

Career Explore 2026-2027

DRHS Eligibility Criteria

Choosing Career Explore

Jefferson County Public Schools is committed to providing a variety of learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of students. The Career Explore program at Dakota Ridge High School is one such opportunity. Every student accepted into the program must adhere to the following reasonable expectations, in addition to the [Jeffco Student Family Handbook](#), to maintain eligibility and remain in the Career Explore program.

Specific Expectations regarding Attendance and Academics

1. Students must be in attendance at least 90% of the time to all classes and internships (**this includes both excused & unexcused absences**)
 - a. Students must have 12 or fewer block absences (3 days) in a 6 week period
 - i. A day consists of 4 blocks
 - ii. Three tardies is considered a block absence
2. Students severely behind in credits must successfully complete Summer School courses/credits
3. Students must complete 1 credit recovery class every 6 weeks if student is deficient in credits
4. Students must be passing all classes at the end of each 6 week grade reporting window
 - a. Passing in a Career Explore class is 70%
 - i. All Career Explore grades are recorded as P/F on transcript
 - ii. Student must pass Training & Internship to pass ACE classes

Probation: Students failing to meet the **Attendance and Academic** expectations will be placed on probation for the next 6 weeks. Students that fail to meet expectations and come into compliance during probation will be removed from the program. Students can be placed on probation only **ONCE** in a school year.

Expectations regarding Behavior

The behavior expectations below must be adhered to by Career Explore students. Failure to comply with the below expectations will result in a conference with the Career Explore Director and Assistant Principal and may result in immediate removal from the program, or a warning will be issued. If a warning is issued a compliance date may be determined to maintain eligibility.

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1. Students must adhere to specific requirements
 - a. Take and/or pass any drug test required for your chosen program
 - b. Successfully perform required tasks and expectations at training and apprenticeships
 2. Students cannot interfere with the educational process of fellow students
 - a. Disruptions in the classroom, on field-trips, training or during internships will not be tolerated
 - b. Inappropriate use of cell phones and other technology during training, internships, field trips, or in classes is unacceptable.
 - i. Cell phone use is at the discretion of staff, whether school district employed or a community partner

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3. Students understand that internships will be different from the school environment. While it is our hope that internships will be paid, it is not a guarantee. If paid, most internships will be at minimum wage. Once an internship has been started, it is expected that a student will complete the internship in order to pass their Career Explore classes (including English). If a student chooses to quit an internship early not only will they fail their Career Explore classes, but then they will exit the Career Explore Program.

Acknowledgment of Eligibility Requirements

By our signatures below, we agree that we have had the opportunity to read and ask questions about the specific Career Explore DRHS Eligibility Criteria prior to our student's enrollment in the Career Explore program. We acknowledge and agree that compliance with these criteria, in addition to the [Jeffco Student Family Handbook](#), is a condition of continued participation in the Career Explore Program at Dakota Ridge High School. We further acknowledge and agree that failure to satisfy such requirements may result in a student being dropped from the program and returned to the general education setting.

We hereby acknowledge and agree to adhere to the Eligibility Criteria for Career Explore at Dakota Ridge High School. A more detailed and written copy was made available to me.

Print Student Name

Date

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Parent/Guardian Name

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