

# ASCENT & TREP



*Programs designed and funded by the State of Colorado to help students move into post-secondary education with financial support*

# Agenda

1. What is ASCENT and TREP?
  - a. Financial Aid
  - b. TREP Specific Coursework Requirement
2. ASCENT and TREP Partners
3. Post-Secondary College Readiness
4. How to apply

# ASCENT



## Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment

- One year program: full time (12+ credit hours) part time (11 or less credit hours)
- Minimum of 9 college credits, successfully completed (C or better), transcribed on a college transcript
- Must be college ready (details on slide 5)
- CCSD pays for tuition, books, and fees\* associated with the courses
- High School Diplomas are given after the ASCENT year
- All courses taken during the ASCENT year are transcribed on the high school transcript and college transcript
- Must apply for FAFSA or CAFSA - **but cannot accept financial aid during ASCENT**
- **Slot limitations**

*\*Options students: only part time (3-11 hours) is available and tuition is paid (not fees, books)*



# TREP

## Teacher Recruitment Education & Preparation

- Two year program for students who want to be a teacher, high school counselor, school social worker, school language pathologist, etc.
- Must be college ready (details on slide 5)
- **Specific number of slots** issued by State of Colorado. Decisions of who will be sponsored with TREP are made in May.
- Full time (12+ credit hours) part time\* (11 or less credit hours)
- Students must take one of the required courses **DURING their senior year** (details on next slide).
- CCSD pays for tuition, books, and fees associated with the courses
- High School Diplomas are given after the TREP program is completed
- All courses taken during the TREP program are transcribed on the high school/college transcript
- **Must apply for FAFSA or CAFSA - but cannot accept financial aid during TREP**



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# FINANCIAL AID

In the ASCENT and/or TREP program, you **CANNOT** accept **FAFSA, Pell, or any other federal financial aid.** This includes scholarships designed for first-year college students and work study programs!



Students must take one of these required courses **DURING** their senior year to be eligible for TREP.

## Educator Pathway Coursework

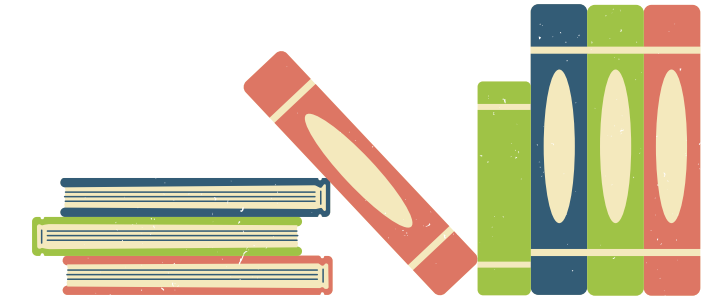
<p><b><u>Early Childhood Educators:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ECE1011: Intro to ECE</li><li>• ECE2101: Working with Families &amp; Communities</li><li>• ECE2381: Child Growth &amp; Development</li></ul> <p><b><u>All Other Licensure Areas:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EDU2211: Intro to Education</li><li>• EDU2341: Multicultural Education</li><li>• PSY2440: Human Growth &amp; Development <b>OR</b> PSY2441: Child Development</li></ul> <p><b><u>All Licensure Areas:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EDU2088: Practicum II</li><li>• EDU2611: Teaching, Learning, &amp; Technology</li></ul>	<p><b><u>All Licensure Areas:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ART1110: Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> MUS1020: Music Appreciation <b>OR</b> THE1005: Theater Appreciation <b>OR</b> DAN1025 Dance Appreciation (GT-AH1) <b>OR</b> PHI1012: Ethics</li><li>• ENG1021: English Composition I (GT-CO1)</li><li>• ENG1022: English Composition II (GT-CO2)</li><li>• GEO1005: World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> GEO1006: Human Geography (GT-SS2)</li><li>• HIS1210: US History to Reconstruction <b>OR</b> HIS1220: US History Since Civil War (GT-HI1)</li><li>• LIT1015: Intro to Literature (GT-AH2) <b>OR</b> LIT2055: Children's Literature (GT-AH2)</li><li>• POS2020: Introduction to Political Science <b>OR</b> POS1011: American Government (GT-SS1)</li><li>• Any 2 GTSC-1 <b>OR</b> Any GTSC-1 + GTSC-2</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Mathematics Courses Defined by Licensure Area:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Early Childhood Education:</u></b> MAT1240: Mathematics for the Liberal Arts <b>OR</b> MAT1260: Intro to Stats</li><li>• <b><u>Elementary Education:</u></b> MAT1260: Intro to Stats <b>OR</b> MAT1220/1230: Integrated Math 1-2</li><li>• <b><u>Secondary Humanities:</u></b> MAT1260: Intro to Stats</li><li>• <b><u>Secondary Math:</u></b> MAT2410: Calculus I</li><li>• <b><u>Secondary Science:</u></b> MAT1260: Intro to Stats <b>OR</b> MAT1340: College Algebra</li><li>• <b><u>K-12 Fine Arts:</u></b> MAT1260: Intro to Stats</li><li>• <b><u>SPED:</u></b> MAT1240: Mathematics for the Liberal Arts <b>OR</b> MAT1220/1230: Integrated Math 1-2</li></ul>
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These are the course names and numbers specified by the Colorado Department of Education and may be referred to differently at your home high school. Ask your counselor.

# ASCENT TREP Partners



# What is College Readiness?



## ENGLISH

Pick one:

- SAT English - 470
- ACT English - 18
- ENG 1021 - English Composition, C or better, registered for college credit
- Accuplacer Next Generation Writing - 246

## MATH

Pick one:

- SAT Math - 500
- ACT Math - 19
- MATH 1340 - CE College Algebra, C or better, registered for college credit
- Accuplacer Next Generation AAF - 235



# Unofficial Transcript Examples

## COURSES IN PROGRESS [-Top-](#)

Term: Spring 2024

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Credit Hours	Start and End Dates
BUS	1015	UG	Introduction to Business	3.000	
BUS	1016	UG	Personal Finance	3.000	
ENP	1005	UG	Intro to Entrepreneurship	3.000	

Term: Spring 2024

Academic Standing: Good Standing

Last Academic Standing: Good Standing

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BUS	1015	UG	Introduction to Business	C	3.000			
BUS	1016	UG	Personal Finance	C	3.000			
ENP	1005	UG	Intro to Entrepreneurship	A	3.000			

# AP Credits

## TRANSFER CREDIT ACCEPTED BY INSTITUTION

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1: AP Tests

Subject	Course	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	R	
ENG	1021	English Composition I:CO1	PLA	3.000		0.00	
MUS	1010	Music Theory I	PLA	3.000		0.00	
MUS	1011	Music Theory II	PLA	3.000		0.00	
<b>Current Term:</b>		<b>Attempt Hours</b>	<b>Passed Hours</b>	<b>Earned Hours</b>	<b>GPA Hours</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>	<b>GPA</b>
		9.000	0.000	9.000	0.000	0.00	0.00

# Where do I start?

- ✓ Meet with your high school counselor
  - Ask for your **postsecondary student report**
  - Identify if ASCENT or TREP is a better fit
  - Check college readiness and other qualifying measures
- ✓ Apply for FAFSA (12/1) and/or CAFSA (now!)
  - Take a screenshot of your **confirmation page**
- ✓ Select a partnering college and understand the application process
- ✓ Download your **unofficial transcripts (pdf)**
- ✓ If you will be using AP test scores from junior year for college credit, go to college board and send AP scores to the college/university you want to attend in order to be transcribed

# How to Apply



- Have your materials ready
  - Unofficial transcripts showing 9 credits
  - Screenshot of FAFSA/CAFSA completion
  - Can show in-progress, but will need to upload at later date
- Apply to the college you wish to attend
- Complete the application!

**FEB 1- MARCH 31**

## The application opens February 1, 2025.

**Questions?** Reach out to your high school counselor.

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TREP class requirement for senior year +

Slideshow and FAQs about ASCENT and TREP +

What is "College Ready?" +

How to Get Unofficial College Transcripts to show your College Credits +

How to Get AP test Scores Transcribed for college credit +

Learn more about ASCENT - information provided in 9 languages +

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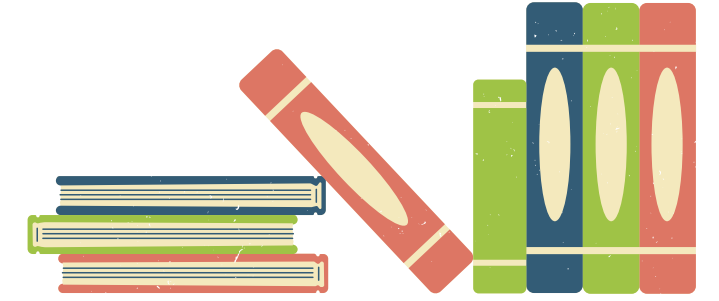
# Frequently Asked Questions



- **Why does the district hold my diploma until I finish the ASCENT or TREP programs?**
  - Both programs are concurrent enrollment. In order for students to participate in these programs, they must remain high school students in order to qualify for concurrent enrollment.
- **Can I graduate early and participate in ASCENT or TREP?**
  - Unfortunately, legislation is clear in that a student can only participate in these programs following their 4th year of high school directly following their 12th grade year. This language also takes out the option of students taking a gap year before going to college.
- **Can I participate in ASCENT to earn a certification?**
  - Absolutely! Attending one of the community colleges or a technical college is a great place to earn a certification.
- **What if I fail a class?**
  - If you fail a class, that class grade will be on your high school and college transcripts. It is essential to work with your college advisor on appropriate courses. The district will not ask you pay for the failed course.



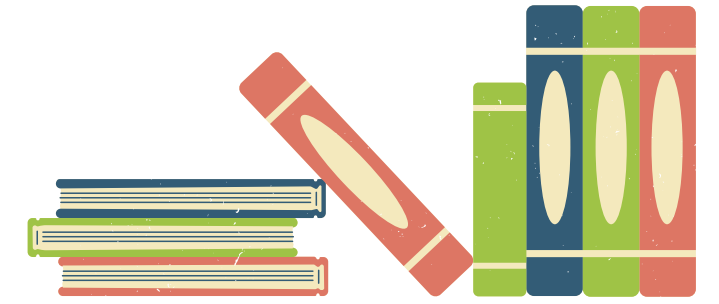
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- **Can ASCENT/TREP students live on campus?**
  - You will need to check with the institution to see what their requirements are for living on campus.
- **Can I use financial aid with the ASCENT/TREP program?**
  - NO. Because students are retained as a CCSD high school student, **you are not able to accept financial aid.**
  - Students can apply for scholarships that do not require first-time, undergraduate college student status.
- **What will it look like when I matriculate to a four-year university?**
  - That will depend on the university. It is highly suggested that you meet with a college advisor from the university that you'd like to attend after your ASCENT/TREP year(s).
  - They can help make the decision which course you should take and determine how the courses will transfer.
- **Can I use AP/IB/CLEP test scores to qualify for ASCENT?**
  - Yes, but the test score needs to be transcribed to count as a part of the 9 credits required for eligibility.



# Frequently Asked Questions



- **Can I change my mind?**

- **Yes!** You can fill out the application, you and your guardians and can sign the ASCENT/TREP agreement **AND** you can still change your mind. We know that you will be analyzing a lot of factors to determine what is the best next step for you. Sometimes you receive information in April, May or June that will influence your post secondary choices.
- Please inform our office if you change your mind so we can inform the college and your high school registrar. Your registrar will process your official diploma.  
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# Contacts and Resources

Your high school counselor

## PostSecondary Workforce Readiness Department

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Your high school course guide lists CE classes

District website < Programs < Career and Technical Education

[www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/14839](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/14839)

Colorado Department of Education Website

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ascentfaqs>

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/trepfaqs>



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