



ASCENT at MVHS

Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) is a fifth-year high school program (fall and spring semesters) that covers tuition costs at a participating college the year following 12th grade for up to 12 credit hours each semester. Eligible and approved ASCENT students are able to attend a participating college (trade school, community college, or approved four-year university - Metro State), and DCSD will cover the tuition costs. The ASCENT program gives students the opportunity to continue their education and follow their path leading to a career in their chosen field.

Eligibility

Students must complete at least **9 credit hours** of transcribed, credit-bearing, college-level postsecondary coursework prior to completing their 12th grade year. AP scores received after June 30th of the student's senior year, which is the state cutoff for the end of a school year, cannot be used for eligibility to meet the 9 credit-hour requirement. This deadline applies to AP tests taken later in the 12th grade year and may not be received by June 30th to use as qualifying CE credit.

How to Apply

Counselors will work with students interested and add to an interest list, but all students/parents will be notified when the District Interest Form opens in March each year. Counselors will work with students to do the interest form. Students must then complete a Contract Agreement in late May/June to be officially approved.

Timeline

- March 1st — ASCENT application opens - Counselors will work with students to complete the application
- May 1st (4:00 pm) — ASCENT Application Closes
- May – June — Official notice to join ASCENT will be emailed to counselors and the applicants who have met ASCENT eligibility requirements as listed above.

Questions? See your Counselor!