



Advanced Placement courses and ASCENT

Q&A

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Q) Can Advanced Placement Courses count toward the 12 credits of transcribed postsecondary course work that a student is required to complete, or be on schedule to complete prior to the completion of his/her 12th grade year?

A) An AP course must meet the following requirements in order to be counted toward the 12 credits of transcribed postsecondary course work for the ASCENT program:

1. Must be designated as [an automatic credit course by the Colorado Commission of Higher Education](#);
2. AP courses that are NOT on the list can count for the 12 required credit hours only if such course/credits are transcribed by the Institution of Higher Education (IHE) on a postsecondary transcript. In this case, the student must provide a copy of the postsecondary transcript showing the AP course to the Local Education Provider (LEP) so that LEP can have proof;
3. Student must have achieved a minimum score of 3 on the end-of- course examination; and
4. Must be transcribed on the student's official high school transcript.

Q) When does this take effect?

A) January 16, 2018.

Q) Do LEPs need to keep a copy of the AP test result?

A) Yes, for audit purposes.

Q) Is it necessary for the AP course to be transcribed to the IHE's college transcript also?

A) The ASCENT program does not require that the AP course be transcribed to the IHE's college transcript. However, it must be transcribed to the to the student's high school transcript.

Q) If the student doesn't actually take the AP course, but takes the test and receives a minimum score of 3, can this course be included in the required 12 credit hours?

A) Yes, as long as it is designated as [an automatic credit course by the Colorado Commission of Higher Education](#) and is posted to the student's high school transcript; or as long the requirements for an AP course that is not on the CCHE list are met (#2 above).

Q) LEPs don't receive AP test score results until July. What if an LEP's selected ASCENT student does not receive a minimum score of 3 on an AP course that would be included in the 12 required credits?

A) The student would not be eligible to participate in the ASCENT program. The LEP could either use that ASCENT slot for another eligible student, or return the slot to CDE by the November due date, in which case the district would not receive funding for the slot.

Q) How many college credit hours can a student receive for an AP course?

A) Please refer to the number in parenthesis under the name of the course for which credit can be received as show in the "How to Read This Table" example of [CCHE's automatic credit course document](#).