Colorado Project Lead the Way High School Certification 2014-2015

Under the PLTW School agreement signed by districts, all high schools must be certified by the third year in the program and re-certified every five years after. This process requires schools to demonstrate that they meet PLTW’s quality standards in professional development of teachers and counselors; the implementation of curriculum using required equipment and software; the formation of a Partnership Team, and several others.

Goals and benefits of National Recognition

- Encourage schools in the PLTW Network to excel in reaching exemplary PLTW standards.
- Insure college-level quality from a distance in all schools in the PLTW network.
- Provide an opportunity for interested students to receive college, transcripted credit and recognition.
- Highlight the importance of PLTW trained instructors.
- Recognize nationally secondary schools which have achieved excellence.
- Strengthen the commitment of schools to the on-going maintenance of quality of the continually upgraded program.
- Foster increased enrollment in engineering and engineering technology by enhancing the benefits to students and their schools.

Important Dates for Colorado PLTW Certification

- Request certification visit as soon as possible to reserve your preferred visit date.
- Payment due two weeks before site visit.

Certification Fee Payable to UCCS Campus Wide Extended Studies

- $750 per school for certification/re-certification visit.
- $500 per school if a district is certifying multiple schools and the site visits are scheduled simultaneously.
- $500 per school for revisits to provisional or probation schools.

Checklist

- Download the High School Certification Documents Forms:  [PLTW Certification Documents]
- Notify Colorado Project Lead the Way of your intent to apply for certification. An email should also be sent to ajohns2@uccs.edu. Once a visit date has been scheduled an invoice will be sent for certification from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.
- Complete the Self-Assessment Certification document with your school PLTW team.
- Submit the Self-Assessment document by email to PLTW 30 days prior to your visit. PLTW will forward the document to Carley Ries and Aubrey Johns. When the Self-Assessment Documentation has been received the site visit date will be finalized.
- Prepare the site visit schedule for the certification team; a sample schedule will be provided.
- Provide directions to the school(s) and parking information to the certification team.
- Coordinate necessary school personnel for the certification visit.
- Meet the certification team on the day of the visit.