

**State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE)**

December 11, 2024

**TOPIC:** Community College of Denver (CCD) Approval of a High School Diploma Program Fee

**PRESENTED BY:** Marielena DeSanctis, President

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal 4:** Refine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

**EXPLANATION:**

At the September 2024 SBCCOE Meeting, the Board approved the launch of a High School Degree Program at the Community College of Denver (CCD). The first cohort of students is expected in spring 2025. The program allows for students to utilize a combination of course work and credit for prior learning to meet program requirements.

To support the financial health of the program, CCD has developed a financial model to allow for the cost to students to be limited to a one-time \$50 fee. This fee will be assessed during a student's first semester within the High School Degree Program – and will be the only out-of-pocket cost associated with the program. The fee will not be reassessed as long as a student remains active at CCD. This fee cadence will allow for students to complete the program at their own pace without additional financial burden.

This fee is requested to be listed – using the current fee table structure - on Table 7 Other New & Existing Fees of the Board approved listing of Tuition and Fees.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve CCD's request for the approval of a one-time \$50 program fee for students enrolling in the High School Degree Program to be added to the Board approved list of Tuition and Fees.