

(ACCELERATING STUDENTS THROUGH CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT)

ASCENT is a 5th year program that pays for PSD students' tuition, books and fees for a year at Front Range Community College, Aims Community College or Metro State University. ASCENT is like a one-year scholarship!

ELIGIBILITY

What do PSD students need to be eliqible?

- Earned at least 9 college credits during their four years of high school
- Met their PSD graduation requirements in 4 years (cannot be an early or late grad)
- Be under 21 years of age
- All students that qualify will receive a slot

GPA

Does ASCENT affect students' high school GPA?

No. ASCENT classes will be on their college transcript, not on their PSD transcript.

APPLICATION

What is the application timeline?

The application is now open and <u>closes</u> <u>April 5, 2024</u>.

<u>Apply now!</u> <u>www.psdfutureready.org/ascent</u>

GRADUATION

Do ASCENT students graduate?

Students will walk in the 2024 gradation ceremony, but will not receive their diploma until the end of their ASCENT year.

This year's seniors' diplomas will say 2025 because students remain enrolled as a PSD student for ASCENT funding purposes.





ASCENT CONTINUED

CLASSES

How do ASCENT students register for classes?

Students register for classes with a college advisor, not with their high school counselor. Students will need to declare a major in line with their PSD ICAP. Students can change their major during their ASCENT year.

FT/PT

Do ASCENT students need to be fulltime?

Students can be full-time (12+ credits) or part-time (3-11 credits). If they choose to be part-time in the fall, they will only be able to be part-time in the spring.

TIMELINE

Can ASCENT students take classes the summer after graduation?

PSD does not receive funding to pay for classes taken the summer between graduation and the start of the ASCENT year.

What if PSD students meet their high school graduation requirements early?

We highly encourage all students to be enrolled in at least one class in the spring of their senior year. Students can take campus select classes and treat the semester like a 3rd semester of ASCENT. Work-based learning or additional high school classes are other options for remaining enrolled.

Questions? Contact PSD's Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator Kristen Besanceney kbesance@psdschools.org 970-657-3175

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