

Colorado Mountain College
Estimated Direct Cost Comparison Between Traditional Academic Programming and Early Colleges in Colorado
February 12, 2019

	9th (2017 PPR base, CDE)	10th (Base + 3%)	11th (10th + 3%)	12th (11th + 3%)	College Year 1 (COF, 2018)	College Year 2 (COF + 3%)	College Year 3 (Yr 2 + 3%)	Total Cost to State for Instruction	Total Costs to Student (Tuition and Debt**)	Returns to State (Tax Revenues w/AA)	Total Cost to State (Net of Taxes)
Traditional	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 6,746.50	\$ 6,948.90	\$ 7,157.36	\$ 2,626.50	\$ 2,705.30	\$ 2,786.45	\$ 41,950.08	\$ 13,261.00	0	\$ 41,950.08
				State Grant*	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,142.40	\$ 2,206.67				
				<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 4,706.50						
Early College	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 6,746.50	\$ 6,948.90	\$ 7,157.36	\$ 7,372.08	Workforce Participation (Increased Productivity)		\$ 39,951.34	0	\$ 907.12	\$ 39,044.22
			COF	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,626.50						
				<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 9,998.58						

*State Grant: Average according to the Department of Higher Education

**Student Debt: Average community college debt at AA graduation (2017, Dept of Higher Education)

***Average difference in earnings between HS diploma and AA degree, Colorado (NCHEMS). Multiplied by state income tax rate of 4.65%. 2010 figure inflated by 20% to estimate 2019 value.