



P-20 EDUCATION PATHWAYS FACT SHEET

APS offers Education Pathways at many of its schools:

- P-20 Campus
- High Schools
- Middle Schools
- Elementary Schools

What are P-20 Education Pathways?

P-20 Education Pathways are an integrated collection of learning experiences intended to develop students' core academic skills; and provide them with continuous education and employability credentials; in order to place them in high-demand, high-opportunity jobs. These Pathways begin in Preschool and continue through Post-Secondary education.

Each Aurora Public Schools Pathway includes:

- Rigorous coursework and experiences that prepare students for college and careers
- Career clusters that are linked to Colorado industry sectors so students are prepared to find work in our state
- Opportunities to master the skills and knowledge needed to compete in ever-changing 21st century jobs
- Hands-on field experiences and community outreach projects related to coursework and career studies
- Partnerships with all stakeholders – students, parents, staff, universities, businesses, community organizations, and governmental agencies

Where are the Education Pathways in Aurora Public Schools?

Aurora Public Schools P-20 Education Pathways incorporate research-based teaching and learning best practices with a focus on innovation and creativity. Students have the opportunity to access, explore and prepare for career and learning experiences beyond high school. Current pathway opportunities exist throughout the school district.

The Aurora LIGHTS Academic and Career Pathway prepares students for careers in the health sciences. Students benefit from hands-on learning and field work with many community partners on the state-of-the-art Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora LIGHTS students have the opportunity to earn college credit and pursue career options while in high school. The Aurora LIGHTS Pathway is offered at:

- Laredo, Montview, Paris, Park Lane elementary schools
- North Middle School Health Science & Technology Campus
- Aurora Central, Hinkley, William Smith high schools

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- Pickens Technical College

The STEM Academic and Career Pathway prepares students to enter science, technology, engineering and math (**STEM**) professions. Community partners will offer students hands-on learning and field work. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit, industry certifications and pursue career options while in high school.

The STEM Academic and Career Pathway is offered at:

- Fletcher Intermediate Science and Technology School
- Aurora Hills, Columbia, Mrachek middle schools
- Gateway and Rangeview high schools
- Pickens Technical College

The P-20 Campus, located at 6th Avenue and Harvest Road, will serve as a cutting edge model for multiple pathways. Students will benefit from learning that begins in preschool and continues through high school, all on one site.

Students will also have the opportunity to earn college credit, industry certifications and pursue career options while in high school.

The P-20 Campus will open in August 2010, with a P-8 school. A comprehensive high school is slated to open in August 2011.