

PCSD Early High School Program

The first phase of continuing and building exceptional, relevant educational experiences for all PCSD students, leading to 100% of our graduates demonstrating college- and/or career-readiness.



Early HS for Opt-in 8th graders

What is it?

- Spring 2019 - FMS 8th grade students can opt to take high school elective classes, which assuming Policy 502 is approved, will be added to their HS transcripts as credit towards graduation from Platte Canyon HS.
- Fall 2019 - Opt-in FMS 8th graders will have a wider variety of HS options, aligned with a broader Academies/Pathways system, as well as access to school clubs and activities (not athletics, though, because of CHSAA).
- Beyond 19-20 - As schedules further align and pathways are better defined, Early HS becomes a critical component of a larger Academies/Pathways system.

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What are the advantages?

- Chance to take required classes early, leaving more room for AP, STEM, Concurrent Enrollment, vocational/technical courses later in HS
- Higher enrollment in early required courses could potentially open up sections so that more courses (AP, pathway-specific, advanced) could be offered at the HS.
- Could have positive effect on student transition to the HS. Students can connect with HS teachers, support staff, and students, developing individual relationships that hopefully decrease anxiety about HS
- Chance to explore areas of interest at an early age and begin to accrue credit for graduation.

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What are the challenges?

- Time. Q3 ends March 7.
- Determining present schedule alignment, and if a better structure would enhance this program.
- Clearly defining a broader Academies/Pathways program into which Early HS fits.

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Questions or comments/suggestions?

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