

ASCENT Student Eligibility 2021 – 2022

Colorado Department of Education

A student is eligible for ASCENT if the student:

- Has completed, or is on schedule to complete, at least 12 credit hours (semester hours or equivalent) of transcribed, credit-bearing, college-level postsecondary coursework* prior to completing his/her 12th grade year. Remedial/developmental education college courses do not qualify as part of the 12 required credits.
- Is college ready, and not in need of basic skills coursework in accordance with the pathway in which he/she enrolls.
- Completes an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) prior to declaring intent to participate in ASCENT.
- Applies to and is accepted into a postsecondary degree program at a qualified Colorado institution of higher education.
- Has been selected for participation by his/her high school principal or equivalent school administrator.
- Has not been designated an ASCENT program participant in any prior year (can only participate in ASCENT for 1 academic year).

*Does not include International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Education Program (CLEP), prior learning, or experiential courses, unless these exams/experiences have been converted to transcribed credits on a college transcript. See [ASCENT Q&A](#) for Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

- Home study students enrolled in ASCENT are only eligible for part-time funding.
- It is not a state requirement that students meet the LEP's graduation requirements before the end of their 12th grade year in order to be eligible for ASCENT. LEPs may have their own requirements in determining approval of students to participate in ASCENT.
- Students may only enroll in Guarantee Transfer credit courses, a state approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) postsecondary program, or a specific postsecondary degree program pathway including coursework related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs, unless parent and student sign a form indicating "credits may not transfer." The ASCENT pathway (AAS, AS, AA, etc.) must be clearly spelled out which would include an explanation of "credits may not transfer."