

Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) Student Checklist

☐ **Update your Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP) with your Counselor**

Your counselor will examine your Academic Plan of Study to approve moving forward with postsecondary courses or moving forward with other challenging courses.

☐ **Meet with Your School Administrator or Counselor**

After updating your ICAP talk to your counselor about the ASCENT program and make sure the following requirements are met:

- You must have completed (or be on schedule to complete) at least 12 transcribed credit hours of postsecondary course work prior to the completion of your 12th grade year*;
- You must not be in need of basic skills coursework, in your selected pathway;
- You must have satisfied the minimum prerequisites for the course(s); and
- You must not have participated in the ASCENT program in previous years.

**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.*

☐ **Review Financial Aid Packages and Options**

Meet with your counselor and/or approved pre-collegiate service provider to review all your financial aid options in order to ensure that ASCENT is the correct path for you at this time.

Sign up for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend, which pays a portion of your total in-state tuition when you attend a Colorado public institution or a participating private institution. The stipend is paid on a per credit hour basis to the institution at which you are enrolled and will be deducted from the designated COF account.

☐ **Complete your College Application**

Students must apply to the college they plan to attend. Meet with your counselor or school administrator to make sure the application(s) is (are) completed correctly.

☐ **Receive Selection by School Administrator or Counselor for ASCENT Program Participation**

You will be notified of your selection for participation in the ASCENT program by your School Administrator or Counselor on or before June 1st of the year proceeding the semester/term you would like to begin participating in the ASCENT program.

☐ **Register for your Course(s)**

Once you have completed this checklist, you will need to register for your college course(s), pay any fees (if applicable), and purchase your text books (if applicable). Also, make sure you have the appropriate prerequisites for the course prior to registering for it.

Please Note: An ASCENT program participant shall not be considered a high school graduate until he or she has completed his or her participation in the ASCENT program and any remaining graduation requirements.