



# High School Planning Guide

Poudre School District



## Get a head start on your future

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.

PSD is Northern Colorado's premier school system for career and college readiness, with multiple CTE options and more than half of PSD students graduating with free college credit. Use this guide to find your right fit!



## Explore pathways, graduate with options

- Earn multiple college credits at no cost to you or your family
- Explore several career pathways and discover your true calling
- Graduate high school with an associate degree
- Learn job-ready skills through rigorous CTE options
- Earn credits through work-based learning with 225+ businesses to choose from
- Take your first year of college courses while PSD covers tuition

**1,106**

PSD students earned credit for a work-based learning experience

**628**

CTE industry certifications earned by PSD students

**2,175**

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

**3,332**

PSD students took college classes

**98%**

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

\*Data for 2022-23

# CTE and Career Pathways:

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

Explore your future career at [www.psdfutureready.org/careerpathways](http://www.psdfutureready.org/careerpathways)



Explore career pathways you won't find anywhere else at the Futures Lab. The Futures Lab is housed at Poudre High School but is open to all in PSD, with transportation provided to those coming from other PSD high schools.

More information is available at [fut.psdschools.org](http://fut.psdschools.org)



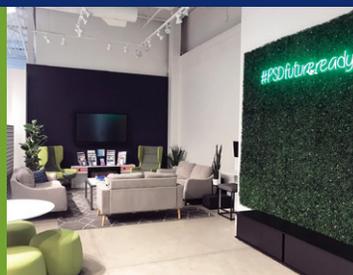
Interested in a military career?

Consider joining the new **Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)** program at Poudre High and learn more about taking the ASVAB test at

[www.psdfutureready.org/military/](http://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?**



SCHOOL CLUBS

# College Credit and Preparation:



Some of the programs designed to help PSD students prepare for college are listed below. Several programs have opportunities for earning college credits along the way at no cost to students or their families.



**Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT):** Defer your diploma for an extra year and spend your fifth year of high school taking college courses at no cost to you.



**Advanced Placement (AP):** Take one or more of the many college-level AP courses offered in PSD. Earning a good score on an AP exam can earn you college credit or allow you to skip certain courses in college.



**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:** Earn an associate degree while still in high school without having to pay tuition.



**Concurrent Enrollment:** Earn college credits by taking college courses on a college campus or taking college courses by specially trained teachers at your high school.



**International Baccalaureate (IB):** The IB Diploma is a rigorous, globally recognized degree that prepares students for college - students graduate with 24 credits already earned toward their future college degree.



**Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (PTECH):** Poudre High is one of an exclusive number of high schools in Colorado offering PTECH. Students earn an associate's in manufacturing and industry experience while in high school.



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

Learn how you can prep for college and earn free credits at [www.psdfutureready.org/collegecredit](http://www.psdfutureready.org/collegecredit)

## 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** – Spend part of the week working in an apprenticeship position through CareerWise, Columbine Health, or Neuworks Plumbing to earn credit, pay, and real-world experience.

**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](http://www.psdfutureready.org/wbl)

## Integrated Services:

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**Transition**



Pathways

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

**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.

Student attendance in any of the following pathways is an IEP team decision. Learn more at [www.psdschools.org/programs-services/integrated-services/transition-resources](http://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/integrated-services/transition-resources) or contact Aaron Vogt at [avogt@psdschools.org](mailto:avogt@psdschools.org)

**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 from PSD embark on a yearlong internship with the goal of securing a paid, permanent job.





## Explore Our Schools:



### Centennial High School

330 E. Laurel St.  
970-488-4940

[chs.pdschools.org](http://chs.pdschools.org)



### Fort Collins High School

3400 Lambkin Way  
970-488-8021

[fch.pdschools.org](http://fch.pdschools.org)



### Fossil Ridge High School

5400 Ziegler Road  
970-488-6260

[frh.pdschools.org](http://frh.pdschools.org)



### Futures Lab

201 Impala Drive  
970-488-4400

[fut.pdschools.org](http://fut.pdschools.org)



### Polaris Expeditionary Learning School

1905 Orchard Place  
970-488-8260

[pol.pdschools.org](http://pol.pdschools.org)



### Poudre Community Academy

2540 LaPorte Ave.  
970-490-3295

[pca.pdschools.org](http://pca.pdschools.org)



### Poudre High School

201 Impala Drive  
970-488-6000

[phs.pdschools.org](http://phs.pdschools.org)



### Poudre School District Global Academy

703 E. Prospect Road  
970-490-3086

[pga.pdschools.org](http://pga.pdschools.org)



### Rocky Mountain High School

1300 W. Swallow Road  
970-488-7023

[rmh.pdschools.org](http://rmh.pdschools.org)



### Timnath Middle-High School

4700 E. Prospect Road  
970-419-3400

[tmh.pdschools.org](http://tmh.pdschools.org)



### Wellington Middle-High School

2856 Cleveland Ave., Wellington  
970-472-2700

[wel.pdschools.org](http://wel.pdschools.org)



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## Questions?

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



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