Certification Visits & Dual Credit

Overview

- Certification Preparation
- Certification Visit
- Dual Credit Explanation
- Dual Credit Opportunities
Our Goals

- We aim to help you understand UCCS PLTW Certification and Dual Credit to make you more aware and help you prepare!

The Certification Timeline

- Must certify by the end of the third year of the pathway
  - Usually, we certify *during* the third year
- Must offer at least three courses in the pathway
- Turn in the Self-Evaluation at least one month prior to the visit
- Pay the certification fee at least two weeks prior to the visit
Certification Preparation

- Plan several months out
- Make sure everyone in your building is on the same page
- Pre-select a group of diverse PLTW students to meet with the UCCS certification team for a portion of the visit
- Make sure your teachers are using the most current curriculum
- We strongly recommend having multiple teachers in your building teaching PLTW

Key Personnel Involved

- UCCS Certifying Official
- Colorado Master Teacher or State Leader
- Administrators
- Teachers
- Counselors
- Students
- Partnership Team Members
Key Documents

- Self Evaluation
- Site Visit Schedule
- School Portfolio Containing:
  - Logs and Agendas from Partnership Group Meetings
  - Demographic Information
  - Enrollment Trends
  - Courses Offered
  - Media Highlights

The Certification Visit

- ½ day per each pathway
- Meet and greet UCCS Team
- Classroom visits and student interviews
- Partnership team meeting
- School personnel meeting
- Summary meeting
- Within 2 weeks you will be notified of certification status
Example Observations
Certification Levels

- Re-Certified
- Certified
- Provisionally Certified
- Recommend Probation

Dual Credit

- Dual credit is a term coined for college credit earned in high school
- $102/credit hour for PLTW
Dual Credit

- Dual credit is available to certified programs; occasionally a provisionally certified program that is extremely strong will be offered dual credit by the university.
- Dual credit is not available to programs that have expired their certification or are on probation.
- No additional work is required of students to gain PLTW dual credit.

Dual Credit Grading Policy

- In an effort to streamline the scoring process across schools and districts for PLTW’s End of Course Assessment (EoC), it has been determined by the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) that PLTW’s EoC Assessment will not be used to calculate a student’s final course grade. Although the EoC Assessment is one of many useful tools to gauge student success, it will not be a factor in determining concurrent credit grades granted by UCCS. Concurrent credit will be computed by the calculation of 75% course content and 25% final exam, created and administered by the PLTW teacher. The EoC Assessment will continue to be given at the end of the year as data will be collected and analyzed by PLTW for statistical purposes.
**Why Dual Credit?**

- Help students gain college credit for work they are already doing
- No differentiation on a transcript between a PLTW course and one they would take on campus
- Affordability
- Student and school pride
Questions?

Thank you for attending this session! Please fill out a session survey before exiting.