

John W. Buckner Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Courses Grant Program

Fact Sheet



Introduction

Traditionally, disadvantaged minorities and low-income students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds who perform well in school do not enroll in advanced classes at the same rate as their peers, regardless of preparedness. All students deserve the opportunity to learn higher-level content and students who have access to a rigorous curriculum perform better across multiple measures, including graduating high school and completing higher education.

The John W. Buckner Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Courses Grant Program, [Senate Bill 19-059](#), is intended to increase the number of students enrolled in advanced courses for subjects in which the student has demonstrated proficiency.

The first year of funding will be the 2019-20 school year.

Funding and participation

Approximately \$220,000 is available for the 2019-20 school year and grants will be awarded for a one-year period. Funding in subsequent years for grantees is contingent upon continued appropriations and grantees meeting all grant, fiscal and reporting requirements.

Allowable services or activities include:

- Expanding the number of advanced courses offered in the Local Education Provider (LEP), including the use of technology to increase the number of advanced courses offered;
- Incentivizing teachers to teach advanced courses, including teacher training and professional development in areas relating to advanced course instruction;
- Developing advanced course curriculum; or
- Expanding parent and student engagement with the LEP as it relates to advanced course availability and enrollment and student success in advanced courses.

Eligibility

A Local Education Provider is eligible for the grant program if it automatically enrolls each student entering the ninth grade or higher in an advanced course based on any of the following criteria:

- The student achieved a score that is equivalent to, or exceeds, demonstrating proficiency on the state assessment that was administered for the preceding academic year.
- Any other measure, applied to all students enrolled in a LEP that, in the judgment of the Local Education Provider, is an indicator that a student demonstrates the ability to succeed in an advanced course.

School districts, schools, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and charter schools can apply for this grant. If a district applies, a school operating within that district may not submit a standalone application. A school can apply only if its district does not intend to apply.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- For more information, visit the John W. Buckner Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Courses webpage: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/apautoenrollment>
- For questions, contact Marina Kokotovic at kokotovic_m@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6267.