



(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, and Metro State University.

ELIGIBILITY

What do PSD students need to be eligible?

- Earn at least 9 college credits during their four years of high school
- Meet their PSD graduation requirements in 4 years (cannot be an early or late grad)
- Be under 21 years of age
- **Complete the FAFSA or CASFA application for federal/state aid (new for the 2025-2026 applicants)**

GRADUATION

Do ASCENT students graduate?

Students will walk in the 2025 graduation ceremony, but will not receive their diploma until the end of their ASCENT year.

This year's seniors' diplomas will say 2026 because students remain enrolled as a PSD student for ASCENT funding purposes.

APPLICATION

What is the application timeline?

The application will open in December (after FAFSA) and closes April 4, 2025.

SLOT ALLOCATION

2025-2026 Slots are capped by the State

- Students will get priority based on the order they apply
- There will be a waitlist
- Students are asked to apply with proof of FAFSA completion
- Students can apply before they have 9 credits complete, but won't be awarded a slot until both FAFSA and 9 credits are complete (must be done by May 18)
- Students must have a 2.0 college GPA
- A 100-word statement about desire to do ASCENT is required



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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 (12-18 credits) or part-time (3-11 credits). If they choose to be part-time in the fall, they must remain part-time for their ASCENT year.

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?

Students need to remain enrolled with PSD through spring 2025. Students can take campus select classes or continue with concurrent enrollment in the high school. Work-based learning or additional elective high school classes are other options for remaining enrolled.

Questions? Contact PSD's Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator

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