

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Have you heard about the **Career Start Program at PPCC** (Pikes Peak Community College)? 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 elective 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 PPCC Centennial Campus as part of their regular school day (Monday- Friday). Students who participate in Career Start 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 for your review. 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 (below a C-), 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.

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

- Must be a current 10th or 11th-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 and represent MSHS in a positive way
- Students with a Disability Plan must be able to independently access accessibility services at PPCC
- Desired Career Start program must align with post-secondary plan.
- Must meet college readiness scores (ACCUPLACER) when applicable per Career Start program requirements.
- Students who fail a course must reimburse Manitou Springs School District 14 for cost of tuition.
- Students who exceed the attendance policy as per PPCC will be removed from the program and must reimburse MSSD14 the cost of the 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-K Counselor: Mmandel@mssd14.org L-Z Counselor: astrupp@mssd14.org

***See Page 2 for important deadline information and list of available programs**

Wednesday, January 19 th , 2022 by 3:30PM	Interested students need to sign up in counseling office.
Friday, January 21, 2022 (during advisory 9:40-10:05)	Students who signed up for info session will meet with counselors in the gym for more info and permission slips
Wednesday January 26 th , 2022	Field trip permission slips are DUE to counseling office by 3:30 PM
Friday February 4 th , 2022	Career Start Visit Day/Tour Programs @ PPCC (Bring a sack lunch) 8:05-12PM
	After field trip-interested students obtain an official application packet
Thursday February 17 th , 2022	COMPLETE Applications due to counseling office by 3:30PM W/ 3 teacher evaluations
TBD	Students notified of application status after committee reviews
Mid March- TBD	Accepted students apply to 1 st / 2 nd choice programs Career Start Application opens 2PM to be submitted at MSHS virtually- (time stamped by PPCC)
End of March/Beg of April	Students are notified if placed in 1 st /2 nd choice program or waitlisted- determined by PPCC

Available programs through Career Start include:

- Automotive Collision Technology*
- Automotive Service Technology*
- Broadcasting and Electronic Media
- Construction
- Criminal Justice*
- Culinary Arts*
- Cyber Security*
- Early Childhood Education
- Diesel Power Technology*
- Fire Science Technology---*Seniors only*
- Health Career Exploration
- Health Science Technology
- Multimedia Graphic Design*
- Veterinary Assistant
- Welding—*Seniors only*
- Zoo Keeping—*Seniors only*

More detailed information can be viewed here:

<https://www.ppcc.edu/high-school-programs/career-start>

**May be attended for 2 years*

