

ASCENT Guidelines and Criteria for Admission

Jefferson Academy High School
Summit Academy North
Summit Academy South
2022-2023

DESCRIPTION

Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) is a fifth-year high school program that allows students to participate in Concurrent Enrollment the year after 12th grade.

Students must be enrolled at Jefferson Academy or Summit Academy North/South during their junior and senior years. Students wishing to be enrolled in the ASCENT program will have the opportunity to declare their intention via email in December or January of the student's senior year. Students must have met all graduation requirements before the end of their senior year to participate in the program. The student will not receive a diploma from their high school until after the ASCENT year is completed. They will however, be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Jefferson Academy and Summit Academy North/South administer this program separately from the Jefferson County School District.

For more specific information, visit this website:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce_ascent

PROCESS FOR ADMISSION INTO ASCENT

1. Student must be in good standing at their high school and at their college. Students with D/F grades on their college transcript will not be considered.
2. Student must complete at least 12 college credits before the end of their senior year.
3. Student must complete the Google Form for nominating themselves for the ASCENT program, by the specified deadline (February 1, 2022 at 11:59 pm).
4. Student must complete their FAFSA for the 2022-2023 school year. The student will need their EFC number (Expected Family Contribution) from their FAFSA to complete the Google form.
5. Student must complete an ICAP for a 5th year and have it loaded into Schoology with their 9th-12th grade ICAP (it can be added on to the current ICAP).

DETERMINING WHO GETS INTO ASCENT

ASCENT is a competitive program that looks at a number of criteria. Thus far, we have received three spots each year from the state for our students. We are continually working on expanding this number and asking for more slots, as we would like all of our students applying for ASCENT to obtain a spot in this program.

The criteria are evaluated on a scale in which a student receives a point for each criteria that is met. The criteria are:

1. GPA: both at the high school and at the college
2. FAFSA Expected Family Contribution(EFC). Students who qualify for a Pell Grant (lower EFC) will be expected to use the Pell Grant and will not be considered for ASCENT.
3. Communication patterns: Does the student turn things in on time and respond to emails and phone calls in a timely manner? All communication shall come from the student.
4. Number of college credits completed: ASCENT is designed to help students receive an Associates Degree. Students should be on track to receive the Associates Degree within the ASCENT Program or directly thereafter.
5. Attendance Issues: Does the student show up to assigned classes and meetings?
6. Citizenship: Is the student involved in their community and does the student show respect for others?
7. Is the student Full-time or Part-time: Part -time students can only take a part-time ASCENT slot and we need two part-time students to fill one slot.