

NOTE: Districts are not legally obligated to implement a concurrent enrollment program, nor are districts required to adopt a regulation on this subject. Some content in this sample reflects legal requirements school districts must follow under the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act, C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq. Until July 1, 2012, districts may offer concurrent enrollment options pursuant to the now repealed Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act (PSEO Act), the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act, or a combination of the two. Beginning July 1, 2012 and thereafter, the district must follow the requirements of the Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act if it offers a concurrent enrollment program to students. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.

Concurrent Enrollment

(Procedure for students seeking to enroll in postsecondary courses)

1. Academic plan of study

The qualified student shall establish, in consultation with the high school counselor, an academic plan of study that describes all of the courses (including postsecondary courses) the student intends to complete to satisfy the Board's high school graduation requirements. Prior to the qualified student's enrollment in a postsecondary course, the high school counselor shall review and approve the student's academic plan of study in accordance with applicable State Board of Education rules.

NOTE: The Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act, C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq. (the Act) provides that the "principal, counselor or teacher advisor" shall approve the academic plan of study prior to the qualified student's enrollment in a postsecondary course. C.R.S. 22-35-104(3). The district should designate the appropriate high school staff member and specify this person in the paragraph above. In approving the academic plan of study, the principal, counselor or teacher advisor "shall apply the guidelines established by rules" of the State Board of Education. Id. These rules specify the required content of the academic plan of study and presume the academic plan of study is part of the student's Individualized Career and Academic Plan (ICAP). See, Rule 2.02 of 1 CCR 301-86, "Guidelines for Approving or Disapproving Academic Plans of Study."

2. Application

The qualified student shall complete the district's concurrent enrollment application form and submit it to the high school counselor prior to the beginning of the semester. The requested postsecondary course(s) on the student's application shall be consistent with the student's approved academic plan of study. No student will be enrolled after the first three days of the postsecondary class.

The high school counselor shall approve or disapprove the student's application in accordance with this regulation's accompanying policy and shall notify the student of the decision. The decision of the high school principal shall be final.

NOTE: The Act requires the qualified student to seek approval from the "superintendent or designee" prior to enrolling in a postsecondary course in which the student intends to receive high school credit. C.R.S. 22-35-104(2). The district may choose to have the superintendent retain this authority or designate the high school principal, counselor or teacher advisor to serve in this role. The district should then specify this staff member in the paragraphs above.

NOTE: If the district has entered into a cooperative agreement with an institution of higher education, the district must create and "make publicly available" a "standard concurrent enrollment application form" on or before July 1, 2011. C.R.S. 22-35-104(2)(c). In creating the standard form, the district shall refer to the guidelines established by State Board of Education rules. Id.; see also, Rule 2.01 of 1 CCR 301-86, "Guidelines for Creating Standard Concurrent Enrollment Application Forms." At a minimum, the application form shall require the student to specify the postsecondary courses in which he or she intends to enroll. Id. The Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board has approved a model concurrent enrollment application form, which is available on the Colorado Department of Education's website.

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