APS Concurrent Enrollment Program Helping Students Open Doors

In Aurora Public Schools, students are hard at work mapping out their futures. Those maps – or plans – are blueprints for success once they graduate from high school. As students execute their plans, they are gaining valuable credentials that will open doors.

Number One in State for PSWR Credentials

For many high school students, one of these credentials is post-secondary workforce credits (PSWR), and APS is leading the pack in this area. In fact, APS is number one in Colorado for students earning post-secondary workforce credentials. This year alone, nearly 1,000 high school students are taking college courses through the APS Concurrent Enrollment program. In partnership with the Community College of Aurora and Pickens Technical College, APS students are able to take college classes while still in high school.

First School District in Colorado to Partner with Four-Year Institution

Another trailblazing platform many students have embraced is the Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program, where graduates can stay in high school for a fifth year and take college courses full time. Recently, APS became the first school district in Colorado to send ASCENT students to a four-year institution. Metropolitan State University of Denver will begin accepting ASCENT students in the 2015-16 school year.

APS is proud to consistently have the largest number of students enrolled in the ASCENT program in Colorado. With a concurrent enrollment program unmatched by other school districts, APS maintains its strong higher education partnerships and creates effective opportunities for students to shape successful futures.