Colorado Graduation Guidelines Promising Practice

District/System	Poudre R-1
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Title of artifact	Pathways to Graduation – Poudre Integrated Services
Type of practice	Regarding students with exceptionalities

Brief description of artifact

This document describes pathways to high school graduation for students with exceptionalities, including the following programs: Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE), WorkKeys, Credit Recovery, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP). Post high school programs are also listed.

Types of practices in the CDE Graduation Guidelines Promising Practices collection:

1. Communications, such as announcements to school community and business community
2. Implementation process plans, such as strategic plans and timelines
3. Implementation tools connected to local graduation requirements, for instance:
     o Testing implementation (ACT, AP, ASVAB, CMAS, IB, PARCC, SAT), such as classes and retreats, administration procedures and agreements
     o Capstone implementation, such as instructions and samples
     o Concurrent Enrollment implementation, such as classes and agreements
     o Career/academic assessment implementation (e.g., ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, Work Keys), such as administration procedures and agreements
     o Industry Certificates implementation, such as samples
4. Local graduation requirements aligned with state guidelines, such as board policies
5. Regarding students with exceptionalities
6. Other: _____

Pathways to Graduation - Poudre School District

While in High School

- ***Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE)*** is available at all PSD high schools. ACE 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 students 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 developing personal and career skills. Can include: internships, paid work experience, mentoring and career tours.
    - **All of the ACE programs have developed entrepreneurial businesses on-**site that can be used to assess student skills and provide opportunities for students to work while at school and develop soft skills.
    - ACE-Supported Employment: This program provide work experiences for students in extensive needs programs in the High Schools and also includes work experiences for students in Community Connections.

- ***WORKKEYS - KEYTRAIN***   During the 2015-16 School year, the Poudre School District's high schools are piloting the use of Work Keys and KeyTrain to provide an alternative pathway for students to gain academic credits through the completion of modules that can count for academic credits in Language Arts Math and Electives.

- ***CREDIT RECOVERY:*** all of the High Schools provide some options for students to earn online self-paced credits if a student has fallen behind and is needing a focused options to earn specific credits towards graduation.

- **CTE –Career and Technical Education.** Career & Technical Education is a coordinated system of programs, activities and learning experiences that connect school and work. Career & Technical Education provides a framework for connected learning paths that all students can follow as they move from school to post-secondary education or employment. Students can be concurrently enrolled at Front Range Community College and have the option to enroll in vocational programs to earn High School credits and have an option to also receive college credit.

- **SWAP School to Work Alliance Program:**

Post High School *– (students who enter these programs do not receive their diplomas until they exit the post High School program.)*

- Community Connections
- Cooper Home – Learning for Living
- ACE-Supported Employment
- Project Search
- SWAP