

Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT)



ASCENT is a fifth-year high school program that pays for a free year of college the year after 12th grade. DPS ASCENT students receive free tuition/fees while also receiving wrap-around advising and support during the critical transition from high school to college. ASCENT gives students a head start in earning a certificate, associate's, or bachelor's degree...all while saving time and money.

ELIGIBILITY:

Students with 9+ college credits by graduation may be eligible for ASCENT. To be eligible, a high school senior must:

- Apply for the program by March 1, 2023 - see 'Application Process'
- Complete 9+ credit hours of postsecondary courses by end of senior year - see 'Ways to Earn 12 Postsecondary Credits (reverse)'
- Meet all high school graduation requirements by end of senior year
- Be a 4th year senior (class of 2023)
- Be less than 21 years old as of 10/1/2023
- Be college-ready in English and Math for your desired career pathway
- Graduate from a traditional, pathway or charter school in DPS (not an Early College HS)
- Apply and be admitted to the college or university you will attend during your ASCENT year - see 'ASCENT College Partners (reverse)'

BENEFITS

- Attend college for one full year (fall and spring) for free!
- Receive wrap-around advising and support services in college
- Choose from one of 8 participating Colorado schools - see 'ASCENT College Partners'
- Receive additional financial aid time after ASCENT year
- Save time and money on a college degree or certification credentials

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must submit an online application by **March 1, 2023**.
A link to apply is on the ASCENT site (link below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

collegeandcareer.dpsk12.org/ascent
thecommons.dpsk12.org/Page/1704

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Or contact your School Counselor

Plan for your future today!





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IMPORTANT DATES FOR ASCENT

-  **November 1, 2022:**
Application opens
-  **April-June 2023:**
Official offer to join ASCENT emailed to students if eligibility requirements are met.
-  **March 1, 2023:**
Application closes
-  **June 30, 2023:**
Deadline for all eligible students to accept/decline ASCENT slot for the 2023-24 school year.

ASCENT COLLEGE PARTNERS

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:



TECHNICAL COLLEGES:



UNIVERSITY:



WAYS TO EARN 12 POSTSECONDARY CREDITS

CONCURRENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT (CE/DE) CLASSES

- CE/DE classes are between 3-5 credits
- Can be taken at a high school, college campus, or online
- Must be 100-level or above
- Must receive a C or better

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAM

- Must earn a score of 4+
- # of credit hours dependent on exam taken
- Must send score to college to be transcribed into college credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM

- Must earn a score of 3+
- # of credit hours dependent on exam taken
- Must send score to college to be transcribed into college credit

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

- Tests offered vary by high school
- Tests offered at Community College Testing Centers
- # of credit hours earned dependent on exam taken and score earned
- Must send score to college to be transcribed into college credit

INTERESTED IN ASCENT?

Fill out this form to receive ASCENT application reminders.



IMPORTANT:

ASCENT may or may not be the best financial option for you! Be sure to apply for ALL financial aid and scholarships during your senior year, including the FAFSA/CASFA and DSF. See your Counselor or Future Center Advisor for help!