

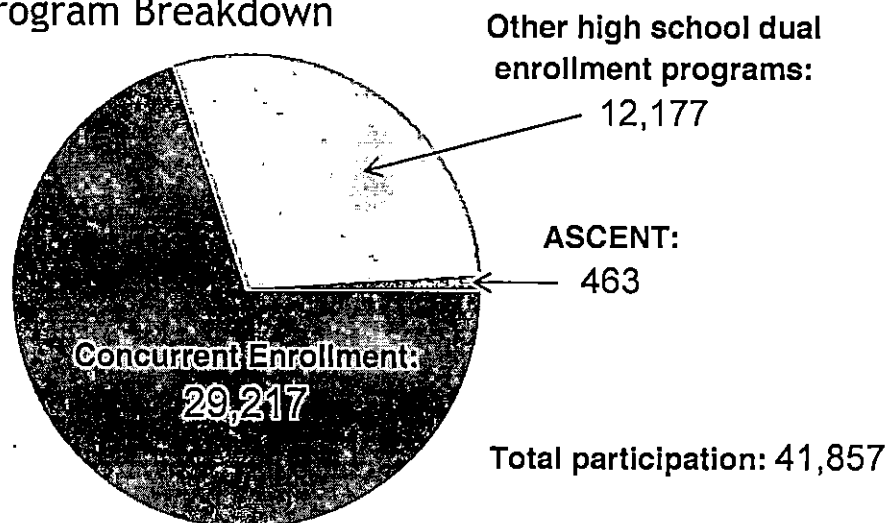


# Dual and Concurrent Enrollment in Colorado

Dual and Concurrent Enrollment programs give high school students a jumpstart on college-level work.

More than 41,850 students participated in Colorado's Concurrent Enrollment program, the ASCENT program or a dual enrollment alternative in 2016-2017, representing more than 32 percent of all 11th- and 12th-graders in Colorado public high schools. Participation is up 8.7 percent from the previous year.

## Program Breakdown



## Concurrent Enrollment

Facilitated by the state, Colorado's Concurrent Enrollment program allows high school students to earn college credit at no cost. Concurrent Enrollment courses will transfer to a state public institution if passed.

- Statewide participation is up 10.8 percent from the previous year.
- 96 percent of districts and 86 percent of high schools offer Concurrent Enrollment programs.
- Nearly 53 percent of Concurrent Enrollment students are enrolled in a credential-seeking program.

## At a Glance

### Concurrent Enrollment (CE)

- 28,290 students participated in 2016-2017.
  - 25,127 with two-year institutions
  - 3,782 with four-year institutions
- 927 students participated in CE programs at Area Technical Colleges.
- CE is available in 96 percent of districts and 86 percent of high schools.
- Total CE participation is up 10.8 percent from 2015-2016.

### Dual enrollment

- 12,177 total students enrolled in 2016-2017.
- Participation is up 5.4 percent from the previous year.

### ASCENT

- Nearly 44 percent of ASCENT students are Latino/Hispanic.



## Dual enrollment

**Dual enrollment refers to alternative programs for earning college credit in high school, typically arranged by individual institutions.**

- Participation increased 5.4 percent from the 2015-2016 academic year.
- University of Colorado Denver and Aims Community College have the highest participation among four-year and two-year institutions, serving more than 6,250 and 425 students respectively during the 2016-2017 academic year.

## Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT)

**The ASCENT program allows qualifying seniors to remain in high school for an extra year and begin college work at no cost.**

- Participation in ASCENT decreased by 4.5 percent from the previous year, with 463 students participating statewide in 2016-17.
- Nearly 44 percent of students who participated in ASCENT in 2016-17 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

## Is Dual/Concurrent Enrollment working?

**Students who participate in dual enrollment programs outperform peers in several metrics.** They have higher college enrollment rates, first-year credit accumulation, grade point averages and retention rates and are less likely to need remediation.

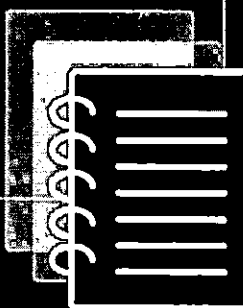
Through Colorado's Concurrent Enrollment or ASCENT program, 2,017 students earned a credential in 2016-17, 526 more than last year.

Where can I learn more?

Read the Annual Report on Concurrent Enrollment: [CHANGE LINK](#)

# Highlights

STATEWIDE  
**45,787 students**  
participated in dual enrollment programs of any type in the 2017-2018 Academic Year.




This represents nearly **35 percent** of all 11th and 12th graders in public high schools in Colorado.

From 2016-2017 to 2017-2018 participation in Concurrent Enrollment increased

- 11 PERCENT**  
Asian students
- 16 PERCENT**  
African American students
- 23 PERCENT**  
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander students
- 17 PERCENT**  
Hispanic students
- 18 PERCENT**  
Native American students
- 7 PERCENT**  
White students

Concurrent Enrollment continues to see sustained increases in participation

up nearly **10 PERCENT**



statewide with 30,979 students participating in 2017-2018.

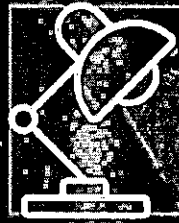
In 2017-2018, high school students attempted

**264,304**

Concurrent Enrollment CREDIT HOURS

The average number of credit hours attempted per student was 8.6 with an average of 8 hours passed.

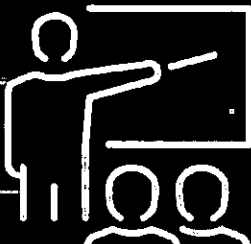
Nearly **40 PERCENT** of students who participated in ASCENT in 2017-2018 were Hispanic, a minority group that is historically underrepresented in postsecondary education.



Participation in ASCENT increased by more than 20 percent from the previous year with

**557 STUDENTS**

participating statewide in 2017-2018.



In 2017-2018

**2,758**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

earned some type of postsecondary credential after participating in Concurrent Enrollment or ASCENT programs

