- **Pueblo Early College (PECEP)**

The Pueblo Early College Program provides concurrent enrollment for junior and senior students. Sophomores may be eligible on a limited basis. Qualified high school students concurrently earn college credits and meet high school graduation requirements. PECEP does not affect student eligibility to participate in high school extracurricular activities. The maximum length of participation is four terms as a full-time student (junior and senior years). College courses are transcribed once per term and affect the GPA and class rank at that time only. There is limited admittance for senior students.

- **Advanced Vocational Education Partnership (AVEP)**

AVEP is a branch of the Post-Secondary Option law available to area high school junior and senior students who qualify for Pueblo Community College career and technical courses. To qualify for enrollment students must meet minimum levels in reading, sentence skills, and math as measured by the ACCUPLACER or ACT or PLAN. Students must also maintain a letter grade of "C" in each AVEP course to remain eligible for AVEP opportunities. Students that receive a letter grade of "D", "F", or Withdraw ("W") after the drop/add timeline will be responsible for all charges incurred on their behalf for each course. In this option the cost of tuition as approved by Community Colleges of Colorado, mandatory fees established by Pueblo Community College, books and workbooks are paid in full by the District. Students earn traditional college credit as well as elective credit in their home high school. College credit is converted to high school credit at a 3 to 1 ratio under a block schedule. College courses are transcribed once per term and affect the GPA and class rank at that time only.