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Student October Count: Concurrent Enrollment & ASCENT

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What is Concurrent Enrollment?

“Simultaneous enrollment of a qualified student in a local education provider and in one or more postsecondary courses, including academic or career and technical education courses, at an institution of higher education...”

Source: 22-35-103(6)(a), C.R.S.

Eligibility

Concurrent Enrollment

- 9th to 12th grade
- Under 21 years old
- Receive approval for their academic plan of study
- Meet the minimum prerequisites for courses

ASCENT

- 5th year
- 12 credit hours
- Not in need of basic skills (remedial)
- Admitted into degree or certificate program
- Not participated in ASCENT in previous year(s)

Delivery Models

- HS teachers as adjunct
- On HS campus
- gtPathways
- Online
- Partner w/1 IHE
- Remedial courses
- Adjunct from IHE
- On IHE campus
- CTE
- Distance learning
- Partner w/multiple IHEs
- ASCENT – 5th year CE

CE Remedial Courses

- **Limited to:**

- Qualified students in 12th grade, or
- Retained past 12th grade for additional instruction
 - *Not those participating in ASCENT*

- **Using the 12th grade as a bridge year**

- Prepare students to immediately enter college-level, credit-bearing courses
- 9th-11th grade focus on high school courses to prepare

ASCENT & 5th yr non-ASCENT

5th yr non-ASCENT

- Retained for instructional purposes
- Limited to 9 credit hours/year
 - If enrolled FT, can take 6 credits/semester
 - If enrolled PT, can take 3 credits/semester
 - CE courses must apply towards HS grad requirements
 - If do not apply, not included in funding determination

ASCENT

- 5th yr program
 - Districts use best of 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th yr grad rate
- Retained student not eligible in 6th yr
- Early HS completion, not eligible in 4th yr
 - Still CE eligible
 - ASCENT eligible in 5th yr
- Courses apply towards postsec credential

New ASCENT Funding

- **Senate Bill 15-138**
- Allows LEPs to use ASCENT funds over 2 academic yrs
- Ability to use ASCENT slots in subsequent FY does NOT mean student eligible in FY15/16 can continue a second year or transfer ASCENT years.
- LEPs will be funded for the total number of slots allocated as finalized by CDE regardless of number of slots reported in Student October.

Example:

- LEP allocated 10 ASCENT slots for FY15/16.
- Student October 2015, LEP reports use of 8 ASCENT slots.
- LEP has 2 ASCENT slots remaining that can be used in FY16/17 - with funds received in FY15/16.
- LEP must report the list of carry-over participants for FY16/17 by May 10, 2016.
- LEP must return funds by June 30, 2016 if any carry-over slots will not be used in FY16/17.

Other Dual Enrollment

Early Colleges

- State Board designation
- Only 9 in state:
 - Mapleton EC
 - Southwest EC (DPS)
 - CO Springs EC (D11)
 - Chavez-Huerta (Pueblo City)
 - Colorado Springs (CSI)
 - Ft. Collins (CSI)
 - Arvada (CSI)
 - Douglas County (CSI)
 - CEC Middle College (DPS)

Extended Studies

- Program run by 4-yr IHEs
- IHE provides instruction on HS campus
- Not COF eligible
- Authorized through Higher Ed policies:
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/ExtendedStudies/>

CE & ASCENT Documentation



ICAP & Transcript

ICAP

- **Academic plan of study**
 - Courses to satisfy grad requirements, sequence
 - Academic progress
 - PWR assessment scores
 - ASCENT Timeline
- **Programmatic requirement ONLY**

HS Transcript

- **All college credit hours earned evidenced on high school transcript**
 - 5th yr non-ASCENT grad requirements
 - 12 credits for eligibility to participate in ASCENT
 - Funding not dependent on successful completion

Cooperative Agreements

- **Agreement between LEP and IHE**
- **Both CE and ASCENT**
 - Can be in 1 agreement or separate
- **Includes:**
 - Credit – HS & Postsec
 - Negotiated Tuition
 - COF authorization

Tuition Payment

- **Districts pay tuition directly to college**
 - No student reimbursement
 - No requirement to pay to earn credit
- **Districts pay no more than in-state (resident) community college rate**
 - Online rate
 - Student/family cannot be required to pay any portion of this rate
- **Discounts per tuition policy of IHE**
- **Student/Family Repayment**
 - If does not complete course without consent of HS principal
 - May have policy to repay for course if student receives failing grade

Attendance

Need for documentation of physical attendance at IHE during October Count window per School Finance Rules

- Does not apply to CE students attending any course(s) at the high school during count window
- Applies to CE students taking all courses off HS campus, at IHE
- Applies to ASCENT students taking all courses at IHE

Attendance

- Verification student in attendance in at least 1 course on count day.
- If student not in attendance on the count day:
 - Verification student was in attendance in at least 1 course for 1 day (in the current school year) prior to the count day, **AND**
 - 1 day within the 30 days following count day.

Attendance Verification Documentation Options:

- Form provided to the student, who is then responsible for having college instructor(s) or IHE employee sign to attest in attendance.
- Form completed by designated district or IHE employee who signs to attest to attendance of multiple students (e.g. roster)
- **District & IHE should work in partnership to determine what form of attendance verification will be utilized**

Attendance

Form Components:

- Student name – First, Last (middle initial, if possible)
- Applicable term/semester (ex. Fall 2015)
- Instructor name or name and title of the individual attesting that the student's attendance
- Dates in which the student attended during the count window
- Instructor or designated employee signature
- Date of signature
- Attendance verification statement
- [Sample Attendance Forms](#)

Funding Summary

2015/16					
ASCENT		CE at IHE		CE at District	
FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
12+ credit hours	3-11 credit hours	12+ credit hours	3-11 credit hours	contact time	contact time
Evidence of attendance at IHE needed		Meet PT requirements at HS and PT requirements at IHE = FT funding Evidence of attendance at IHE needed if only enrolled in courses at IHE		Only tuition payment documentation required Programmatic requirements still apply	
Home study students only eligible for maximum of part-time funding					



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Questions?

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