



**PWR Diploma Endorsement Workgroup
Meeting Notes**
Lowry Campus
Meeting Date: September 13, 2018
Meeting Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

No.	Discussion	Initiator
	<p>Facilitators: Andy Tucker, CDE, and Carl Einhaus, CDHE</p> <p>Attendees: Elaine Menardi, Colorado AeroLab; Scott Fast, Innovate & Educate; Jenny Shelling, Greeley; Ron Marostica, Sterling, RE-1; Debra Ontivaros, MSU Denver; Diana Zakhem, Englewood; Mimi Leonard, Littleton; Tammy Lawrence, Boulder; Brandon Protas and Tammy Ward, Community College System; Gabriel Castano, Johnson & Wales; Kim Medina, Colorado School of Mines; Colleen Newman, University of Colorado/Boulder; Todd Rhinehart, University of Denver; Renise Walker, CDE & CWDC; Chris Rasmussen, CDHE; Robin Russel and Fumnanya Camara: CDE</p>	
	<p>Review the Task</p> <p>Make a recommendation of criteria for the PWR Endorsed Diploma to CDE and to CDHE. The Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education must approve the criteria.</p> <p>Guiding Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap4K – “Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment” included the first mention of the PWR Endorsed Diploma – an incentive and a stamp of readiness: C.R.S 22-7-1009 & 22-7-1017 • SB17-272 – “Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Indicator” 	<p>Andy Tucker, Director, Office of Post- secondary Readiness, CDE</p>
	<p>Parking lot issues from last meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measure for ACT English (18) is not higher than measure on the Graduation Guidelines menu of options 2. The International Baccalaureate score (4) for English and math is not higher than on the Graduation Guidelines menu of options 3. How do Math Pathways impact assessment cut scores? 4. Review one year of world language <p>Group discussion: comments and questions</p> <p>ACT English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endorsed diploma = priority consideration for admission to selection and highly selective schools. Meeting measure on GG menu of options = admission to moderately selective and modified open schools - 18 in English = college ready with a 75% of C or better in college class - 22 in English (according to ACT) = higher probability of success - However – colleges look at multiple measures of success – not just test scores = more complete picture - Would higher school be too hard on districts? Equity issues - Would help “undermatching” of students who self-select out of the process 	<p>Andy Tucker and Carl Einhaus</p>

International Baccalaureate

- Students with a 4 on IB earn college credit
- When compared to AP of 3 on PWR Endorsed Diploma; both are equal (A score of 3 on AP also earns college credit)

Math Pathways

- ACT at 22 in math is consistent with College Readiness Benchmark

World language

- It's a value statement for cultural strength
- If we're going to signal that world language is valuable, then one year is not enough
- One year of language: no value for businesses. Bi-lingual: highly desirable
- Language is a point of entry for 4-year, selective colleges (2 years).
- The menu calls out English and math but no other content area, why world languages? What about science, social studies, art and PE?
- Worried about equity for all schools; some do not/cannot offer languages. With this criterion some students would automatically be eliminated. This in another example of how equity impacts goals
- The PWR Endorsed Diploma with the "AND" statements is "deep" The biliteracy endorsed diploma is deep. Why include languages on the PWR endorsement? It's redundant
- If we take it off, we're missing an opportunity

Consensus

ACT English: leave at 18 to ensure that students have accessibility. There are already multiple "AND" measures embedded in the criteria

International Baccalaureate – leave at 4 in English and math. Students can receive credit for a 4 in Colorado colleges

Math Pathways – no action necessary

World Language – remove this criteria. One year is not good enough; there are serious equity issues; other content areas are not singled out

The State Board of Education will add the PWR Endorsed Diploma to the agenda on October 9 or 10. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education will add it to their agenda later in the fall, TBA.