Area Vocational Program (AVP)

Academic Credit

The Area Vocational Program (AVP) at Pikes Peak Community College provides occupational skills development and training for 11th and 12th grade high school students. Curriculum for AVP courses is a compilation of various entry-level college courses for a particular area of study. The number of courses covered within each program and the grade students achieve within these individual courses throughout the year will determine the amount of college and high school credit received. High school credit shall be denied for postsecondary courses that do not meet or exceed the district's standards. Vocational courses shall not be substituted for core area graduation requirements. A student participating in this program shall be considered as enrolled in the district and eligible for all high school activities.

Tuition

Prior to participating in Area Vocational Program (AVP) courses, the student or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will provide the district with a deposit for \$300 dollars in cash, check, or money order. If in the form of a check or money order, the district will cash the check or money order and hold the funds until the student completes the course(s) with a passing grade. When grades are reported in the student has passed the course(s), the district shall return the deposit to the student or the parent(s)/guardian(s). If the student should fail a course, the deposit shall be retained by the district. Should insufficient funds result when cashing the check, the student's place within the program will not be held.

Transportation

The district will not provide or pay for transportation to Pikes Peak Community College.

Pikes Peak Community College's AVP Policy

Students attending any off-campus program must agree to all the rules included in the PPCC AVP policy (IHCDA-2-E. These rules are:

1. Adhere to Miami-Yoder School District's eligibility standards and attendance policies. If a student is absent from a vocational class, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must call Miami-Yoder High School within 24 hours to report the absence and circumstance surrounding the absence. Absences exceeding eight per semester shall be grounds for forfeiture of the student's right to attend and the student/parent(s)/guardian(s) may incur substantial monetary penalties. Only the school's principal has the authority to excuse a student absence from the AVP program.

2. The student must maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA). If the GPA slips below 2.00, the student will be considered for administrative review to determine credits and continued enrollment status in the AVP program. In addition, all classes below the 2.00 GPA resulting in a loss of full-time enrollment status with the Colorado Department of Education may result in monetary penalties to the student/parent(s)/guardian(s).

3. Unless otherwise approved, students are required to attend morning classes at Miami-Yoder High School or return for afternoon classes in order to meet graduation requirements.

Eligibility and Course Credit

The secondary school principal and guidance counselor will determine if the student is eligible to participate in the AVP. Eligible students for the program will be recommended to the Superintendent of Schools for participation in the AVP. The Superintendent of Schools will make a recommendation to the Miami-Yoder Board of Education regarding the student's participation. Final approval for participation shall reside with the majority opinion of the Board of Education.

Once the student has been approved to participate in the AVP, secondary principal and the guidance counselor will determine if the required courses are appropriate for high school graduation credit. Credit can be denied for courses that do not meet graduation requirements in subject content or do not rise to school required levels of success. Tuition will be paid for courses deemed appropriate.

If the secondary principal denies credit for any of the requested courses, the student will be notified in writing of the reason. The building principal will also provide the student with a copy of the procedures and forms required for an appeal to the Board of Education.

If the student decides to appeal to the Board, the appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receiving notice of denial of credit. The board must notify the student in writing of its decision within 30 days of the filing of the appeal. <u>The decision of the Board of Education is final.</u>

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