

School-to-Work Programs

Professional and Community Experience (PaCE)

- Address:** Poudre School District
Johannsen Support Services Center
2407 LaPorte Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 482-7420
- Local:** All district high schools in Fort Collins:
Fort Collins High School
Rocky Mountain High School
Poudre High School
Fossil Ridge High School
- Website:** www.pdschools.org/programs/schooltocareer/pace.aspx
- Purpose:** PaCE offers an opportunity for any student to step outside the school walls and explore various career options. It is an opportunity to learn from experts in the field using state-of-the-art technology and procedures. The community experience allows students to gain on-the-job experience in areas of career interest, and many local businesses realize that students with a broad-based education and hands-on experience are better prepared to enter the workforce.
- Eligibility:** This program is open to any high school student who has completed Critical Skills with a C or better. Student must demonstrate a motivation for this program. Students are required to make career-related contacts in the community. Student must apply, have a portfolio review and be accepted into the program.
- Services:** Instruction and experiential learning opportunities that can offer job leads and transferable work skills. Includes: internships, paid work experience, mentoring, career tours, pre-apprentice and summer experience.
- Application:** Speak with the school guidance counselor to inquire about the course, scheduling and to receive an application. Upon completion of the application an appointment will be scheduled with the PaCE Director to review your portfolio and discuss options.

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Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE)

Address: Poudre School District
Johannsen Support Services Center
2407 LaPorte Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 482-7420

Local: All district high schools in Fort Collins:
Centennial High School
Fort Collins High School
Fossil Ridge High School
Poudre High School
Rocky Mountain High School

ACE services are also integrated into the transition programs:
Cooper Home Learning 4 Living
Community Connections

Website: www.psdschools.org/programs/schooltocareer/ace.aspx

Purpose: The Alternative Cooperative Education program (ACE), a vocational program in Poudre School District, provides work experience, related classroom instruction and vocational transition planning for high school students with special needs. Students develop personal and career skills preparing them to live and work independently as vital, contributing members of their community.

Eligibility: This program is for individuals on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) who demonstrate a need for transition services.

Services: Classroom instruction and experiential learning opportunities to assist the student in develop personal and career skills. Can include: internships, paid work experience, mentoring and career tours.

Application: Speak with the site based ACE coordinator to inquire about the program, eligibility and enrollment.

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School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP)

- Local:** Poudre School District
SWAP
2900 South College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 223-1635
- Website:** www.psdschools.org/programs/specialeducation/schooltoworkallianceprogram.aspx
- Purpose:** The School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) is a collaborative between Colorado Department of Education, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and community based organizations to provide counseling and guidance, job development, job placement, on-the-job training and job-site support to assist young people with disabilities to become employed and self sufficient.
- Eligibility:** The individual must want to work, have the capabilities to work independently, be between the ages of 16-25, and must have already exited or will be exiting high school.
- Services:** Case management, career exploration, career development, employment related instruction, job development and placement and follow-up.
- Application:** The appropriate time for a SWAP referral is when an individual's primary focus is employment and they are available for services. However, as funding fluctuates and waitlists are enlisted it does not hurt to call early to inquire about the best timing for application. Referrals can be made by the home school through the Integrated Services department or school counselors, by a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Case Manager or directly by an interested individual. Call the SWAP office to make a referral. Integrated Services teachers work closely with SWAP and should have a current contact person with the SWAP program for further inquiries.

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High School Programs at Front Range Community College

- Local:** The High School Programs at Front Range Community College
4616 S Shields St
Fort Collins, CO 80526
(970) 204-8370
- Website:** www.frontrange.edu
- Purpose:** The 12 high school programs offered at FRCC/Larimer County provide advanced career and technical training experiences for juniors and seniors from the public high schools in Larimer and Weld counties. These Career and Technical Education Programs are instructional programs designed to prepare students for gainful employment in an occupation. Such programs include competency-based, applied learning that contributes to a person's academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes/ethics, general employability skills and the occupation-specific skills necessary for economic independence as a productive and contributing member of society. Students will receive high school "elective" credits which is transcript on the home high school transcript only, credits do not apply towards college.
- Eligibility:** In order to be found eligible the student must apply and demonstrate to be a good fit per recommendation of their home high school faculty. Speak with FRCC and the school counselor to determine eligibility and space availability for these programs.
- Services:** All career and technical programs emphasize and contain a number of important elements: hard skills (occupational and/or specialty skills in a particular trade), soft skills (career survival skills i.e. critical thinking, team work etc.), career exploration, applied academics (all programs integrate "applied" math, physics, writing/composition, and computer literacy skills into their curriculum), and research skills.
- The current Career and Technical Programs offered include: Animal Technology & Research, Architecture & Landscape Design, Automotive Technology & Service, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Ironworking & Industrial Welding, Medical Careers Exploration (Nurse Aide Training), Welding & CAD and Wildlife, Forestry & Natural Resources.

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High School Programs at Front Range Community College (Continued)

Application: The application process begins at the home high school. Interested students must contact their home high school counselor and apply for one of The High School Programs at Front Range Community College (Larimer Campus). The enrollment period begins each year in January and is completed in May for enrollment/attendance the following calendar year.

Those juniors and seniors selected by their home high school counselor to attend one of The High School Programs at Front Range Community College (Larimer Campus) receive a scholarship from their respective school district, usually ranging from \$2,700-\$2,800 per calendar school year. There is no tuition cost to the student. Selected students are expected to be committed to an entire academic school year at FRCC/LC, August through May.