

Colorado State Board of Education

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The Colorado State Board of Education is committed to working with the Governor, the Colorado Legislature, school districts and stakeholders to re-envision learning for the future. By working together to keep all Colorado students as the focus, we believe in our collective ability to establish a vision and a plan that will continue to improve education in Colorado.

Student Success

We support policy that...

- Encompasses the continuity of sequenced, coherent, and high quality education from kindergarten to career or higher education.
- Ensures all students have access to meeting the Colorado Academic Standards.
- Acknowledges each local district's unique challenges in closing achievement gaps, and advancing all students' academic achievement.
- Provides opportunities for children to participate in programs which increase their readiness to learn in kindergarten.

Choice and Engagement

We support policy that...

- Provides every student with high quality educational choices to best meet his/her individual learning needs.
- Ensures parents have access to information about education programs and the opportunities to participate in related discussions and decisions on behalf of their child.
- Supports districts in their efforts to build broad parent engagement and community partnerships.

Flexibility

We support policy that...

- Provides flexibility to schools, districts, and the Colorado Department of Education to deliver high quality education services.
- Provides flexibility in the way school districts meet reporting and implementation requirements in order to minimize the burden on district staff.
- Keeps Colorado's best interests in mind while anticipating and responding to new Federal law and funding.

Data Collection and Access

We support policy that...

- Provides protection for individual student data in terms of collection, storage and transmission.

School Finance

We support policy that...

- Leads to the development of an equitable and comprehensive Colorado school finance system that provides thorough and uniform educational opportunities for all Colorado students.
- Clearly communicates with, and engages the public around school finance.
- Takes into account state and local contribution capacity to ensure all students have equitable educational opportunities.
- Enhances and improves the Permanent Fund, and protects it from further depletion.

State Board Authority

The Colorado State Board of Education is responsible for the general supervision of public schools through collaboration with the legislative and executive branches and with non-profit organizations and the private sector. In furtherance of its constitutional responsibility, the State Board of Education supports policy that recognizes its rulemaking authority, rather than policy enacted through prescriptive statute.