

**Accelerating Students through Concurrent ENrollment (ASCENT) DISTRICT OR  
CHARTER SCHOOL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The purpose of this document is to outline the necessary requirements for ASCENT students and their respective district or charter school to participate in the ASCENT program.

To be eligible for the ASCENT program, a student must:

- Complete, or be on schedule to complete, at least 12 credit hours (semester hours or equivalent) of transcribed postsecondary course work prior to the completion of his or her 12th grade year\*;
- Not be in need of basic skills coursework as defined by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's (CCHE) remedial education policy;
- Have been selected for participation in the ASCENT program by his or her high school principal or equivalent school administrator;
- Have satisfied the minimum prerequisites for the course(s) before his or her enrollment in the course(s);
- Not have participated in the ASCENT program in previous years;
- Maintain an updated Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP);
- Sign up for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend;
- Apply to and be accepted to the college where he or she intends to concurrently enroll;
- Receive notification from a district or charter school representative that he or she has been selected to participate in the ASCENT program on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the ASCENT year;
- Upon notification, register for college course(s), pay any applicable fee, and purchase books (if appropriate).

*\*Note: Does not include Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Education Program (CLEP), prior learning, or experiential courses. Must be transcribed credits on a college transcript and count for a postsecondary course credit.*

\_\_\_\_ I attest that the students listed in the attached list have met the requirements to be potentially eligible for the ASCENT program for the 2014-15 academic year. This list is correct and accurate to my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_ (District or Charter School name)\_\_\_\_\_ has identified (Number of slots\*)\_\_\_\_\_ needed for potential ASCENT participation for the 2014-15 academic year.

*\* 1 ASCENT slot = 1 full-time **OR** 2 part-time students (Full-time = 12+ credit hours; Part-time = 3-11 credit hours)*

\_\_\_\_ The district or charter school is aware that all student and district/charter school records applicable to the ASCENT program must be maintained by the district/charter school, including, but not limited to transcripts, ICAP, ASCENT application, etc. These documents may be requested by the Colorado Department of Education as verification of student eligibility and/or confirmation of regulatory compliance.

\_\_\_\_ I am an eligible signatory for my district or charter school. An eligible signatory is: (1) for a district, the superintendent or authorized representative; or (2) for a charter school, the principal or authorized representative.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

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This document must be signed and returned to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) no later than May 1, 2014. A list of eligible ASCENT students with SASID, date of birth, school code, and district code must accompany this document. Send by certified mail or email to:

Colorado Department of Education  
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