



Title	ASCENT (Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment)
Designation	IHCDA-R-2
Office/Custodian	Education/Director of Applied & Advanced Learning

ASCENT is Concurrent Enrollment that extends the opportunity for postsecondary enrollment one year beyond the 12th grade year for qualified applicants.

Students who wish to enroll in ASCENT must:

1. be on track to complete high school graduation requirements by the end of the 12th grade year;
2. complete 12 college credits of transcribed postsecondary coursework prior to the completion of the 12th grade year (this postsecondary coursework does not include International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), or College Level Education Program (CLEP) credits);
3. be identified by the Principal or Concurrent Enrollment designee as a qualified ASCENT candidate with a current/updated Academic Plan of Study;
4. be less than 21 years of age;
5. be accepted into a postsecondary degree/certification program;
6. not have previously participated in ASCENT;
7. not have been a retained 5th year senior in previous year;
8. satisfy the minimum prerequisites for ASCENT postsecondary courses
9. require no remediation courses for the student's pathway.

ASCENT students will be selected by the Principal or Concurrent Enrollment designee based on the number of allocated ASCENT slots, students' course completion history of postsecondary courses, and other academic and personal readiness factors. The Principal or Concurrent Enrollment designee will confirm ASCENT selections no later than February 1 of the student's 12th grade year.

ASCENT postsecondary concurrent enrollment courses requested by the student must align with the student's Academic Plan of Study and degree plan or professional certification course requirements. The Principal or designee must authorize Concurrent Enrollment course selections. The student must meet the same course prerequisites and course expectations as noted in the current postsecondary course catalog and course syllabus. The student is expected to comply with the policies and procedures in the Student Code of Conduct of the Institution of Higher Education.

Full-time ASCENT students must enroll in at least 12 postsecondary credits each semester of the ASCENT year. Part-time ASCENT students must enroll in 3-11 postsecondary credits each semester of the ASCENT year. High school diplomas will be retained until the end of the ASCENT year and will be dated the end of the ASCENT year.

The student, parent, Principal, and Concurrent Enrollment designee must sign an ASCENT Concurrent Enrollment Agreement prior to postsecondary course registration each semester. All course/schedule changes must be updated on the ASCENT Concurrent Enrollment Agreement prior to the Institution of Higher Education Drop Date.

If the student receives a final grade of “D” or “F,” withdraws, or does not successfully complete the postsecondary course after the Institution of Higher Education Drop Date, the student’s parent or guardian will be required to pay the school district for the postsecondary course tuition that was paid by the district on the student’s behalf.

If the Principal or Concurrent Enrollment designee denies credit toward graduation for any of the requested courses, the student will be notified in writing of the reason within 10 working days of receipt of the enrollment notice. The student will have the ability at that time to appeal to the Chief Education Officer or designee.

If the student decides to appeal to the Chief Education Officer or designee, the appeal must be filed in the Chief Education Officer’s office within 10 working days after receiving notice of denial of credit.

The Chief Education Officer or designee must notify the student in writing of his/her decision within 30 working days of the filing of the appeal. The decision of the Chief Education Officer regarding approval or denial of high school credit will be final.

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LEGAL REF:

1 CCR 301-81 (*State Board of Education Rules Governing Standards for Individual Career and Academic Plans*)

1 CCR 301-86 (*State Board of Education Rules for the Administration of the Concurrent Enrollment Program*)

C.R.S. 22-35-101 Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act

CROSS REF:

IHCDA Concurrent Enrollment

IKF Graduation Requirements

IHBK Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success

IKCA Weighted Grading