**ASCENT Q & A**

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* Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) is a fifth year Concurrent Enrollment program which allows students to participate in college courses after their 12th-grade year. This covers the cost of tuition. Students are responsible for books and fees.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ASCENT?**

**A student is eligible for ASCENT if the student:**

* Has completed, or is scheduled to complete, 12 credit hours of transcripted postsecondary course work prior to completing his/her 12th grade year. Any remedial coursework previously taken does not qualify as a part of the 12 credit hours of required college coursework.
* Has met graduation requirements.
* Is college ready, academically and socially, is not in need of basic skills coursework in accordance to the pathway they enroll, and is nominated by their principal or counselor.
* Completes an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) prior to declaring intent to participate in ASCENT.
* Applies, and is accepted, into the Community College, or Metropolitan State University.
* Has not participated in ASCENT in previous years
* Meets the required AP/SAT/ACCUPLACER entrance scores for the degree or certificate the student is perusing.
* Completes a FASFA – Jefferson County Schools students are not eligible for ASCENT if they are PELL eligible for more than ASCENT funding. (2001 and higher is eligible)

**FACTS**

* Students may attend Front Range Community College, Red Rocks Community College, Community College Denver , Arapahoe Community College or Metropolitan State University
* Students may take 12-13 credit hours per semester , there are no part time ASCENT spots.
* Students authorize their COF funding to be applied toward tuition.
* Students must maintain a “C” average or better.
* Student receives their high school diploma after their ASCENT year, though they participate in their graduation ceremony their senior year. Students WILL however count on your students four year on time graduation.
* Students take classes to continue working on the degree or certificate pathway started in Concurrent Enrollment during their 9-12th grade years. ASCENT is designed to help students complete a full degree or certificate by the end of their ASCENT year.
* Students must complete the Jeffco ASCENT application. All applicants are “candidates”, we will not know if they have a spot until after June 1.