

Dear Parents and Students,

Have you heard about the **Career Start Program at PPCC** (Pikes Peak Community College)? If not, please read this email thoroughly to hear about this wonderful opportunity.

The Career Start Program is a Concurrent Enrollment offering at Pikes Peak Community College that provides high school students with opportunities to earn both college and high school credit in *a vocational setting* and immersion to the college environment and expectations. Through this program, students participate in career technical programs that provide hands-on learning environments at the Centennial Campus as part of their regular school day (Monday-Friday). Students attend PPCC in the morning and return to MSHS to complete their high school courses in the afternoon.

More detailed information can be obtained through the counseling center at MSHS, and there is an attachment included with this email. Manitou Springs School District does cover the cost of tuition/fees/transportation for the classes in the program. *In the event that a student fails a course, re-payment to Manitou School District will be required.* Please be aware that Accuplacer testing may be required for entrance into some of these programs as per PPCC policy.

If your student is interested in learning more about this program and eligibility requirements, they should **sign up in the Counseling Department no later than 3:30PM Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Interested students will then attend a mandatory meeting on 1/23, with counselors, in the gym to get more detailed information about this program. If after this meeting they still feel this is a good option for them they will receive a **permission slip to attend the Career Start Visit Day on 2/1. The permission slip is due back to the counseling office by 3:30 P.M., on Friday, January 25, 2019.** Counselors will then take students who have turned in permission slips, to visit PPCC and tour their top 2 programs of interest, on **Friday, February 1**, from 8:10am-12:15 pm.

In order to apply for the Career Start Program, students will need to meet the following Eligibility Requirements:

- \*\*\*\*Must be a current 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student.
  - Must be on track to graduate.
  - Must have good attendance and behavior record.
  - Must be mature enough to handle a college class/campus environment.
  - Students with a Disability Plan must be able to independently access OASIS (Student Disability Services at PPCC)
  - Desired Career Start program must align with post-secondary plan.
  - Must meet college readiness scores (ACCUPLACER) where applicable per Career Start program requirements.
  - Students who fail a course must reimburse Manitou Springs School District 14 for cost of tuition.
  - Students must be able to independently apply and navigate the college and the college systems
  - This program is *not* intended for 4-year pathway students as these credits are for vocational programming, and career pathways.

Please remember that MSHS has a limited number of slots each year and PPCC also sets limits for individual programs

Please contact your Counselor if you have further questions.

A-L Counselor: [mmandel@mssd14.org](mailto:mmandel@mssd14.org), M-Z Counselor: [astrupp@mssd14.org](mailto:astrupp@mssd14.org)

**\*See Below for important deadline/program information:**

Parent informational meeting for 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> interested	January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 5:30-6:30 in Media Center
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Interested students need to sign up in Counseling office	No later than 3:30PM Tuesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Students who sign up- meeting in Gym with counselors	Wednesday January 23, 2019 during advisory
Permission slips due to counseling office	No later than 3:30PM Friday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>
Career Start Visit Day/Tour Programs @ PPCC (Bring Sack Lunch)	Friday February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019 8:05-12:00PM
Students interested obtain application after field trip	Friday February 1 <sup>st</sup> by end of day
Completed Career Start Application due	DUE Tuesday February 12, 2019 3:30PM
Students notified of application status	TBD
Accepted students apply to Career Start Program (timestamp process determined by PPCC)	Mid March- TBD and completed at MSHS
Students notified if placed in 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> choice program or put on waitlist determined by PPCC	TBD by PPCC

**Available programs through Career Start include:**

- Auto Collision Technology\*
- Automotive Service Technology\*
- Criminal Justice\*
- Culinary Arts\*
- Cyber Security—*Seniors only*
- Diesel Power Technology\*
- Fire Science Technology---*Seniors only*
- Health Career Exploration
- Health Science Technology
- Interior Design\*
- Multimedia Graphic Design\*
- Radio and Television\*
- Welding—*Seniors only*
- Zoo Keeping—*Seniors only*