



Completed applications (include pages 2 - 9) will be due to your high school counselor by

Friday April 6th, 2018

ASCENT APPLICATION

2018-2019

Abstract

ASCENT stands for Accelerating Students through Concurrent ENrollment. Students who have completed at least 12 credit hours of postsecondary course prior to completion of his/her 12th grade year may be eligible for the ASCENT Program. Will you have earned 12 college credits before you graduate? You might be eligible to have your 1st year at Front Range Community College or AIMS Community College paid for by Poudre School District!

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CALENDAR 2018

JANUARY 2018						
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JANUARY 2018

Read entire ASCENT application thoroughly.
Email kkappel@psdschools.org with questions.

JANUARY 10 – 18, 2018

Schedule an appointment to meet with your high school counselor between 1/10/2018 – 1/18/2018. Ask your counselor to:

- help you complete **PAGE 4 OF THIS ASCENT APPLICATION**
- help you review **PAGE 5 OF THIS APPLICATION** and to submit your transcript to the college no later than 2/12/2018 which is a hard deadline set by the colleges

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Deadline to submit your current HS transcript to the college to have test scores reviewed. SEE **PAGE 5 OF THIS APPLICATION**.

2/19/2018 – 3/16/2018

FRCC APPLICANTS:
Go to **PAGE 6 OF THIS APPLICATION** and determine if you are a “SCENARIO A” STUDENT or a “SCENARIO B” STUDENT. Follow the instructions. Appointments are required. No walk-ins allowed.

AIMS CC APPLICANTS: All students should meet with an advisor. Appointments are required. No walk-ins allowed.

APRIL 6, 2018

Applications are due to your high school counselor.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

****The funding for this program must be appropriated by the state legislature each year. For the 2018 – 2019 school year, PSD has a limited number of slots for ASCENT. Completion of this form does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Please apply for other colleges and financial aid programs, including scholarships and [FAFSA](#), in the event that you are not eligible for ASCENT, or are not accepted to the ASCENT program.**

ASCENT is a 5th year program. This program allows students to take a full schedule of college courses immediately following their senior year of high school. Please continue with this application ONLY if:

- You are under 21 years of age
- You are a FT PSD student as of October count
- You have a 2.0 GPA on your high school transcript
- You have completed all high school graduation requirements
- You have completed a minimum of 12 college credit hours during 9th – 12th grade in high school
- You are college ready (defined by coursework taken and test scores), and are not in need of basic skills coursework in accordance to the college pathway in which you enroll
- You have submitted your current HS transcripts to the “College Now” office (FRCC Campus) or your AIMS advisor/designee by **February 12, 2018** in order to have test scores reviewed
- You do not need remediation in your selected college pathway (a college designee, NOT your high school advisor, must determine this)
- You are not an international student attending high school on a F1 Visa (ineligible for ASCENT)

SECTION A: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

NAME: _____

10 digit STUDENT SASID # _____

(ASK HS Counselor)

PSD STUDENT ID: _____ COLLEGE ID: S _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

AGE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: _____ COLLEGE TO ATTEND: FRCC _____ AIMS _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

PARENT PHONE # _____ PARENT EMAIL: _____

STUDENT COLLEGE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SECTION B: TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR & ASCENT APPLICANT

Table 1 – List the college courses you have taken while in high school

SUBJECT	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE LOCATION (COLLEGE CAMPUS OR ONLINE)

ICAP CHECKLIST FOR ASCENT APPLICANTS:

In order to qualify for ASCENT, students must work with their high school counselor and confirm that they have updated the following ICAP requirement **in their CAREER CRUISING account**:

- MY CAREER CLUSTER IS: _____
- MY DESIRED COURSE OF STUDY/PATHWAY/CERTIFICATION FOR MY 5TH AT AIMS OR FRCC YEAR IS: _____
- I HAVE UPDATED MY 4 YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN (GO TO CAREER CRUISING)
- I HAVE UPDATED/COMPLETED MY CAREER INTEREST PROFILER (GO TO CAREER CRUISING)
- I HAVE UPDATED VARIOUS/APPLICABLE JOURNAL ENTRIES INCLUDING PWR INFORMATION ON INTERNSHIPS, SUMMER JOBS, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (GO TO CAREER CRUISING/JOURNAL)

This student has worked with high school counselors and the PSD ASCENT Coordinator and received advice about the ASCENT Program. He/she fulfills the eligibility requirements:

Yes ___ No ___ **Completed concurrent enrollment coursework is listed in table 1 on page 4**
 Yes ___ No ___ **Student has updated their ICAP information in CAREER CRUISING**
 Yes ___ No ___ **High school transcript is attached to this application AND emailed to college**

Please check if you have:	<input type="checkbox"/> IEP	<input type="checkbox"/> 504	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL	<input type="checkbox"/> ALP	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
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COUNSELOR: *See #1.6 on page 7 PRIOR TO SIGNING

COUNSELOR NAME (PRINT): _____ DATE: _____

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE: _____ HIGH SCHOOL: _____

SECTION C: TEST SCORE REQUIREMENTS – *MUST CONTACT COLLEGE OFFICE

***Students must contact the Front Range Community College “COLLEGE NOW” office, or their Aims Community College advisor to determine if their test scores are sufficient for their planned course of study. *This is not a question that the PSD ASCENT Coordinator or the high school counselors can answer. If applicable test scores are not reviewed by the college, the students’ application will not be considered.**

Front Range Community College ASCENT Applicants

Applicants should follow the steps below to determine if additional testing is required for the ASCENT applicants’ selected plan of study.

FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

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- ❑ 1. ASCENT applicants must submit their current HS transcripts to the “College Now” office (FRCC Campus) by **February 12, 2018** in order to have test scores reviewed. Transcripts are available from your high school counseling office/registrar.
- ❑ 2. Transcripts can be dropped off at the “College Now” office in the Mount Antero building, or can be emailed to LCCollegeNow@fronrange.edu with a note/email that includes the following information:
 - a. Indicate that you are an ASCENT applicant from Poudre School District
 - b. Indicate that you are inquiring about “college readiness” based on your test scores
 - c. Include your FRCC S-number
 - d. Request that your test scores be reviewed to determine whether or not your test scores are sufficient for your planned course of study
 - e. Include your selected plan/area of study (program name or degree)
 - f. Include a telephone number and your email address
- ❑ 3. The “College Now” office will contact students with information about whether or not additional testing is needed.

AIMS Community College Applicants

Applicants should follow the steps below to determine if additional testing is required for the ASCENT applicants’ selected plan of study.

AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

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- ❑ 1. ASCENT applicants must submit their current HS transcripts to the AIMS CC office by **February 12, 2018** in order to have test scores reviewed. Transcripts are available from your high school counseling office/registrar.
 - a. Indicate that you are an ASCENT applicant from Poudre School District
 - b. Indicate that you are inquiring about “college readiness” based on your test scores
 - c. Include your AIMS S-Number, phone number, and email address
 - d. Request that your test scores be reviewed to determine whether or not your test scores are sufficient for your planned course of study
 - e. Include your selected plan/area of study (program name or degree)
 - f. Include a telephone number and your email address
- ❑ 2. The AIMS CC office will contact students with information about whether or not additional testing is needed

SECTION D: COLLEGE ORIENTATION and REGISTRATION

***ORIENTATION AT THE COLLEGE IS REQUIRED and students must be registered for full time or 12+ credits in fall 2018.**

FRCC students should select “Scenario A” or “Scenario B” and plan accordingly.

“SCENARIO A” STUDENTS:

“SCENARIO A” STUDENTS are ASCENT candidates who have **NEVER** taken any classes on the FRCC Campus. Therefore, they will not have completed the required college orientation.

“SCENARIO A” STUDENTS must complete #1 and #2 below:

1. Complete the enrollment checklist which includes signing up for REQUIRED COLLEGE ORIENTATION at www.frontrange.edu/checklist
2. At the REQUIRED COLLEGE ORIENTATION, you will meet with a college advisor. Tell the college advisor what course of study you will pursue as an ASCENT student so that they can help you select your courses and let you know when to register. Students must register for full time in fall 2018.

“SCENARIO B” STUDENTS:

“SCENARIO B” STUDENTS are ASCENT candidates who **HAVE already** taken classes on the actual FRCC Campus. Therefore, they will have already completed the REQUIRED COLLEGE ORIENTATION.

“SCENARIO B” STUDENTS must complete #1 and #2 below:

1. Please call to schedule a meeting with a college advisor between February 19 – March 16, 2018 (The number to call is 970.204.8332)
2. During the advising meeting, please register for fall classes or make arrangements to do so. Students must register for full time in fall 2018.

*The advising office is in the Mount Antero building AND appointments are required. No walk – ins are allowed.

FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

AIMS CC students should follow the instructions below:

At AIMS CC, PSD students should contact Ms. Dahl Gehle to schedule a meeting between February 19 – March 16, 2018.

- Please schedule an appointment in advance by calling Dahl at **970.339.6504** or email dahl.gehle@aims.edu
- Tell Dahl what course of study you will pursue as an ASCENT student
- If Dahl is unavailable, please contact David Jones at 970.339.6659 or email david.jones@aims.edu
- Please schedule the required college orientation and put it on your calendar

Your college advisors will:

- Work with you to determine which courses you should be registered for fall semester of 2018 (for your desired course/area of study). Students must register for full time in fall 2018.

AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

CONTINUED, SECTION D: COLLEGE ORIENTATION and REGISTRATION

“Scenario A Students” on page 6 – Students will register for fall courses during orientation

“Scenario B Students” on page 6 – Students will schedule to meet with an advisor and register for courses

Table 2 – List the college courses you will complete in fall semester, 2018

SUBJECT	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE LOCATION (COLLEGE CAMPUS OR ONLINE)

SECTION E: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND STUDENTS’ PARENT/GUARDIANS

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASCENT STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENTS

1. **ACADEMIC**

- 1.1. Students must have filled out a Front Range/AIMS College application within the last year.
- 1.2. Students may only enroll in Guarantee Transfer credit courses or state approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) postsecondary program, including coursework related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs.
- 1.3. Students must have all ASCENT college course choices approved by a college advisor and checked by the ASCENT counselor.
- 1.4. Students are expected to pass all courses successfully. See Financial Point 2.2 on page 8.
- 1.5. Students will be required to meet monthly, with the ASCENT counselor each semester.
- 1.6. Students in Integrated Services must have the ASCENT Program as part of his/her IEP, with approval from the IEP review team. The student must apply to the office of Disability Services at the college to self-identify disability, request accommodations, and provide the necessary documentation. It may be appropriate for the Integrated Services teacher to assist the student in this process as a transition service. The college will determine accommodations based on 504/ADA requirements. *Many postsecondary disability services coordinators claim that absolutely the most important thing that a student with disabilities can do is be a strong self-advocate, someone who speaks or writes in support of him/herself. Many students have had strong parent/guardian involvement in high school but will now be expected to take responsibility for their own needs and learning.
- 1.7. Students may only enroll in no more than two online courses for ASCENT. Please take note that online classes **are not self-paced.**
- 1.8. PSD will **not** pay for testing out of class exam fees.
- 1.9. Students can only enroll at one post-secondary institution during the ASCENT Program.

2. **FINANCIAL**

- 2.1. **Fees, books, room, and board are not paid for by the district.** Students **cannot** use state or federal financial aid to defray those costs. *If funds are available, the district may consider paying for books for those students on free and reduced lunch.
- 2.2. **Students must reimburse the school district for the cost of a course if they do not successfully complete the courses they have enrolled in (either dropping after add/drop period, taking an incomplete, withdrawing from a class, or earning a grade below "C"). Grades below a 'C' will not transfer.** If the student fails or withdraws from 2 or more courses, he/she will be dropped from the ASCENT program.
Students must reimburse the district if:
 - 2.2.1. The student fails a course.
 - 2.2.2. The student receives below a grade of "C" in a course or fails the course or withdraws from 2 or more courses.
- 2.3. Students *might not* be eligible for "freshmen" scholarships following their ASCENT year. Students' future federal student aid eligibility *may* be affected by the ASCENT year.
- 2.4. Transportation will not be provided by PSD.
- 2.5. **Students who do not provide attendance verification during the week of 9/26/2017 – 10/10/2018 will not be funded and PSD will not pay their ASCENT tuition. Please see an example of the required attendance verification form which is attached to this application.**

3. STUDENT LIFE

- 3.1. Students can attend/walk in graduation with classmates in May. However, students do not earn their actual diploma until successful completion of the ASCENT Program. Students will officially be graduates of the class following their ASCENT year.
- 3.2. Students can participate in activities at the high school that are not regulated by CHASSA. Students cannot participate in inter-collegiate (or high school) athletics during their ASCENT year. The ASCENT year *may* be considered by NCAA as the first of the allotted five years of eligibility:
 - 14.2.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution.**Students interested in playing collegiate sports are NOT recommended for the ASCENT Program.**
- 3.3. Students **will not** be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian for the graduating class after their ASCENT year, when they receive their diploma.
- 3.4. Students can only attend ASCENT programs approved at institutions approved by Poudre School District. Currently, that includes Front Range Community College - Larimer and AIMS Community College – Greeley and Loveland.

I have read the Poudre School District ASCENT Student and Parent Agreements (found on pages 7 - 8 of this document). I understand and agree to the implications listed on pages 7 - 8 for enrolling (my student) in the ASCENT Program as outlined in the ASCENT Student and Parent Agreements.

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

PARENT / EMAIL AND PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

*Parent signature is required EVEN IF STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE

STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION F: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ASCENT COORDINATOR, DISTRICT AND COLLEGE

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING THIS PAGE (9) WITH THEIR APPLICATION, BUT STUDENTS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY OF THE SIGNATURES ON THIS PAGE. THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR WILL COLLECT ALL SIGNATURES THAT ARE REQUIRED ON PAGE 9.

If signed by the Superintendent, Director, or Designee, Poudre School District agrees to pay tuition for each course listed on table 2 of page 7 which reads: LIST COURSE WORK YOU HAVE REGISTERED TO COMPLETE DURING FALL SEMESTER OF YOUR 5TH YEAR.

PSD DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY
[] THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREES TO PAY THE TUITION FOR _____ CREDITS for the 2018 FALL TERM.

SIGNATURE OF PSD SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE:

X

DATE: _____
(ASCENT COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE)

SIGNATURE OF COLLEGE DESIGNEE:

X

DATE: _____
(ASCENT COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT COLLEGE OR DESIGNEE)

SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

X

DATE: _____
(ASCENT COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE)