



WESTGATE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

K-12 Gifted Education for the Whole Child

High School Handbook

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Important Notice

This high school handbook works in tandem with the Student/Community Handbook which is designed to introduce you to Westgate Community School (WCS) and provide you with information about your school. This handbook is not all inclusive but is intended to provide you with a summary of the guidelines, policies, and expectations specific to the high school.

WCS was approved and is authorized by the Adams 12 Board of Education. In addition to significant elements in our original application that we must honor, we are subject to requirements defined in our contract with Adams 12. While we operate with much fiscal, administrative, and curricular autonomy, there are district, state, and federal policies and laws that we are required to follow.

No handbook can anticipate every circumstance or question. If you have questions after reading the handbook, please follow the Communications Pathway to guide you to the best person to answer your questions.



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Part 1 – Calendars and Schedules

The school year calendar can be found on our [Parent](#) page on our website.

High School Bell-Period Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL	
Period	Monday -Thursday
Period 1	8:00-8:15
Period 2	8:15-9:10
Period 3	9:10-10:05
Period 4	10:05-11:00
Period 5	11:00-11:55
Lunch	11:55-1:00
Period 6	1:00-2:15
Period 7	2:15-3:30
FRCC Bus Mon-Thurs	
Bus Leaves	11:55

HIGH SCHOOL	
Period	Friday
Period 1	8:00-8:15
Period 2	8:15-9:10
Period 3	9:10-10:05
Period 4	10:05-11:00
Period 5	11:00-11:55
Lunch	11:55-1:00
Period 6	1:00-2:00
Period 7	2:00-2:45
NO FRCC BUS ON FRIDAY	

For Westgate Events and Activities, please see our online [Events Calendar](#).

For FRCC calendars go to the [FRCC ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#).



Part 2 – The School Day

Dress Code

Westgate Community School adheres to the [dress code policies of the Adams 12 District](#). These policies are not only in place to create a safe and respectful learning environment but also to prepare our students for professional settings outside the classroom.

1. **Appropriate Clothing:** All clothing should be appropriate for the school setting. Clothing that displays offensive language, images, or messages is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, references to drugs, alcohol, violence, sexual conduct, or any content that could be deemed disruptive to the learning environment.
2. **Safety and Decency:** For the safety and well-being of our students, we require that footwear be worn at all times and that clothing is suitable and not hazardous to any school activities. Clothing should cover the private areas including buttocks, stomach and back and must be of appropriate length (more than two inches of exposed midsection will be considered outside of the dress code).
3. **Spirit Days & Special Events:** While we encourage creativity and individual expression every day, all special attire for school events or spirit days must also adhere to our dress code policies.

Personal Electronic Devices

This Westgate policy is in alignment with [District Policy 5030](#) regarding STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES in the school setting.

In accordance with Section 5 of the district policy, Westgate has opted to add further restrictions to student possession and use of personal electronic devices at our high school, based on frequent and pervasive disruptions to our educational environment caused by these devices.



The following Westgate policy includes the possession and use of cell phones, tablets of any kind, smart watches, ear buds, handheld video game systems, air tags, personal laptops, or any other device carried or worn by a student that is capable of game play or communication.

1. It is recommended that your student does not bring any unnecessary devices to school at all. If your student does bring personal devices, they shall remain in their backpack on the off/silent mode.
2. Cell phones should be out of sight, away in your student's backpack/purse on the silent or off mode.
 - a. Cell phones may not be carried throughout the day by any student. This includes being carried inside their pockets, hoodies, purses, fanny packs, undergarments, etc. Refusal to put the phone away will be considered a violation of this policy.
3. If your student is bringing a personal laptop device, they are not permitted to use it inappropriately. This inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to, watching videos, surfing the web, playing games, and shopping online.
4. Air pods and/or ear buds are not permitted to be used during direct instruction. They will only be permitted with explicit permission from the teacher. Refusal to abide by the teacher's direction will result in confiscation of the air pods/ear buds.

Section 6 of District Policy 5030 also outlines the interventions and consequences for violation of this policy. Westgate will adhere to the progressive consequences outlined by the district in that policy. The District Policy states:

- **1st offense:** The device shall be confiscated, secured, and transferred to the appropriate school administrator. Parent/guardian shall be notified, and the device may be released to the student upon review of this policy with the student.
- **2nd offense:** The device shall be confiscated, secured, and transferred to the appropriate school administrator. The parent shall be notified, and the device may be released only to the parent/guardian, upon review of this policy with the parent/guardian.



- **3rd offense:** Third offense shall be considered disruptive behavior and defiance of authority, and may result in a minimum of one day of suspension to be served in or out of school at the discretion of school administration. Subsequent violations may result in increasing suspensions of up to three (3) days. The device shall be confiscated, secured, and transferred to the appropriate school administrator. The parent shall be notified, and the device may be released only to the parent/guardian, upon review of this policy with the parent/guardian. At the discretion of school administration, this may also result in the student losing the privilege of bringing the phone to school.

In alignment with Section 3 of District Policy 5030, Westgate Community School is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronic devices.

Westgate Courses

WCS high school courses and descriptions can be found in the High School Course Guide available on the [High School Programming](#) webpage

Service Learning

Service Learning is a foundational component of Westgate Community School's High School programming. All students must successfully participate in Service Learning each year as a requirement for graduation.

Senior Internships

Seniors at Westgate Community High School will participate in unpaid internships on Friday mornings. Though we provide hours on Friday to fulfil the Internship requirement, Seniors may complete hours throughout the week. Successful completion of an internship is an expectation for graduation.

Concurrent Enrollment

Westgate Community School gives our students the opportunity to take college courses starting their freshman year. Westgate has partnered with Front Range Community



College for all college courses. Westgate has agreed to pay tuition for all classes that will further the student's credits for high school graduation and for the student's Associates Degree. Parents are responsible for any FRCC fees that are associated with the courses and school along with any course materials needed (e.g. books).

Students with an outstanding Westgate Fee balance may not be eligible for concurrent enrollment. Westgate student fees must be paid each year by August 15.

Students and guardians must fill out [FRCC's concurrent enrollment form](#) online **EACH** semester. This must be completed in order to take classes at FRCC per FRCC policy. If FRCC fails to receive the completed form, the school reserves the right to refuse registration for Front Range Community College courses.

In addition, if all student fees are not paid in full by the beginning of the school year/semester, Westgate reserves the right to withdraw the student from any future classes.

Westgate offers full academic curriculum through 10th grade, beyond that much of the course work is expected to be completed through Front Range Community College. Freshman students will take courses at Westgate their first year, which will include college preparatory classes to bolster support and vital college-going skills for FRCC academic success.

Freshman approved to take courses at FRCC will be subject to a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed for all Freshman. Sophomores are allowed to take 2 courses each semester, Juniors are allowed to take 3 courses each semester and Seniors are allowed to take 4 courses each semester.

Seniors are expected to be enrolled in at least 3 credit hours each semester.

*** Students will not be able to take FRCC courses without a college ready Accuplacer score as determined by Front Range Community College.***

Earning Additional Courses at FRCC:

Students **MUST** earn a minimum grade of a C in all courses to earn an additional course the following year. Students earning a D or F in any course in a given year, must appeal to be enrolled in additional courses the following year. If a student is approved, the student may be subjected to a reduced number of courses than what is traditionally



offered during a student's grade year per semester to ensure optimal success.

To appeal, a student must:

- Notify Westgate's Counselor with their desire to complete additional courses the following year.
- Notification must take place 14 days prior to the start of the new semester.
- A satisfactory review of the student's transcript, a meeting with counselor and/or administrator to discuss how the student has prepared to succeed in further FRCC courses, Westgate counselor approval and Executive Director approval are needed to enroll in additional courses during the following school year.

****These approvals are subject to a case-by-case basis****

Please contact our high school counselor for further information.



Part 3 – Lunch

Off-Campus

As adopted by the High School Leadership Committee:

Off-campus lunch is a privilege and not a right.

- Freshmen do not leave campus.
- All Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will have off campus lunch privileges unless:
 - revoked by parent/guardian
 - disciplinary
 - academic reasons
 - poor attendance at FRCC

High school parents/guardians: Westgate cannot provide a lunch when your student attends FRCC. Any orders submitted for your student(s) on FRCC days will be adjusted accordingly.

On-Campus

Students eat lunch in the High School community space. All students are expected to clean up after themselves. If students would like to go outside during the lunch period and stay on campus, they must have the supervision of an adult.

Students ordering food and having it delivered on-campus, is strictly forbidden.

No food is allowed in classes.



Part 4 – Transportation

Bus to FRCC

Please see the FRCC bus schedule on our [transportation page](#) online. The bus only picks students up at Westgate and drops them off at the college. Parents/students are responsible for transportation back from the college. Please note that the bus does not run during school breaks and days off.

In the event of a delayed start due to inclement weather, busses will not run to Front Range Community College due to district transportation needs. A delayed start issued by Adams 12 is a one-hour delay. School will begin at 9:00am. Students and families will be responsible for getting to FRCC and back to Westgate on delayed start days.

Parking Overview

Students who wish to drive and park on Westgate Community School's property must follow the 10 MPH speed limit and **park on the far south side of the south parking lot**. A parking permit may be purchased at the front desk for a full year. Westgate assumes no responsibility for damage to vehicles or theft from vehicles that are on Westgate's property.

Parking - Rules and regulations:

Below are the rules and regulations for students to park at Westgate Community School. Failure to follow these rules and regulations may result in your vehicle being ticketed or towed and the loss of parking privileges.

- Parking permit must be purchased for \$30 for a full school year
- All vehicles must be registered and the permit clearly displayed
- Speed limit is 10 mph
- Parking permits are valid from August to June each year
- Students are allowed to park in the south parking lot on the far south side of the lot, in the spots designated for students
- No loitering in parking lots or vehicles before, during, or after school hours



- Students are not allowed to take up more than one space
- No reckless driving is allowed (stay in driving lanes)
- Students may lose their parking privileges if there are truancy, disciplinary problems or academic issues
- It is the student's responsibility to notify the front desk of any changes in the vehicle driven to school

Westgate reserves the right to revoke parking privileges for students who do not follow Westgate's regulations. If a student is found in violation of the parking permit or speed limit, the first offense is a warning, second is a \$10 fine, third is towing of the student vehicle at the family's expense. Any fines that are imposed must be paid within 30 days of date of ticket. A student has 5 school days to contest the fine from date of ticket.



Part 5 - After School and Outside of the School

Homecoming & Prom

The following guidelines must be followed for students to participate in any Westgate Community School dances:

- Students must be in attendance at school 95% of the time the week of the dance and must be in attendance the day of the dance.
- Students must have all assignments complete. Missing assignments may result in non-participation.
- Ongoing behavioral concerns may result in non-participation.
- A pattern of absences at FRCC may result in non-participation.
- Dress must be appropriate for the dance and must follow [Adams 12 Five Star School Dress Code](#). If a student is found in violation of the dress code, the student will be permitted to leave and change into appropriate clothing. If you wish to have your clothing approved beforehand, please contact the High School Assistant Principal.
- Outside guests must be approved at least **2 days** ahead of the dance. Forms for outside guests may be picked up at the front desk 2 weeks ahead of the scheduled dance. No outside guest 21 years of age or older will be permitted to attend.
- All dancing must be appropriate for a high school dance.
- If you leave a dance, you will not be permitted to return.



Service Trips

The following guidelines must be followed for students to participate in any Westgate Community School Service Trip:

- Students who are missing assignments or failing a class within two weeks of the trip may be ineligible to participate.
- A pattern of behavioral infractions may result in non-participation of the service trip.
- If academic or behavioral concerns are present, a parent conference may be required prior to the trip.



Part 6 - Grading

Grading Scales

Westgate Community School – High School uses Adams 12 High School A-F grading scale. Grades can be found in Infinite Campus. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child’s grades on an ongoing basis.

Adams 12 Grading Scale	
A	89.5-100%
B	79.5-89%
C	69.5-79%
D	59.5-69%
F	Below 59.5%

Westgate middle school students taking a qualifying high school math course will receive standards-based grades as well as a letter grade with high school credit on their high school transcript. Standards-based grades are converted to traditional letter grades using the following scale.

Standards-Based Grades	
A	3.30-4.00
B	2.40-3.29
C	1.60-2.39
D	0.80-1.59
F	0.00-0.79

Email the classroom teacher if no grades appear or if you have questions about grading practices. It is always best to communicate early to resolve any grading issues. Once final grades are posted, it becomes more difficult to make changes.

Honor Code - Plagiarism/Cheating

Plagiarism is defined as taking someone else’s work (writing, ideas or information) and using them as your own. Cheating is helping or receiving help from someone and/or something for either person's benefit. Please see Discipline section for additional information. If a student(s) is found to have plagiarized or cheated, they will receive a “0” for the assignment/test and the parent/guardian will be notified.



Pass/Fail Courses

Pass/Fail course grades are at teacher's discretion. Attendance is always a requirement to pass the course. Please contact the supervising teacher for more details.

Late Work Policy

Teachers **will not accept work that is more than two weeks late** unless prior arrangements are specifically made and approved by the individual teacher. Because one teacher accepts work beyond the two weeks does not mean that other teachers must also accept late work. If your child has special accommodations or has been out of school due to illness, please contact the teacher directly should two weeks not be sufficient for work completion.

Grade Replacement

If a student fails a course at the high school or college, the student may retake the course (if space is available) for a better grade. The lower grade will be replaced with a "NC" (No Credit) on the student's transcript and the higher grade will be used in the calculation of grade point average in the corresponding semester. Please see your counselor for more information.

Grade Challenge - Westgate Course

All grade challenges for semester grades must begin at the teacher level. Please follow the [communication pathway](#). All grievances must be submitted in writing and clearly state that you are challenging a grade.

All grade challenges must be initiated in the semester following the semester when the grade was given (i.e., Fall grades must be challenged the following Spring and Spring grades must be challenged the following Fall).

Challenges to individual assignment grades are at the teacher's discretion. Only if the teacher is unresponsive should the matter be brought to the Assistant Principal, then to the Executive Director.



Grade Challenge - FRCC Course

Students, please contact your professor directly through in-person request, email, or phone call to request meeting during professor's office hours (found in course syllabus) or at professor's earliest convenience. If no resolution can be reached, please contact the CollegeNow Office at FRCC. Follow the FRCC policies.



Part 7 - Scheduling

Adding/Dropping Westgate Course

All students are required to carry 3.0 units of credit per semester (6.0 per academic year) between Westgate courses and FRCC courses. Student schedules are made for the full year based on their requests. Appointments for considering schedule changes can be made during the first five days of the semester in the counseling office. Students should not request a change during class time. Until a schedule change is approved, students must continue to attend all classes on their schedules. Schedule changes will only be considered for the following criteria:

- Student is enrolled in fewer than 3.0 credits per semester.
- Student has failed a prerequisite for a scheduled course.
- Student has a scheduled course that has been completed during Summer School.
- Student has already received credit for a class appearing on his/her schedule.
- Student has a medical reason for dropping a class (doctor's note required).

Adding/Dropping FRCC Course

Every semester, students will register for Front Range classes with an advisor and/or Westgate High School Counselor. We ensure students are taking approved courses that fulfill graduation requirements. If there are changes that need to be made, students must seek approval by the School Counselor through a scheduled meeting.

Westgate reserves the right to deny approval of withdrawal from an FRCC course after the drop date. If a student un-enrolls from Westgate before a semester is complete, parents/guardians will be responsible for the cost of any FRCC course(s) the student is currently enrolled in.

Westgate Community School reserves the right to reduce or eliminate a student's access to FRCC courses at any time for any reason that may include, but is not limited to:

- Behavior incidence(s) at Westgate, on transportation to FRCC, at FRCC
- Academic success in Westgate and/or FRCC courses
- Multiple dropped FRCC courses (by FRCC drop date)



- Multiple withdrawn FRCC courses
- Withdrawal from FRCC course without Westgate Community School approval (See Withdrawal Approval Process)

Dropping an FRCC course by FRCC drop date will result in:

- Enrollment in another FRCC course (if available) in partnership with Westgate Counselor
- Enrollment in Westgate courses (Full Credit)

Approved Withdrawal from FRCC course will result in:

- By midterm: Enrollment in Westgate course for half credit
- After midterm: Forfeit access to credit for that semester

Approved Withdrawal from FRCC course(s) will result in:

- First Withdrawal: Family Meeting and Academic Improvement Plan
- Second Withdrawal: Westgate Community School reserves the right to reduce or eliminate a student's access to FRCC courses

Unapproved Withdrawal from FRCC course(s) may result in:

- Family Meeting
- Academic Improvement Plan
- Removal from additional FRCC courses
- Forfeit access to credit for that semester



Part 8 - FRCC

FRCC Important Links

[Front Range Community College](#)
[FRCC Academic Success Center](#)

FRCC Academic Standing

Academic Probation means that your academic standing is a warning to improve your GPA. If you complete the upcoming semester with a 2.0 GPA or higher, you can continue as a student at FRCC. If you do not achieve at least a 2.0 semester GPA in your next semester, you will be placed on academic suspension for one semester or, depending on previous academic history, up to two years.

Academic Probation *does not* prevent you from enrolling in classes for the upcoming semester. It does, however, require your immediate attention. Please meet with an academic advisor to discuss the implications and potential future consequences of your academic standing. Call as soon as possible to make an appointment.

Academic Suspension means you are ineligible to take any FRCC course for the upcoming Fall or Spring semester. Summer semesters are exempt from this standing. Students on Academic Suspension will take classes at Westgate and prepare to take FRCC courses again after their suspension has lifted.

Students that are placed on Academic Probation and students returning to FRCC after Academic Suspension must meet with the School Counselor for advising sessions every Friday during Academic Success Lab to gain additional support and academic guidance, which includes, but is not limited to, grade checks and skill building of time management, organization, assertiveness, and student professionalism. The School Counselor will immediately request a meeting with student and guardian to discuss Westgate's Academic Probation Contract that must be signed by student and guardian upon approval of taking courses the following semester. Please refer to Westgate's policy regarding a student earning additional FRCC courses based upon the grades they receive per semester.

You can find the academic standing policy under Academic Matters in the most current year online [FRCC Catalog](#).



FRCC Attendance

Consistently attending Front Range courses is an expectation. Poor attendance often results in poor grades and may increase the likelihood of academic probation. Westgate Community School, in partnership with FRCC, reserves the right to withhold certain privileges due to poor attendance at FRCC, including but not limited to, revoking off campus privilege, ineligibility for school activities such as dances or service trips.

FRCC Westminster Safety Plan

In the event there is a campus emergency, the following has been determined in conjunction with the campus Safety and Preparedness office to designate places for students to go while they wait for the district bus or individual transportation. Please note this plan is for the **Westminster Campus only**.

- If there is a situation whereby students **can remain on campus** but need to wait for transportation, they can be instructed to **gather at the campus library** (west end of building). Meet at the top floor by the circulation desk.
- Library staff have agreed to be designees to look for students. Victoria West-Pawl is the Library Director and can be contacted at 303-404-5505. The library's main line is 303-404-5504.
- If there is a situation whereby students must move off campus but need to wait for transportation, they can be instructed to meet in the parking lot west of the library.
- They can wait here for the district bus that picks them up, or for other rides as needed.
- In the event that students must evacuate campus and cannot remain near the grounds, the Westminster Police Department would be involved in transporting all students to an alternate location. This would be managed by Westminster PD and the location would be determined based on their emergency procedures and incident command.



Part 9 – Graduation

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements have been established by Westgate Community School and the Board of Education to ensure a well-balanced program to meet the challenges of our society. Westgate Community School offers a full course work for ninth and tenth grades. For eleventh and twelfth grade, students are expected to complete the remaining courses at Front Range Community College.

Westgate Community Graduation Requirements:

English	4.0
Social Sciences	1.5
U.S. Government	0.5
U.S. History	1.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Physical Education or Academic Course	1.0
Fine/Practical Arts	2.0
Elective	7.0
Total Required Credits	23

In addition to the 23 credits listed above, students must demonstrate [College and Career Readiness](#) in both English and mathematics by achieving a minimum score in at least ONE of the competency demonstrations.

Early Graduation

Students interested in early graduation must complete all high school requirements by the end of fall semester of the senior year. The counselor has early graduation forms. Forms must be completed by October 15 to initiate the early graduation process. A meeting will be held with family, counselor and administration to discuss the possibility of early graduation.



Latin Honors

In alignment with Adams 12, Westgate will use a Latin Honors system to honor students who earn a certain GPA. The students weighted GPA will determine whether a student will earn the ranking of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude. In order to earn a Latin Honor designation, students must have a cumulative GPA (calculated at the completion of first semester of the senior year) of:

- 4.250 and above - Summa Cum Laude
- 4.000 - 4.249 - Magna Cum Laude
- 3.750 - 3.999 - Cum Laude

Latin Honors (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude) are widely used by colleges and universities and by a growing number of high schools across our state and throughout the country. As a result, it is familiar and understandable to parents, college admission officers, and prospective employers.

Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts, which are *unsigned* by a school official, are available in the student's Infinite Campus account and/or upon request to the School Counselor. Official transcripts, which are signed by a school official, are typically provided directly from the School Counselor to the post-secondary institution of student choice through Common App, the institution's specific platform, SendEDU, Naviance, etc. Official transcripts are provided directly to student upon request.



Part 10 - Counseling

Westgate counseling strives to serve students in the areas of personal/social wellbeing, academic support and post-secondary readiness. The counseling department will help students register for Front Range Community College classes, assist in college applications, financial aid and administer national tests. Visit the [Counselor's Corner](#) on our website for more information.

Students must request an individual [counseling appointment](#) with the counselor during the student's free time if they are not experiencing an urgent matter or emergency (e.g. crisis, grief, concerns regarding harm, time-sensitive issues, etc.)

Suicide Prevention

Protecting the health and well-being of all students is of utmost importance to the Adams 12 Five Star School District. Superintendent Policy 5520 addresses suicide assessments as a priority to protect all students. Adams 12 will treat all suicidal ideation, statements or attempts as serious regardless of the degree of lethality involved. When a student threatens or attempts suicide, the Adams 12 personnel will follow Superintendent Policy and respond accordingly.

The following steps have been taken to help protect all students:

- Students will learn about recognizing and responding to warning signs of suicide in friends, using coping skills, using support systems, and seeking help for themselves and friends.
- When a student is identified as being at risk, he or she will be assessed by a District mental health professional that will work with the student and help connect the student to appropriate local resources.
- Students will have access to national resources which they can contact for additional support, such as:
 - The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1.800.273.8255 (TALK)
 - www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
 - The Trevor Lifeline – 1.866.488.7386 www.thetrevorproject.org



- All students will be expected to help create a school culture of respect and support in which students feel comfortable seeking help for themselves or friends. Students are encouraged to tell any staff member if they, or a friend, are feeling suicidal or in need of help.
- Students should also know that because of the health and safety impacts of these matters, the confidentiality and privacy rights of individuals will be respected, but privacy concerns are secondary to seeking help for students in crisis.
- For a more detailed review of District processes, please see the District's full [suicide prevention guidelines document](#).



Part 11 - ASCENT Program

Westgate students can participate in the ASCENT program through CDE. 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. They remain students in their Local Education Provider (LEP) for one year following their 12th grade year, and the LEP receives ASCENT specific per-pupil state funding that it uses to pay their college tuition at the resident community college rate. Students receive their high-school diplomas at the end of their ASCENT year. [C.R.S. § 22-35-108] Westgate is the LEP for our students.

If you are interested in participating in [ASCENT](#), please notify the School Counselor. There are deadlines each year for schools to apply for ASCENT placements.

ASCENT Eligibility

- Students who have completed, or are on schedule to complete, at least 9 credit hours of transcribed, credit-bearing, college-level postsecondary coursework prior to completing their 12th-grade year.*
- Students who are college ready and not in need of basic skills/remedial coursework.
- Students who complete an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) prior to declaring intent to participate in ASCENT.
- Students who apply to and are accepted into a postsecondary degree program at a qualified Colorado institution of higher education. Front Range Community College participates in ASCENT.
- Qualified students can only participate in ASCENT for one academic year.

*Note: Remedial/developmental education college courses do not qualify as part of the 12 required credits. Specific AP courses can be applied toward meeting ASCENT



requirements. International Baccalaureate (IB), credit for prior learning, and experiential courses do NOT apply toward qualifying for ASCENT.

Important things to keep greatly in mind for this program if you decide to choose ASCENT:

- You must meet all eligibility.
- You must commit to taking at least 9 or 12 credit hours to be eligible for ASCENT.
- You must turn in ASCENT registration form to the School Counselor by the end of the 3rd quarter.
- You must complete CollegeNow's (FRCC) ASCENT application.
- You must schedule a meeting with a Pathway Advisor to discuss next courses taken AND follow your DegreeCheck plan.
- You must meet with the School Counselor to discuss next courses that you plan to take.
- If you are accepted, you must check in with the School Counselor (email or in person meeting) every two weeks regarding how you are doing with courses.

ASCENT Payment

Westgate covers tuition, Westgate students/families are responsible for transportation, books and FRCC fees.



Part 12 - Financial Aid & Scholarships

Listed below are websites offering information on costs, financial aid, sources of assistance, and what students should do to prepare themselves for college:

- www.collegeispossible.org

Information on costs, financial aid, sources of assistance and what students can do to prepare for college

- www.finaid.org

Comprehensive financial aid website

- www.fastweb.com

Scholarship search

- www.salliemae.com

Now includes CASHE (scholarship search) online, calculators to predict the “Estimated Family Contribution”—complete guide to need-based aid

- www.college-assist.com
- www.collegeinvest.com
- <https://studentaid.gov/>
- www.fafsa.gov