COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Aug. 6, 2020 - Colorado Early Colleges (CEC), the state’s largest network of early college middle and high schools, has outlined fall reopening plans for its school campuses in Aurora, Castle Rock, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Inverness, Parker, and Windsor. Northern Colorado schools will offer a mostly remote option, Aurora will be remote through the end of Fall Break, Douglas County schools and Colorado Springs will offer in-person and remote learning options. Individual school breakouts are below.

The return to learn plans are based on CEC’s three areas of decision-making: health and safety, equity and access, and rigorous academics along with local school’s local health and safety guidelines. Plans will be modified as state and local health guidelines are updated and schools will move to 100% remote learning if the need arises. Individual school dates and academic models also accommodate new students who have shifted to CEC for the fall semester.

“CEC has the responsibility to remove barriers from students’ efforts to learn by ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment. We believe our school plans are flexible, adaptable, equitable, accessible, and support the needs and requests from family, teacher and student feedback,” said CEC Chief Executive Administrator Sandi Brown. “We promise our families that we are dedicating every resource to ensure that each student is safely achieving and growing academically and personally regardless of which option they choose.”

Castle Rock, Colorado Springs and Parker will continue to offer bus transportation with limited student capacity, physical distancing measures, and increased cleaning and sanitizing measures. All schools will also continue to provide technology support, free tutoring and academic support as well as mental health support to students. Here is a look at the individual school plans:

**Denver Metro Area Schools**

**Aurora**
- [Overview of plans](#)
- **School start date:** Aug. 19
- **Academic model:** Hybrid: Start the year fully remote through Fall Break. Cohorts will be implemented during remote learning to help support schools most vulnerable students. Return to School Hybrid model: Once in-person learning can resume, in-person learning will take place Monday through Thursday with remote learning on Fridays for all students. The school has a new, larger campus that makes physical distancing indoors easy. A remote-only option is available upon request and will include high school and college classes. CEC Aurora has formed new partnerships with Aims Community College and Snow College to offer even more virtual college course options.

**Castle Rock**
- [Overview of plans](#)
- **School start date:** Aug. 17
• **Academic model:** In-person Monday through Thursday and remote learning on Fridays. A remote-only option is available upon request and will include high school and college classes. Remote learning offers opportunities for course live streaming and hands-on science labs.

**Inverness**
- **Overview of plans**
- **School start date:** Aug. 17
- **Academic model:** In-person five days a week. Out of 230 students, only 90 or so will be in-person on campus while other students take courses off-campus through community college partners or have elected a fully remote option.

**Parker**
- **Overview of plans**
- **School start date:** Aug. 17
- **Academic model:** Hybrid model: in-person on alternating days Monday through Thursday by cohort and remote learning on Fridays. A remote-only option is available upon request and will include high school and college classes. Remote learning offers opportunities for course live streaming and hands-on science labs.

**Northern Colorado Schools**
Virtual learning for all Fort Collins schools begins Tuesday, Aug. 11 and Windsor will begin on Monday, Aug. 17 following remote learning training for families the week of Aug. 10-13.

The mostly remote model means that all students, including new students, will be remote except for small groups of students who will be invited to come into schools for short periods of time for in-person, on-campus learning. Targeted groups include students with an identified disability, English language learners, students with a READ plan, and others who have been identified by CEC staff as needing extraordinary support.

Courses will be run synchronously with students logging onto Microsoft Teams for live classes at their normal class times. Classes will be recorded and made available to students that are not able to attend during the assigned times. All schools will also continue to provide technical support, free tutoring, academic support, and mental health support to students. Here is a look at the individual school plans:

- **CEC Fort Collins High School and Middle School** *overview of plans.* Live Class recordings available Monday - Thursday. Fridays will include tutoring and other support.
- **CEC Fort Collins West Middle School** *overview of plans* Live classes and recordings available Monday - Friday.
- **CEC Windsor (grades 6-9)** *overview of plans* including remote learning training schedule beginning Aug. 10. Live classes and recordings available Monday - Friday.

**Colorado Springs**
- **Overview of plans**
- **School start date:** Aug. 17 with a remote orientation Aug. 14.
- **Academic model:** Hybrid model: In-person cohort model will split students into two groups. The Blue Group includes students with the last names A-L who will meet in-person on campus for college and college prep classes Monday and Tuesday with remote learning Wednesday through Friday. The Gold
Group includes students with the last names M-Z who will meet in-person on campus for college and college prep classes Wednesday and Thursday with remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Friday. A fully remote option will also be available to students who choose it. On-campus college courses offered will fall into the cohort schedule. Students that are fully off-campus taking classes through PPCC and UCCS should follow instructions from those off-campus institutions but will continue to meet with their CECCS advisors in-person or virtually.

All CEC school health and safety measures
All schools are taking the following health and safety measures. Individual schools have additional measures. Please see the individual school plans for more specifics.

- **Masks, PPE and health screenings**: masks required at all times on-campus for students, teachers, and visitors 11-and-older; plexiglass and other materials will be used in higher contact areas; self symptom screenings and reporting for all teachers, staff, students, parents and visitors; temperature screenings upon entering school building; gloves required for all food and nutrition services workers at all times and for other staff when cleaning or sanitizing an item or service.
- **Physical distancing**: No large group gatherings including field trips or assemblies, and physical distancing measures enforced indoors; furniture and markers will be placed to support physical distancing; all desks, chairs, equipment will be disinfected after each class; single entry and exit points on campus monitored by staff as well as visual cues such as floor decals, colored tape and signs to indicate to students and staff the flow of traffic inside the building and physical distancing markers.
- **School cleaning and sanitization**: Proper handwashing and hygiene education will be provided and monitored; hand sanitizing stations placed around buildings; day porter cleaning throughout building and in high touch areas supported by weekly deep cleanings.

About Colorado Early Colleges
Founded in 2007, Colorado Early Colleges (CEC) is a network of top-tier charter schools located along the Front Range. CEC is the state’s largest charter school network and the only early college middle school and high school network. CEC schools provide tuition-free public education that give all students the opportunity to earn a debt-free associate degree in high school. CEC campuses are located in Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Parker, Aurora and Windsor with College Direct Satellites campuses located in Westminster and Highlands Ranch. Castle Rock and Inverness campuses will be opening fall 2020. CEC schools are authorized by the Colorado Charter School Institute. Learn more at coloradoearlycolleges.org.

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