



# Student End of Year Coding Guide: P-TECH Program

## General Information

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Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) was established in 2015 by H.B. 15-1270. It is intended to create a public-private partnership to prepare thousands of Colorado students for high-skill jobs of the future. P-TECH is an innovative partnership between a school district, a community college(s), and one or more local high growth industry employer(s). Students begin in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and can continue for up to six years (i.e., high school and two equivalent years of college) for a total of 6 years. As such, students graduate with both a high school diploma and an industry-recognized associate degree, in addition to gain relevant workplace skills. The associate degree is in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) focused high-growth industry.

P-TECH may be offered through a stand-alone school with its own school code, or a program within an existing high school. [Visit this site for an approved list of P-TECH Schools/Programs.](#)

## Graduation Rate Impact

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H.B. 17-1194 went into effect in the 2017-2018 school year. It allows a student completing their 4<sup>th</sup> year of high school who has met their district's local graduation requirements and Colorado's Graduation Guidelines to be counted as a graduate for graduation rate purposes. These students are then retained to participate in P-TECH for their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year.

H.B. 17-1194 did not change the existing requirements with regard to a P-TECH student's high school diploma, in that a P-TECH student's high school diploma cannot be dated and conferred to the student until they have completed the P-TECH program. The date of graduation on the P-TECH student's official high school transcript must reflect the date that the student completes their P-TECH program or is no longer participating in the P-TECH program. This ensures a student remains classified as a high school student in their 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year and is eligible to receive P-TECH funding.

Districts/LEAs may decide if they will allow P-TECH students to participate in regular graduation ceremonies during their 4<sup>th</sup> year without receiving their official diploma or wait to participate in graduation ceremonies upon completion of their P-TECH program.

### P-TECH Legislation:

- C.R.S. 22-35.3-101 to 105
  - P-TECH Authorization
- C.R.S. 22-35.3-102(10)
  - Operates as a program within a host school
- C.R.S. 22-35.3-103(5)
  - Graduation rate reporting
- C.R.S. 22-35.3-104(1)(c)
  - Student P-TECH status notification requirement
- H.B. 17-1194
  - Graduation rate reporting guidance

### Additional Resources:

[LINK: Postsecondary Workforce Readiness Unit – P-TECH](#)

[LINK: Student End of Year Collection](#)



## Student October & Funding

The Student October Pupil Enrollment collection contains student enrollment information as of the pupil enrollment count date. This information is used to determine the school demographics, number of students in instructional programs, free and reduced lunch counts, and distribution of school finances across the state. Students participating in P-TECH programs are indicated as such during this data collection to ensure appropriate funding allocation for these students.

See the [Student October collection website](#) and the [School Auditing – Pupil Count website](#) for more information regarding Student October coding and funding for P-TECH students.

## SEY Coding Guidance

Per H.B. 17-1294, districts may count a student as a graduate who will be retained to participate in a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year P-TECH program. A student's Anticipated Year of Graduation (AYG) is used to determine if a student is in their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year of high school. See the Student End of Year website for more information about how AYG is assigned.

The coding patterns below are designed to support districts in coding P-TECH students whether they plan to count the student as a graduate in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year.

### P-TECH student counted as graduate in 4<sup>th</sup> year:

Data Field	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	4 <sup>th</sup> year	5 <sup>th</sup> year	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Grade Level	110	120	120	120
Postsecondary Program Enrollment	15	15	16	16
School Entry Type	02*	02	90	90
School Exit Type	00	90	23	24 or 23
Retention Code	0	2	2	0

#### Notes:

- \*Entry type in 3<sup>rd</sup> year (11<sup>th</sup> grade) can be any applicable code.
- Exit 23 – Previous graduate who completed their P-TECH 5<sup>th</sup> year and will return for a 6<sup>th</sup> year or left P-TECH program in the middle of their 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year.
- Exit 24 – Previous graduate who completed their P-TECH 6<sup>th</sup> year.
- Diploma/Transcripts reflect exit date in 6<sup>th</sup> year as the student's graduation date (or point student left program in middle of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year without returning).

### P-TECH student counted as graduate in 6<sup>th</sup> year:

Data Field	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	4 <sup>th</sup> year	5 <sup>th</sup> year	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Grade Level	110	120	120	120
Postsecondary Program Enrollment	15	15	16	16
School Entry Type	02*	02	02	02
School Exit Type	00	00	00	96
Retention Code	0	2	2	0

#### Notes:

- \*Entry type in 3<sup>rd</sup> year (11<sup>th</sup> grade) can be any applicable code.
- Exit 96 – Student completed P-TECH and received high school diploma.