



SECTION I

PART N SERVICE AREAS OF COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

1.00 Introduction

C.R.S. §23-1-109(2) requires the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to define the geographic and programmatic service areas for Colorado public institutions of higher education:

“The commission shall define, after consultation with the governing boards of institutions, the geographic and programmatic service areas for each state-supported institution of higher education. No such institution shall provide instruction off-campus in programs or in geographic areas or at sites not approved by the commission, unless otherwise provided by law.”

This policy provides precise narrative descriptions of the geographic service areas for all Colorado universities with a two-year statutory role and mission, community colleges, local district colleges, and area technical colleges.

See Section 4.00 below for all four-year institutions.

When discussing the service areas of community college, local district colleges, area technical colleges, and universities delivering educational services through their two-year statutory role and mission the precise narrative descriptions contained herein should be referenced. These narrative descriptions should also be used or referenced in planning documents concerning community college, local district colleges, and area technical colleges.

These institutions' service areas are the geographic areas in which these institutions may offer their programs.

2.00 Geographic Service Areas for Universities with a Two-Year Statutory Role and Mission, Community Colleges, Local District Colleges, and Area Technical Colleges

2.01 Adams State University

- Adams State University (ASU) has both a two- and four-year statutory role and mission and may provide Resident Instruction, two-year academic programs in Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla counties.
- Adams State University shall cooperate with Colorado Mesa University in providing any necessary two-year academic programs in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties.

2.02 Aims Community College

Aims Community College serves Larimer and Weld counties. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same and is shared with Front Range Community College.

2.03 Arapahoe Community College

Arapahoe Community College (ACC) serves the area defined by the boundaries below and all of Douglas County. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

Western Boundary (from north to south): U.S. Highway 285 intersect at the western border of Jefferson County; and Jefferson County border south, encompassing all of south Jefferson County.

Northern Boundary (from west to east): U.S. Highway 85 to West Quincy Avenue; east on Quincy to South Irving; north on Irving to West Oxford; west on Oxford, following the Fort Logan Mental Health Center boundaries, to South Lowell; north on Lowell to West Hampden Avenue (U.S. 285); east on Hampden to South Federal Boulevard; north on Federal to West Dartmouth Avenue; east on Dartmouth to South Tejon; north on Tejon to Yale Avenue; east on Yale to University Boulevard; south on University to East Hampden Avenue; east on Hampden to I-25, south on I-25 to I-225; northeast on I-225 to South Yosemite Street; south on Yosemite to the intersect of I-25, which approaches Arapahoe Road; and east on Arapahoe Road to Boxelder Creek.

Eastern Boundary (from north to south): Intersect of East Hampden Avenue and I-25; I-25 southeast to I-225; I-225 northeast to South Yosemite; Yosemite south to I-25 intersect, approaching Arapahoe Road; Arapahoe Road east to Boxelder Creek; Boxelder Creek south through Arapahoe County to the Elbert County

border; northern Elbert County border west to Douglas County border; and Douglas County border south encompassing all of Douglas County.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): Southern borders of Jefferson and Douglas counties.

2.04 Colorado Mesa University

- Colorado Mesa University (CMU) has both a two- and four-year statutory role and mission and may provide Resident Instruction, two-year academic programs in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray counties.
- It shall cooperate with Adams State University in providing any needed two-year academic programs in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties. CMU's service area for career and technical education programs is Mesa County.

2.05 Colorado Mountain College

- Colorado Mountain College (CMC) serves Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, Lake, Chaffee, Grand, and Jackson counties; the portion of Salida school district R-32-J located in Fremont County; and Routt County school district RE 2. (The section of Routt County school district RE 3 that extends into Eagle County is within the service area of Colorado Northwestern Community College.)
- CMC's service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.06 Colorado Northwestern Community College

Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) serves Moffat and Rio Blanco counties and Routt County school districts RE 1 and RE 3 (the latter extending into a small part of Eagle County). CNCC's service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.07 Community College of Aurora

Community College of Aurora (CCA) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

Western Boundary (from north to south): Quebec Street south to Hampden Avenue; west on Hampden to I-25; south on I-25 to I-225; northeast on I-225 to South Yosemite Street; south on Yosemite to the I-225 intersect, which approaches Arapahoe Road.

Northern Boundary: Highway 2 from Quebec Street northeast to the Adams County line and along that line to Boxelder Creek.

Eastern Boundary (from north to south): From Adams County line to Boxelder Creek; south on Boxelder Creek to a point equivalent to Arapahoe Road as it extends east through Arapahoe County to Boxelder Creek.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): Arapahoe Road and a line extending east from Arapahoe Road to Boxelder Creek.

2.08 Community College of Denver

Community College of Denver (CCD) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. CCD's service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

Western Boundary: Sheridan Boulevard.

Northern Boundary: Interstate 70.

Eastern Boundary: Quebec Street.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): West Quincy Avenue from Sheridan intersect to South Irving Street; north on Irving to west Oxford; west on Oxford, following Fort Logan Mental Health Center boundaries to South Lowell Boulevard; north on Lowell to U.S. 285 (Hampden); east on U.S. 285 to South Federal Boulevard; north on Federal to West Dartmouth; east on Dartmouth to South Tejon; north on Tejon to Yale Avenue; east on Yale to University Boulevard; south on University to East Hampden Avenue, and east on Hampden to the intersect of Quebec Street. The southern boundary of CCD coincides with the northern boundary of Arapahoe Community College.

2.09 Emily Griffith Technical College

Emily Griffith Technical College serves the city and county of Denver.

2.10 Front Range Community College

Front Range Community College (FRCC) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below and all of Larimer County, Broomfield County, Brighton and Commerce City. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same. Front Range Community College also holds a service area assignment in Larimer County. Front Range Community College shares Larimer and Weld counties with Aims Community College for career and technical education programs.

Western Boundary (from north to south): Western borders of Boulder and Jefferson counties; Jefferson County border south to a point equivalent to 80th Avenue as it extends west to the border; 80th Avenue line east to Wadsworth Boulevard; Wadsworth south to West 66th Avenue; 66th Avenue east to Sheridan Avenue; and Sheridan south to I 70 intersect.

Northern Boundary (from west to east): Boulder County border to Adams County border and north Adams County border to I 76 intersect, reaching the intersection of Adams County border and I 76.

Eastern Boundary (from south to north): Quebec Street from I 70 to Highway 2; northeast on Highway 2 to the Adams County border.

Southern Boundary: Interstate 70.

2.11 Lamar Community College

Lamar Community College (LCC) serves Cheyenne, Kiowa, Prowers, and Baca counties. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.12 Morgan Community College

Morgan Community College (MCC) serves Morgan, Kit Carson, and Lincoln counties. It will share responsibility for serving Washington and Yuma counties with Northeastern Junior College. Morgan Community College's service area also includes eastern Adams and Arapahoe counties extending to Boxelder Creek on the west and encompasses, among others, the communities of Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, and Deer Trail. MCC's service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.13 Northeastern Junior College

Northeastern Junior College (NJC) serves Logan, Sedgwick, and Phillips counties exclusively and shall share the responsibility for serving Washington and Yuma counties with Morgan Community College. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.14 Otero Junior College

Otero Junior College (OJC) serves Crowley, Otero, and Bent counties. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.15 Pikes Peak Community College

Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) serves Teller, El Paso, and Elbert counties. Its service area for career and technical education programs includes Teller, El Paso, and Elbert counties and Kit Carson County School District RE 4J.

2.16 Pueblo Community College

Pueblo Community College (PCC) serves Pueblo, Fremont, Custer, Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata, San Juan, and Archuleta counties. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

2.17 Red Rocks Community College

Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) serves an area defined by the boundaries described below. Its service area for career and technical education programs is the same.

Western Boundary: Western borders of Gilpin, Clear Creek, and Park counties.

Northern Boundary (from west to east): Northern border of Gilpin County; Highway 72 south to a point equivalent to 80th Avenue; 80th Avenue extending east to Wadsworth Boulevard; Wadsworth south to 66th Avenue; and 66th Avenue east to Sheridan Boulevard.

Eastern Boundary (from north to south): Eastern border of Gilpin County to a point equivalent to 80th Avenue; 80th Avenue east to Wadsworth Boulevard; Wadsworth south to 66th Avenue; 66th east to South Sheridan Boulevard; and Sheridan south to West Quincy Avenue.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): U.S. 285 from Jefferson County border to West Quincy Avenue east to Sheridan Boulevard.

2.18 Pickens Technical College

Pickens Technical College serves the area defined by the boundaries described below.

Western Boundary (from north to south): Quebec Street south to Hampden Avenue; west on Hampden to I-25; south on I-25 to I-225; northeast on I-225 to South Yosemite Street; south on Yosemite to the I-225 intersect, which approaches Arapahoe Road.

Northern Boundary: Highway 2 from Quebec Street northeast to the Adams County line and along that line to Boxelder Creek.

Eastern Boundary (from north to south): From Adams County line to Boxelder Creek; south on Boxelder Creek to a point equivalent to Arapahoe Road as it extends east through Arapahoe County to Boxelder Creek.

Southern Boundary (from west to east): Arapahoe Road and a line extending east from Arapahoe Road to Boxelder Creek.

2.19 Technical College of the Rockies

Technical College of the Rockies (previously Delta-Montrose Technical College) serves Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Montrose, and San Miguel counties, Hinsdale school district RE 1, and Gunnison Watershed School District RE 1J in Saguache County.

2.20 Trinidad State Junior College

Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) serves Las Animas and Huerfano counties with both academic and career and technical education programs. Trinidad State Junior College also serves Conejos, Costilla, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Mineral, and Saguache counties with career and technical education programs. Academic courses required in the career and technical education certificate and degree programs in those six counties shall be provided by Adams State University. Trinidad State Junior College may offer other courses in those six counties that are not clearly either academic or career and technical education with the agreement of Adams State University.

In cooperation with the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the college may continue to extend educational opportunities to northern New Mexico through formal reciprocity arrangements.

3.00 Programmatic Distinctions Recognized By the Commission

Two-year lower division programs currently approved for Colorado Mesa University and Adams State University may be delivered as part of these institutions' resident instruction programs within service areas designated. Career and technical education instruction and academic instruction at the lower division level shall be offered in separate and distinct service areas.

4.00 Geographic Service Area for Four-Year Institutions

For all institutions with a four-year statutory role and mission, the service area is the entire state of Colorado, except that the geographic service area for four-year institutions delivering services through a two-year statutory role and mission shall be as is described in Sections 2.00 and 3.00.

5.00

Process to Seek a Concurrent Enrollment Exception

House Bill 18-1052 established a process (C.R.S §23-1-109(6)) to facilitate local education provider participation in a Concurrent Enrollment course or program, pursuant to §22-35-112, C.R.S., with an institution of higher education that is outside of the institution's geographic service area in which the local education provider is located. This policy shall apply when the local education provider requests, in writing, a Concurrent Enrollment course or program from an institution of higher education within which geographic service area the local education provider resides. The institution may decline, in writing, to provide the requested Concurrent Enrollment course or program. If the institution fails to respond to the local education provider within 45 days of the request, the institution shall be deemed to have declined to provide the requested Concurrent Enrollment course or program.

- 5.01 If an institution in the local education provider's Commission-approved geographic service areas declines or is deemed to have declined to provide a requested Concurrent Enrollment course or program, the local education provider may then partner with an institution of higher education outside of the Commission-approved geographic service area where the local education provider is located to provide the requested Concurrent Enrollment programs or courses. After a local education provider reaches an agreement with an institution outside the Commission-approved geographic service area, the local education provider must provide the Department with the following:
- i. A dated copy of the request made in writing to the institution in the local education provider's geographic service area and an explanation of the institution's response and/or decision to decline to offer the requested Concurrent Enrollment course or program;
 - ii. A detailed account of the specific Concurrent Enrollment academic programs or courses;
 - iii. Identification of which institution(s) outside of the geographic service area the local education provider plans to partner with to offer the requested Concurrent Enrollment programs or courses; and
 - iv. The length of time of the agreement
- 5.02 If an institution is deemed to have declined because they do not respond to the Local Education Provider's request within 45 days then the concurrent enrollment service area exception will, by default, last two years unless a shorter time is requested by the Local Education Provider. If both parties agree in writing to the exception then the concurrent enrollment service area exception can last up to five years. Once a concurrent enrollment service area exception has expired then the local education provider must submit another request. However, requests may be submitted on a yearly basis.

- 5.03 When an institution of higher education provides a Concurrent Enrollment course or program outside of its service area pursuant to this policy, it shall be funded in the same manner as Concurrent Enrollment courses and programs offered within the institution's service area and shall be treated as on-campus instruction.

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