Carry Forward ASCENT Slots

Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-35-108(3)(b), Local Education Providers (districts/charter school authorizers) have two years in which to use allocated ASCENT funding (i.e., "slots"). Districts receive funding for all ASCENT slots during the allocation year. The Colorado Department of Education uses data submitted by districts in the Student October Count data submission to determine whether they (districts/charter schools) have used all allocated current year ASCENT slots. Any ASCENT slot that is not used during the allocation year will be carried forward into the next school year (i.e., become a "carryforward" ASCENT slot during the subsequent school year). Because districts receive ASCENT slot funding during the allocation year, districts/charter schools are encouraged to set aside funding during the allocation year for any unused slots so that the funding is available for students occupying carryforward slots during the next school year. If the district does not report having used all allocated ASCENT slots by the end of the second school year (as evidenced by Student October Count data reporting), the district will be required to return unused funding by June 30 of the second school year.

ASCENT Slot Reporting

The following table describes the appropriate Student October Count data submission coding for all current year and carryforward ASCENT slots. Districts are required to report/use all carryforward ASCENT slots during the submission process prior to using/reporting current year ASCENT slots.

ASCENT Slot Allocation Year	Funding Level	Postsecondary Program Code	Funding Code	Comment
Current	Full-time	01	80	ASCENT student occupying a full-time current year allocated ASCENT slot (1.0 FTE)
Current	Part-time	01	82	ASCENT student occupying a part-time current year allocated ASCENT slot (0.5 FTE)
Current	Not Eligible	01	86	This is an ASCENT student (1) who does not meet all of the funding requirements OR (2) meets the funding requirements, but the district does not have enough ASCENT slots to receive funding for this student
Carryforward	Full-time	09	87	ASCENT student occupying a full-time carryforward ASCENT slot (1.0 FTE) from the prior school year
Carryforward	Part-time	10	87	ASCENT student occupying a part-time carryforward ASCENT slot (0.5 FTE) from the prior school year
Carryforward/Current	Full-time	10	82	This is a full-time ASCENT student who is occupying a ½ ASCENT slot from the current year (0.5 FTE) AND ½ carryforward ASCENT slot from the prior school year (0.5 FTE)

Data Fields:
- Postsecondary Program Code
  - Student Interchange File: "Student Demographic" file
  - Field Name: "Postsecondary Program Enrollment"
- Funding Code
  - Student Interchange File: "Student School Association" file
  - Field Name: "Public School Finance Funding Status"