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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is submitted to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the State Board of Education to detail progress made in implementing the School Counselor Corps Grant Program (SCCGP) from July 1, 2010 through March 15, 2011.

During Year Three of the School Counselor Corps Grant program, 90 schools in 37 districts and/or Charter School Institute schools were awarded School Counselor Corps funds. In total, the \$5 million grant program was able to support 75.5 secondary counselors who provided services to over 82,000 students.

The majority of grant recipients reported the emphasis of their third year strategies focused on developing Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs) for middle and high school students, expanding career fairs for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, and improving comprehensive guidance counseling curriculum.

Although three year strategies implemented by the grant recipients varied, all strategies focused on increasing the availability of effective school-based counseling, preparing students for graduation and creating systems within the district and school that ensure students accurately prepare for, apply to and continue into postsecondary education.

In March 2011, School Counselor Corps Grant recipients submitted required program evaluation data through an online data collection system developed by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The evaluation data was submitted in two forms: school-level data and district-level data. Data at the school level included:

- Student-to-counselor ratios before and after School Counselor Corps counselors were hired;
- The number of submitted college and scholarship applications;
- The number of completed Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs);
- Types and hours of remediation coursework;
- The number of active pre-collegiate programs within the school; and
- A complete list of current postsecondary and vocational coursework available.

Data at the district level data included:

- Information regarding Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Researched Based, and Timely (S.M.A.R.T.) goals;
- American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards implementation; and
- Record of Professional Development opportunities.

The 2011 results of the program demonstrate the gains made by the School Counselor Corps Grant program over a three year span. Year Three findings show that in comparison with non-funded School Counselor Corps Grant schools, the schools receiving School Counselor Corps grant funds decreased (improved) their cumulative dropout rate by .6 percentage points from 2008-09 to 2009-10 while non-participating schools increased their dropout rate by .3 percentage points over this same period. Additionally, the SCCGP has maintained the graduation rate from 2007-08 to 2009-10 while non-participating schools show declining graduation rates over the same period.

Year Three findings further illustrated the positive impact of the program in college related data in the following ways:

- The number of college applications sent increased by 2,131 (from 9,922 to 12,053).
- When compared with Year Two, the total amount students received in scholarships increased by \$9 million (from \$23 million to \$32 million).
- Findings indicate that academic, postsecondary and career and technical preparation course enrollment increased by 49,000 students (from 79,174 to 112,812).

This report is divided into four sections: Background, Description of Program, Year Three outcomes and results, and Evaluation of Program Operation.

## I. BACKGROUND

House Bill 08-1370 established the School Counselor Corps Grant Program. The resulting legislation enacted by the General Assembly is 22-91-101 et seq, of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.).

During the third year of the program, FY 2009-2010, the State Education Fund provided approximately \$5 million in funding for the grant program. Pursuant to the School Counselor Corps legislation, 98 percent of the funds were distributed directly to school districts to increase the availability of effective school-based counseling within secondary schools through School Counselor Corps grants. The Colorado Department of Education was authorized to expend 2 percent of the funds appropriated to offset the costs incurred in implementing the program, including: administration, training and support for grant applicants, and ongoing support and professional development for grant recipients.

#### **Rules for Administering Grant Program**

The State Board of Education was responsible for promulgating rules for implementation of the program, including: the timeline for submitting applications to the Department, the form of the grant application, any criteria for awarding grants; and any information to be included in the Department's program report. Effective September, 30 2008, these rules can be found at 22-91-101 et. seq.(C.R.S.). See Attachment A for a copy of the Rules for the Administration of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program.

#### Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program is to increase the availability of effective school-based counseling within secondary schools with a focus on postsecondary preparation. The School Counselor Corps Grant Program was created to increase the graduation rate within the state and increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to and continue into postsecondary education.

#### **Role of the School Counselor Corps Advisory Committee**

The Department continued to collaborate with members from Governor Ritter's previously created P-20 Education Coordinating Council and the P-20 Preparation and Transitions Subcommittee to provide support to the program participants. Members of the Council and Subcommittee participate on the School Counselor Corps Advisory Committee along with individuals from the field to assist the Department in providing ongoing support to the funded sites in the form of professional development, site visits, and technical assistance. Please see Attachment B for a listing of The School Counselor Corps Advisory Committee members. In future years, the Department will expand the Advisory Committee to ensure educational experts from Governor Hickenlooper's administration have the opportunity to contribute to the program.

#### **Research Base for School Counselor Corps Grant Program**

According to a recent study from the Manhattan Institute, only about 70 percent of Colorado students graduate on time, ranking Colorado 29<sup>th</sup> among the states in graduation rates. Furthermore, Colorado high school graduates tend to be poorly prepared for college. Too few enroll in college and of those that do, few leave with a diploma in hand.

In the 2008-2009 school year, the student-to-counselor ratio in Colorado public schools was approximately 387-to-1, which is over the 250-to-1 recommended average statewide ratio by the American School Counselors Association. According to a study by the University of Nebraska:

Dropout prevention programs in high school need resources so that at-risk students can be paired with counselors or other adult mentors. High school counseling has long suffered from student-to-counselor ratios, starting at 1 to 300 and going upward, thus making it extremely difficult to conduct weekly individual counseling sessions. Additional resources are clearly needed for this type of counseling intervention.

Studies show that school counseling and postsecondary preparation can have a significant effect on students in assisting them to begin as early as seventh or eighth grade to identify their post graduation goals and to begin planning to achieve them. According to a study by the University of Massachusetts:

A benefit to students involves school counselors helping students to increase their readiness for college. Results from this study found that high schools where counselors provide career and college planning services and are not overburdened with excessive Non Guidance tasks have higher test scores, better attendance, higher graduation rates, lower dropout rates, and higher enrollments in Advanced Placement courses.

Studies further show that strategic partnerships among school counselors, properly trained administrators, teachers and community-based postsecondary service providers, result in improved attendance, improved academic performance and increased postsecondary success for students from low-income families and students whose parents have no direct experience with postsecondary education.

\* See Appendix 1 for list of references.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010)

#### **Grant Application Process**

The Department began planning for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program Request for Proposal (RFP) process in April 2008. With guidance from members of the P-20 Education Coordinating Council, Emergency Rules for the Administration of the School Counselor Grant Program were drafted and promulgated by the State Board of Education. This core group of P-20 members became the Advisory Committee for the program.

The RFP created in May 2008 focused on four main components including:

#### **Quality of Plan**

- Adopting standards recommended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA);
- Providing quality professional development;
- Using data over time; and
- Setting measurable goals.

#### **Development of Partnerships**

- Institutions of higher education, postsecondary service providers, or community based organizations and businesses; and
- External education agencies, and/or community, and/or business workforce partners.

#### **Post-Secondary Preparation**

- Providing a culture of postsecondary planning;
- Developing Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs);
- Involving leaders to increase the effectiveness of postsecondary preparation in the school;
- Using data to improve existing programs; and
- Providing access to accelerated coursework and remediation courses.

## Adequacy of Resources

- Cost effectiveness;
- Sustainability of program; and
- Supplementing of current resources.

Only proposals scoring at 72 points or higher on the evaluation rubric were considered for funding. Applicants were ranked by score and available grant funding. See Attachment C for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program Request for Proposal (RFP).

In January 2011, the Department released a new RFP prior to the approval of an additional 3-year grant cycle. The release prior to approval was an attempt to meet SCCGP rule requirements to provide a grant competition by January 30, 2011. In an effort to provide Local Education Providers (LEP) adequate time for planning quality proposals, the Department requested a Letter of Intent from the LEPs by February 2011.

The Year Three timeline for program implementation was similar to previous years. During May 2010, the School Counselor Corps grant recipients were given the opportunity to submit a Year Three budget revision. The budget revision provided the grant recipients with the ability to make Year Three budget modifications based on best practices discovered during Year One and Two program implementation. A majority of budget revisions reflected requests to purchase and/or develop guidance counseling curriculum, hire additional part-time staff for data collection, purchase systems to collect ICAP related data, and acquire resources to enhance career fairs.

In an attempt to build sustainability within the grant program, CDE required the grant recipients to provide a detailed plan to sustain the School Counselor Corps Grant activities after Year Three grant funding expires. CDE also required the districts, beginning with the second year of funding and continuing through the third year, to decrease grant funding by 10% per year. The 10% reduction was an attempt to assist the grant recipients with sustaining the program. Although the grant recipients were required to decrease the grant funding by 10% per year, they were required to keep the same level of counseling services when compared to prior years.

During FY 2010-2011, SCCGP funds were able to support 75.5 secondary counselors in 90 secondary schools. The type of secondary schools served includes:

- 31 Middle Schools
- 50 High Schools
- 9 Alternative Schools

The number of counselors hired and schools served by the program remained consistent during Year Three when compared with the previous years.

The table below demonstrates the amount distributed regionally to funded School Counselor Corps grantees in FY 2010-11. See Attachment D for the list of 2010-2011 funded sites.

Distribution of School Counselor Corp Grant Funds Among Geographic Regions			
	Year 3 (July 2010 – June 2011)		
Region	Distribution of Funds FY 10-11	Number of School Counselor Corps Counselors Hired	
Metro	\$2,835,135	41.5	
North Central	\$ 350,800	5.0	
Northeast	\$ 51,168	1.0	
Northwest	\$ 68,667	1.0	
Pikes Peak	\$ 813,150	16.0	
Southeast	\$ 120,423	1.0	
Southwest	\$ 363,959	7.0	
West Central	\$ 176,752	3.0	
Total	\$4,780,054	75.5	

## **Strategies Implemented by Grant Recipients**

Year Three funds for the program provided a variety of research-based strategies focused on: ensuring that students are on track to graduate, increasing the availability of effective school-based counseling, and increasing the percentage of students who prepare for, apply to and enroll into postsecondary education. Strategies included:

- Ensuring students develop ICAPs that align to career survey results;
- District-wide career fairs for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students;
- Student internship programs; and
- Peer-to-Peer college preparatory programs.

#### **Programming Support Provided by CDE**

During Year Three, the Department provided a range of programming support to the SCCGP recipients, including: two professional development training days, one web-based seminar and the Secondary Services and Initiatives website.

#### **Professional Development Days**

In October 2010, the Department, with the assistance of the School Counselor Corps Advisory Committee hosted a Professional Development (PD)day for all grant recipients. The purpose of the Professional Development Day was to provide School Counselor Corps grantees with the opportunity to develop presentation skills, learn methods for sharing data effectively, and discover best practices. This event was held at the Front Range Community College – Westminster Campus (FRCC).

Approximately 130 secondary counselors, principals and district staff attended the day. To begin the day, the participants attended a keynote session which featured two speeches addressing the importance of sharing college related data from a district level perceptive and a community level perceptive. Following the keynote session, the counselors received professional advice from educational policy experts. The experts shared tips on developing effective presentations that reach various audiences such as parents, teachers, students, and local boards of education. Additionally, the Department provided an introductory pre-conference workshop the night prior for the new School Counselor Corps Grant counselors and program managers.

During the afternoon, participants were given the opportunity to attend a roundtable session to discuss best practices and challenges with counseling and pre-college service experts. Overall, the participants could choose 3 topics from 13 different round tables topics. These topics included:

- Transition Programs;
- Early High School Services;
- Dropout Prevention;
- Middle School Services;
- Individual Career and Academic Plans;
- Teacher Involvement;
- Parent Involvement;
- Attendance Polices;

- Sustainability;
- Concurrent Enrollment;
- Finding Resources for Student Enrichment Programs;
- Career and Technical Education; and
- Principal and Counselor Relationships.

Please See Attachment E for the October Professional Development Day Agenda.

During April 2011, the Department hosted the second required professional development workshop for the grant recipients. The PD day training focused on highlighting grant successes, providing resources for future counseling opportunities, and capturing feedback from the participants regarding program implementation. In the morning, the participants had the opportunity to share stories of how the SCCGP impacts sites in the rural, urban, and suburban communities.

After the presentations, the participants separated into small groups and reflected on the grant's impact in the following areas:

- Systems Changes;
- Principal and Counselor Relationships;
- Concurrent Enrollment Programs;
- ICAP Implementation Programs;
- ASCA Standards;
- Postsecondary Culture; and
- Partnerships.

In the afternoon, the participants received an in-depth workshop on creating and sustaining effective school based counseling at middle and high schools statewide. See Attachment F for the April Professional Development day agenda.

Several members from Governor Ritter's P-20 Education Coordination Council Subcommittees, including Paul Thayer of Colorado State University and Gully Stanford of CollegeinColorado played major roles in the development of both professional development days.

## **Relationship to Other High School Initiatives**

In addition to providing ongoing technical assistance to the grantees, the School Counselor Corps Grant Program Staff also plays a major role in assisting with implementation of a number of legislative initiatives focused on increasing the graduation rate, and decreasing the dropout rate for the state of Colorado. These initiatives include:

- Concurrent Enrollment;
- Accelerating Students Through Concurrent ENrollmenT(ASCENT);
- Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP); and
- Dropout Prevention/Prevention Initiatives.

Additionally, the School Counselor Corps Program Staff collaborates cross-departmentally with other units including the Office of Dropout Prevention and the Language, Culture and Equity Unit of CDE through joint site monitoring and improvement visits. Program staff collaborates with the Positive Behavior Supports unit and the McKinney-Vento Homeless program to provide professional development trainings. The program staff also partnered with the McKinney-Vento Program to place homeless liaisons in higher education to ensure that homeless and highly mobile students are successfully enrolled in college and have access to financial aid. This use of liaisons was the first in the country and serves as a model. Finally, the program staff assisted with the Colorado Assessment revision process by assisting with the facilitation of the Interim and Formative assessments subcommittee meetings.

#### Secondary Services and Initiatives Web Site

The Department made a concerted effort to provide school counselors with an easily accessible web site that coordinates services provided by Department for middle and high schools. Currently, the web site plays a key role in communicating updates, providing programmatic information, and provides contact information for 13 secondary initiatives at CDE.

## **III. YEAR THREE OUTCOMES AND RESULTS**

#### **Evaluation Process**

By statute, the School Counselor Corps grantees were required to submit program specific School Counselor Corps evaluation data to the Department by March 15, 2011. The data included the number of school counselors hired through the School Counselor Corps Grant program, professional development programs held or attended by grantees, a comparison of previous year's district dropout rates, college matriculation and remediation rates and information indicating any increase in the level of postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary students.

The Department, in collaboration with the School Counselor Corps Advisory Committee, developed specific School Counselor Corps evaluation and reporting data components. The components detail the data reporting and evaluation requirements set forth in the School Counselor Corps Grant Program legislation. See Attachment G for a copy of the Evaluation and Reporting Components. Once the data components were developed, the Department provided the grant recipients with a detailed overview of the data requirements during the Year One professional Development day. See Attachment H to review the Evaluation and Reporting PowerPoint.

The School Counselor Corps Grant recipients submitted required program evaluation data through an online data collection tool developed by the Department. To ensure confidentially, each funded grant received a unique grant code and password to access the data collection. Districts also received detailed, step-by-step instructions for entering the data and an opportunity to participate in an instructional webinar. The Department facilitated an Online Data Collection webinar on March 2, 2011 that focused on the data reporting requirements, how to enter data into the data collection and questions from grantees.

Similar to the first two years, the evaluation data was collected in two categories: school data and district data. The school-level data included:

- Student-to-counselor ratios before and after School Counselor Corps counselors were hired;
- The number of college and scholarship applications submitted by students at each participating schools;
- The number of completed Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP);
- The types and number of hours of remediation coursework;
- The number of active pre-collegiate programs within each school; and
- A complete list of currently available postsecondary and vocational coursework.

District level data included:

- Information regarding Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Researched Based, and Timely (S.M.A.R.T) goals;
- Progress toward American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards implementation; and
- Description of professional development opportunities provided by grant moneys.

# **Detail of Results**

The following data summary provides a detailed review of the frequent trends demonstrated in the grantee data. A quantitative analysis of the Year Two findings, in relation to the goals of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program is also detailed. Additionally, a comparison between Year One, Two, and Three data are illustrated to detail the program's progress over a three year grant period. Overall, the grant recipients reported that the School Counselor Corps Grant Program played a major role in the development of Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP) for students in grades nine through 12. In some cases, the School Counselor Corps Grant program helped structure district-wide career fairs as a commencement to the career planning process for students and their parents.

# **Impact on Dropout and Graduation Rate**

Data for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program indicates that the program is creating a positive impact on the dropout and graduation rates in SCCGP secondary schools, therefore fulfilling the programs primary intent of reducing the dropout rate and preparing students for graduation.

To measure the program's impact on the dropout and graduation rates, the School Counselor Program Staff compared rates for schools involved in the SCCGP to non-SCCGP schools with similar student populations by using data from FY 2005-06 to FY 2009-10.

The data show the following:

- In comparison with non- SCCGP schools with similar student populations, the schools receiving School Counselor Corps Grant funds decreased (improved) their cumulative dropout rate by .6 percentage points from 2008-09 to 2009-10 while non-participating schools increased their dropout rate by .3 percentage points over this same period.
- The SCCGP has maintained the graduation rate from 2007-08 to 2009-10 while nonparticipating schools show declining graduation rates over the same period.

Table 1 shows that the number of students dropping out of SCCGP schools was at the lowest in 2009-10, the second year of the SCCGP program and at the highest for comparable non- SCCGP schools. The table also illustrates the impact made by the SCCGP in closing the dropout rate gap between grant schools and the statewide dropout rate. Additionally, the data demonstrates the need for dropout prevention services in comparable non- SCCGP schools.

#### **Table 1: Comparison of Dropout Rate**

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Dropout Rate					
SCCGP Schools	7.7%	6.8%	5.9%	5.2%	4.6%
Comparable Non-SCCGP Schools	9.5%	10%	9.8%	10.6%	10.9%
State Totals	4.5%	4.4%	3.8%	3.6%	3.1%
Student Population					
SCCGP Schools	79,209	80,107	80,304	82,452	81,668
Comparable Non-SCCGP Schools	87,216	91,361	74,219	67,863	59,024
Total # of Dropouts					
SCCGP Schools	6,126	5,429	4,774	4,282	3,756
Comparable Non-SCCGP Schools	8,289	9,159	7,293	7,332	6,421

Figure 1 on page 15 illustrates dropout rates over time and shows SCCGP schools' impact on decreasing the dropout rate at the respective schools.



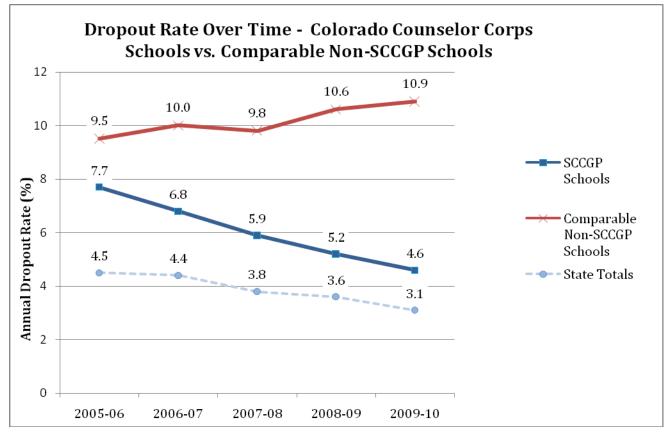


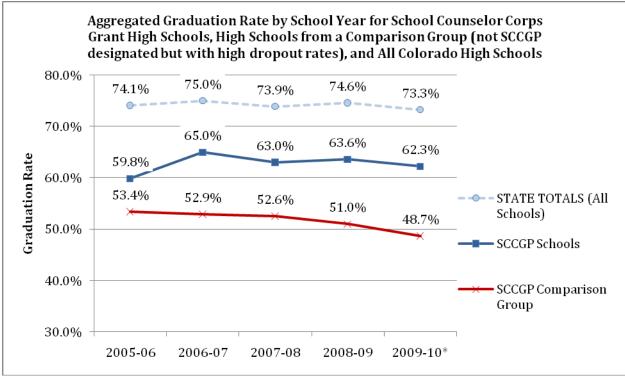
Table 2 shows the graduation rates for SCCGP schools have remained consistent since 2007-08 but for comparable non- SCCGP schools the graduation rates significantly declined in 2009-10.

#### **Table 2: Comparison of Graduation Rate**

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
School Counselor					
Corps Grant Schools	59.8%	65%	63%	63.6%	62.3%
Comparable Non-					
SCCGP Schools	53.4%	52.9%	52.6%	51%	48.7%
STATE TOTALS (All					
Schools)	74.1%	75%	73.9%	74.6%	73.3%

Figure 2 illustrates the comparisons of aggregated graduation rates and shows the improvement made in SCCGP schools.





\* For consistency and comparability, graduation rates for 2009-10 are calculated using the previous "adjusted cohort" calculation rather than the "on-time" rate calculation.

# Increasing the Availability of Effective School Based Counseling

School Counselor Corps grant recipients were required to report whether they adopted or have demonstrated a commitment to adopting standards for school counselor responsibilities, as recommended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). It is recommended by ASCA that schools should develop comprehensive guidance counseling services focused on three domains (1) academic development, (2) career development and (3) social development.

Of the 37 school districts, 95 percent responded "yes" to full implementation of the *academic development domain* (35 out of 37). Some of the academic development implementation methods include the following:

- The School Counselor Corps counselor facilitated CSAP readiness work and an attendance prevention presentation;
- School Counselor Corps counselors assisted in the development and implementation of district-wide ICAP plan as well as multi-district Career Fair and college field trips;
- School Counselor Corps counselors held small "Road Map to College/Career" group sessions for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students designed to take them through various steps in the career exploration process; and

• High school counselors delivered classroom presentations which focused on options available to students for post-secondary life and how academic performance influences their home and community lives.

Approximately 95 percent of the school districts (35 out of the 37), responded "yes" to full implementation of the *career development domain*. The methods used to implement the career development domain varied by school districts. The following list describes examples of activities reported by grant recipients:

- School Counselors facilitated the completion of the College in Colorado Occupation Interest Inventory Survey for all students;
- Created Individual Career and Academic Plans for students in grades 8-12;
- Developed classroom guidance curriculum designed to help students understand the relationship between personal qualities, education and training, and the world of work;
- Assisted eighth-grade students during high school registration with selecting courses based on their plans of study career cluster results;
- Designed classroom lesson plans for middle school counselors that focused on career exploration, academic classes/skills needed for high school, college, and career success; and
- Created career guidance lessons plans for the high school counselors to deliver the curriculum during the advisory period.

Approximately 95 percent of the funded districts (35 of the 37) responded "yes" to full implementation of the *social development domain*. The following examples illustrate the types of activities provided by grantees when implementing standards in the *social development domain*:

- Freshmen participated in an advisory period with curriculum that addresses: bully proofing, study skills, cyber safety, stress management, conflict resolution, short and long term goal-setting, team-building, asset-recognition, and career awareness;
- Counseling department performed needs assessments to show where students need support in the social domain;
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in forums to express fears and concerns about transitioning to high school.

## **Professional Development**

School Counselor Corps Grant recipients indicated that secondary school counselors attended or facilitated 2,073 hours of professional development workshops (a 233 hour decrease when compared to Year Two). The decrease in professional development hours can be contributed to decrease in total requested funds by the grantees for Year Three. CDE required the districts, beginning with the second year of funding and continuing through the third year, to decrease grant funding by 10% per year. To meet this request, grantees lessen the amount of PD throughout the year.

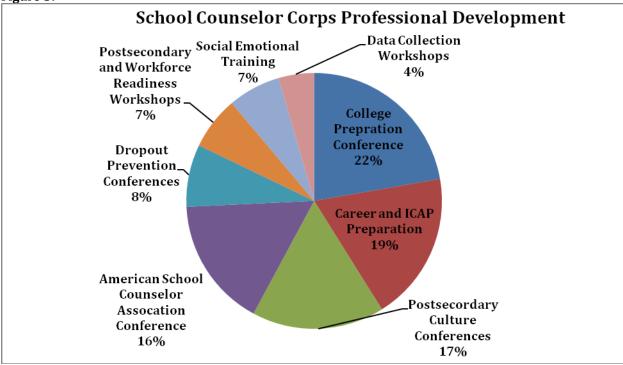
The PD workshops directly impacted secondary counselors, faculty members and administrators. On average, four team members per school participated in professional development opportunities. The following list provides examples of types of professional development opportunities the grantees utilized:

- ICAP implementation workshops for school faculty and district staff;
- Workshops that focused on utilizing ACT data in high schools and models of successful ACT test prep programming.
- Career workshops connecting the Colorado Community College System career pathways to ICAP standards;
- High School to College Transition conferences which assisted counselors with helping students transition into their first year of college;
- Data workshops that focused on the importance of collecting, analyzing and reporting data to set program goals and monitor progress; and
- Dropout Prevention seminars to develop prevention strategies and resources to be implemented at the high school level.

Figure 3 depicts the distribution of professional development hours among topics. Overall, 67 percent (1395 hours) of the professional development time can be placed in the following categories:

- College Preparation Conferences;
- Career and ICAP Preparation;
- Postsecondary Culture Conferences; and
- American School Counselor Association Workshops.





## S.M.A.R.T Goals

The 37 School Counselor Corps grantees created **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**esearched **B**ased, and **T**imely (S.M.A.R.T) goals that directly aligned with the grant specified goals and activities. These goals included activities such as:

- Creating Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs) for 100 percent of the student population;
- Increasing CSAP scores and ACT scores each year of the grant;
- Decreasing dropout rates; and
- Providing quality professional development as measured by the number of hours in attendance as well as implementation of professional development strategies.

While the goals showed diversity based on needs of specific schools, all goals directly aligned with the School Counselor Corps Grant Program legislation. Of the 223 S.M.A.R.T goals submitted by the school districts, 67 percent of the goals were accomplished while, 33 percent of the goals were not completed at the time of submission this report. The districts attribute the successes to the following explanations:

- Provided additional professional development workshops for school staff to assist in developing Individual Career and Academic Plans;
- Increased partnerships with postsecondary institutions;
- Improved parent college awareness nights;
- Restructured use of credit recovery and tutoring programs; and
- Increased use of the ColoradoinColorado online tool for student planning.

For the 33 percent of the goals not completed at the time of submission the common explanations included:

- Dropout and graduation rate calculations is a challenge for alternative schools;
- School Counselor Corps counselor turnover at grant schools and at the district office negatively impacted program implementation; and
- The change in dropout and graduation rate calculations prevented districts from accurately comparing current rates to previous years.

# Increasing the Level of Postsecondary Services

To demonstrate the increased availability of effective school-based counseling, grant recipients were required to provide information indicating an increase in the level of postsecondary preparation services provided to the secondary students at recipient secondary schools, such as the use of Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs) or postsecondary or vocational preparation programs. Grantees were also required to submit data demonstrating the impact of the School Counselor Corps grant, including:

- The number of college and scholarship applications submitted;
- The number of Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submitted; and
- The number of students accepted into a postsecondary institution.

The data received from grant recipients indicated the total number of completed applications and the percentage of completed ICAPs for School Counselor Corps high school and middle school students. An ICAP is an individualized plan, developed by the student

and the student's parent or legal guardian, in collaboration with the school counselors, school administrators, school personnel and/or Approved Postsecondary Service Providers. The ICAP is used to help establish personalized academic and career goals, explore postsecondary career and educational opportunities, align course work and curriculum, apply to postsecondary institutions, secure financial aid and ultimately enter the workforce.

During Year Three, the majority of School Counselor Corps high schools indicated that 60 to 100 percent of their student population had a completed ICAP. Year Three findings indicated an increase in the number of completed ICAPs. Overall, data demonstrated an upward trend in the percentage of ICAP completion rates for high schools when compared to Year One and Two.

Similar to previous years, the data for the middle schools illustrates a low completion rate and the completion rate is attributed to ICAP standard being closely tied to accomplishing milestones through the senior year of high school (e.g., graduation).

The following examples illustrate the methods used by the high schools and middle schools to implement ICAPs during Year Three of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program:

- School Counselor Corps counselors worked with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students through classroom visits;
- Use of the CollegeInColorado online tool to help freshmen and sophomores during advisory periods;
- School Counselor Corps counselors assisted 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students during individual appointments;
- Students were required to begin ICAP developing during district-wide career fairs; and
- Classroom guidance activities were provided during advisory periods.

## Academic, Postsecondary or Career and Technical Courses

During Year Three, enrollment for academic, postsecondary or career and technical courses was 79,174 students (a 49,738 student increase when compared to Year Two). The programs can be categorized into seven basic course types:

- Advanced Placement Courses;
- College Preparation Courses;
- Honors Courses;
- International Baccalaureate Courses;
- Postsecondary Educational Opportunity (PSEO); and
- Career and Technical Education Courses.

The table below demonstrates the student enrollment in the academic or postsecondary or career and technical education courses.

Table 3:

<u>Academic, Postsecondary, Career and Technical Course Enrollment</u> <u>Year 3 (July 2010- June 2011)</u>		
Course Type	Year Two	Year Three
Advance Placement Courses	11,222	19,677
College Preparation Courses	3,916	11,871
Honors Courses	15,686	25,515
International Baccalaureate Courses	7,742	14,553
Postsecondary Educational Opportunity (PSEO) Courses	8,246	17,757
Other	11,112	123
Career and Technical Education Courses	21,250	23,316

Figure 4 illustrates the enrollment increase for academic, postsecondary career and technical courses over the three year grant period.

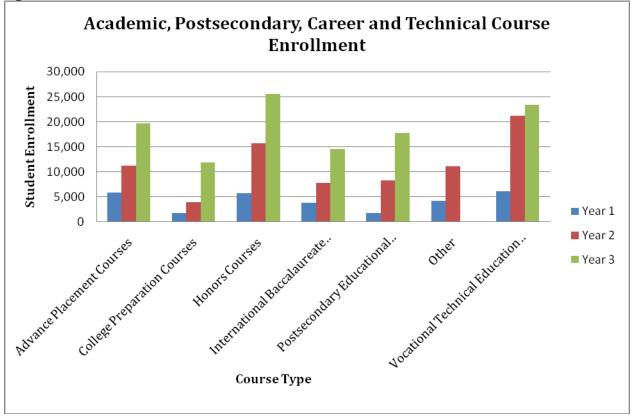


Figure 4:

#### School Counselor Corps Grant Program Impact on College Related Data

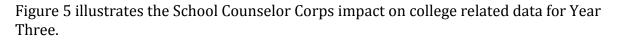
A data requirement for the grantees was to submit data demonstrating the impact of the School Counselor Corps grant, including the number of college and scholarship applications submitted, the number of FAFSA applications submitted and the number of students accepted into a postsecondary institution. In the second year of the program, the grant recipients improved the college related data collection process, including an increase in the following:

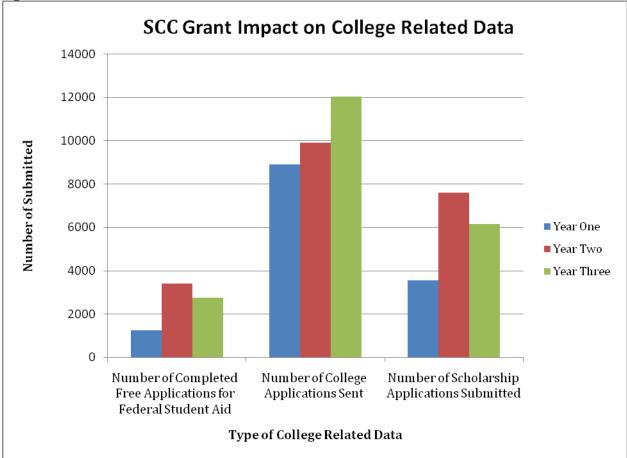
- The number of submitted scholarship applications;
- The number of college applications sent;
- The number of submitted FAFSA forms; and
- The total received scholarship dollar amount.

Table 4 provides total numbers as of March 15, 2011 for the School Counselor Corps College related data.

School Counselor Corps College Related Data Year 3 (July 2010- June 2011)			
	Year one	Year Two	Year Three
Number of Completed Free Applications for Federal Student Aid	1240	3405	2752
Number of College Applications Sent	8911	9922	12053
Number of Scholarship Applications Submitted	3543	7612	6153
Total Scholarship Dollars Amount Received	\$18,172,719	\$23,682,426	\$32,826,836

#### Table 4:





#### Figure 5:

Figure 6 illustrates the \$9,144,410 increase in total received scholarship dollar amount when compared to Year Two.

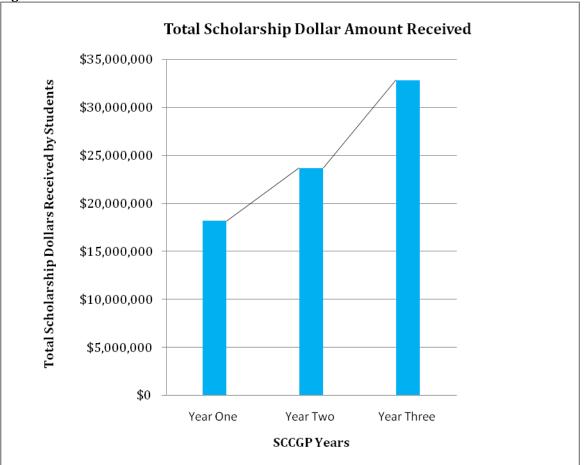


Figure 6:

## **Remediation Rates**

The grantees were required to submit data reflecting the type of remediation programs available, the number of hours students spend in remediation per year, and the student enrollment in the remediation course work. Of the 90 schools, student remediation rates, program structures, student enrollment and number of remediation hours varied among grantees. On average, there are 175 students per school enrolled in a remediation program (a 37 student increase when compared to Year Two). In addition, the average time a student spent in a remediation program per year was 13 hours (a 86 hour decrease when compared to Year Two). The type of remediation reported by the grant recipients included:

- Tutors;
- Study Lab;
- Night Schools;
- Online; and
- Combination of all.

## Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness

School Counselor Corps grantees were required to submit the percent of students that each school deemed Postsecondary and Workforce Ready (PWR) based on the adopted definition for PWR which states: "Postsecondary and workforce readiness describes the knowledge, skills, and behaviors essential for high school graduates to be prepared to enter college and the workforce and to compete in the global economy." Additional information regarding the PWR definition can be found at:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdegen/downloads/PWRdescription.pdf0

During year three, 36 out of the 90 schools reported that over 60 percent of their students are Postsecondary and Workforce Ready by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. Since a standard measurement for PWR is currently unavailable, the schools and school districts were required to provide their current measurements for PWR. The following measurements were the most commonly used by the School Counselor Corps grantees:

- Postsecondary Ready middle school students are student who have are met the goals and objectives of postsecondary and workforce readiness for their grade level that includes: career exploration and preparation, connecting career goals to high school and post-secondary plans, and completing grade level academic requirements to meet that plan;
- Students who have completed the graduation with distinction diploma and passed the work keys assessment ;
- Students who have held a job for at least 12 months before graduation;
- Students who have having successfully completed at least one college course in each core area (math, English, science, and social studies), as well as having a completed ICAP with career goals and a completed resume;
- Students who have graduated high school and are ready to continue with schooling (community college, four year, and technical);
- Students who demonstrated proficiencies determined by the Board of Education in the following areas: reading, writing, math, (as measured by CSAP, MAP, Accuplacer, ACT, SAT, or district common assessment), oral expression, research and literacy skills, and hours of community service;
- The number of students enrolled into Advanced Placement courses and Postsecondary Educational Opportunity (PSEO) courses;
- The number of AP exams taken, and the number of 3 or higher scores from AP exams; and
- The number of students that successfully completed Algebra 1 or higher by the end of 8th grade as well as students enrolled in honors level language arts classes and/or AVID.

## Student-to-Counselor Ratio

The School Counselor Corps Grant Program impacted the student-to-counselor ratio for both high schools and middle schools in Year Two of the grant program. Before the implementation of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program, middle schools in the program had a 516:1 student to counselor ratio. After the grant program, the student to counselor ratio improved to 291:1. High schools experienced similar results. Before the grant program the student-to-counselor ratio was 314:1, while the ratio improved to 240:1 after the School Counselor Corps Grant Program.

The improved counselor to student ratios provided schools additional opportunities to develop systems for data collections and ICAP plans.-These reduced ratios also provided grant counselors extra time to attend to students in need of remediation and at risk of dropping out. Finally, the ratios supported the counselors' efforts to assist students with postsecondary aspirations and financial aid exploration.

# IV. EVALUATION OF PROGRAM OPERATION

# **Accountability**

To date, the School Counselor Corps Grant Program has consistently emphasized accountability for the planned and actual use of the funds. Funds were initially distributed to schools that applied with a plan for well-designed programs that were focused on increasing the availability of effective school based counseling. Accountability for the grant program has continued to be addressed through a rigorous schedule of site monitoring visits and end of the year reporting.

# Monitoring Improvement Site Visits

During the third year of the program, sites were selected for a Monitoring and Improvement Site Visit based on the remaining schools that did not receive visits in previous years. There are three main purposes for the Monitoring Improvement site visits:

- Observe the implementation of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program;
- Determine whether the grantee is making adequate progress toward meeting the grant expectations stated in the legislation; and
- To provide additional anecdotal data since not all of the required data is available to districts by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

During Year Three, CDE conducted four Monitoring Improvement site visits. Before each visit, the grant program manager was provided with the daily schedule and a copy of the Monitoring Improvement tool. See Attachment I for School Counselor Corps Planning Schedule. To provide consistency to each visit, CDE created the Monitoring Improvement Tool. This tool assisted grantees, as well as gave structure and content to the monitoring process to promote accountability, quality improvement, and targeted technical assistance and best practices efforts. See Attachment J for copy of Monitoring Improvement Tool.

This tool was designed to be used in two contexts:

- Grantees of School Counselor Corps Grant Program were asked to apply this tool in the context of a self-assessment of program operations.
- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) also used this instrument in a monitoring context. The monitoring process is designed to assure that School Counselor Corps grantees are making adequate progress toward meeting the goals created by the of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program legislation.

## Year Three Site Visit Findings

During Year Three, data showed that schools were making continual progress toward increasing counseling services. A few examples of district services and programs that are being offered include:

- District-wide coordination for all students to create an Individual Career and Academic Plan connected to-career survey results;
- College and Career Fairs;
- College preparation professional development for teachers and staff;
- Night school credit recovery centers; and
- Dual credit courses offered through the community colleges for qualifying expelled and drop-out recovery students.

In addition, Year Three findings highlighted general efforts made by grant recipients to sustain counseling programming through American School Counselor Association (ASCA) curriculum mapping to advisory periods and the purchase of career planning software to assist with ICAP develop for students. The site visits also showed the importance of communication among school personnel and district-level fiscal managers. Among the sites visited, the sites with frequent contact between school administrators and district fiscal managers submitted stronger budget revisions to modify counselor programming.

## Summary of Primary Accomplishments 2010-2011

- **Decrease in Dropout Rate and Consistent Graduation Rate.** Year Three findings show that in comparison with non-funded School Counselor Corps schools, the schools receiving School Counselor Corps grant funds decreased (improved) their cumulative dropout rate by .6 percentage points from 2008-09 to 2009-10 while non-participating schools increased their dropout rate by .3 percentage points over this same period. Additionally, the SCCGP has maintained the graduation rate from 2007-08 to 2009-10 while non-participating schools showed declining graduation rates over the same period.
- **Relationship to Other High School Initiatives.** The School Counselor Corps Grant Program played creating models and best practices for implementation of a number of legislative initiatives focused on increasing the graduation rate, and decreasing the dropout rate for the state of Colorado. These initiatives include: Concurrent Enrollment; Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT); Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP); and Dropout Prevention/Prevention Initiatives.
- **Increase in College Related Data.** Year Three findings illustrated positive impact of the program in that the number of college applications sent increased by 2,131 (from 9,922 to 12,053). When compared with Year Two, the total amount students received in scholarships increased by \$9 million (from \$23 million to \$32 million).
- **Improved Secondary Support.** The Department made a concerted effort to provide school counselors with an easily accessible Web site that coordinates

services provided by Department for middle and high schools. Currently, the web site plays a key role in communicating updates, providing programmatic information, and contact information for 13 secondary initiatives.

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# COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

# **Department of Education**

## 1 COLORADO CODE OF REGULATION 301-74

## RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF

## THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS GRANT PROGRAM

**Authority:** Article IX, Section 1, <u>Colorado Constitution</u>. 22-2-106(1)(a) and (c); 22-2-107(1)(c); 22-7-409(1.5); 22-90-101 et seq. of the <u>Colorado Revised Statutes</u> (C.R.S.).

#### 1.00 Statement of Basis and Purpose.

The statutory basis for these rules adopted on August 14, 2008 is found in 22-2-106(1)(a) and (c), State Board Duties; 22-2-107(1)(c), State Board Powers; and sections 22-90-101 through 22-90-105, the School Counselor Corps Grant Program, C.R.S.

The School Counselor Corps Grant Program, sections 22-90-101 through 22-90-105, C.R.S., requires the State Board of Education to promulgate rules which include, but are not limited to: the timeline for submitting applications to the Department; the form of the grant application and any information in addition to that specified in section 22-90-104 (2), C.R.S. to be included in the application; any criteria for awarding grants in addition to those specified in section 22-90-104 (3), C.R.S.; and any information to be included in the Department's Program report in addition to that required in section 22-90-105, C.R.S.

#### 2.00 Definitions.

- 2.00 (1) <u>Department:</u> The Department of Education created pursuant to section 24-1-115, C.R.S.
- 2.00 (2) <u>Education Provider</u>: A school district, a board of cooperative services, a charter school authorized by a school district pursuant to Part 1 of Article 30.5 of Title 22 C.R.S., or a charter school authorized by the State Charter School Institute pursuant to Part 5 of Article 30.5 of Title 22, C.R.S.
- 2.00 (3) <u>Postsecondary Service Provider</u>: An independent agency whose primary purpose is to provide career and college preparatory services to students.

- 2.00 (4) <u>Program</u>: The School Counselor Corps Grant Program created in section 22-90-103, C.R.S.
- 2.00 (5) <u>Recipient Secondary School</u>: A secondary school at which an Education Provider will use moneys received from the Program to either increase the number of School Counselors or otherwise raise the level of school counseling provided.
- 2.00 (6) <u>School Counselor</u>: A person who holds a special services provider license with a School Counselor endorsement issue pursuant to Article 60.5 of Title 22 or who is otherwise endorsed or accredited by a national association to provide school counseling services.
- 2.00 (7) <u>Secondary School</u>: A public school that includes any of grades seven through twelve.
- 2.00 (8) <u>State Board</u>: The State Board of Education created pursuant to Section 1, Article IX of the State Constitution.

#### 2.01 Implementation Procedures.

- 2.01 (1) <u>Application Timeline.</u> During the 2008-09 school year, the Department will conduct two initial grant funding competitions for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program. The first round of applications will be due to the Department on or before July 1, 2008. The second round applications will be due to the Department on or before October 1, 2008. Beginning on January 31, 2009, and January 31 of each year thereafter, subject to available appropriations, School Counselor Corps grant applications will be due for funding available July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year.
- 2.01 (2) <u>Application Procedures.</u> The Department will be the responsible agency for implementing the School Counselor Corps Grant Program. The Department will develop a Request for Proposal (RFP), pursuant to the Department's RFP process and pursuant to the requirements and timelines found in sections 22-90-104, C.R.S. Each grant application, at a minimum, must specify:
- 2.01 (2) (a) How receipt of the grant will affect the culture of postsecondary planning at the applicant school, district or BOCES, and a vision for how the grant will transform the postsecondary expectations and options of students served;

- 2.01 (2) (b) The intended recipient Secondary Schools, the number of secondary School Counselors employed by the Education Provider prior to receipt of a grant, and the ratio of students to School Counselors in the Secondary Schools operated by or receiving services from the Education Provider;
- 2.01 (2) (c) Whether the Education Provider has adopted standards for School Counselor responsibilities that meet or exceed those recommended by the American School Counselor Association;
- 2.01 (2) (d) The extent to which the Education Provider has developed and/or plans to develop partnerships, which may include but need not be limited to institutions of higher education or Postsecondary Service Providers, to support and increase the capacity and effectiveness of the school counseling and postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary school students enrolled in or receiving educational services from the Education Provider;
- 2.01 (2) (e) The Education Provider's plan for use of the grant moneys, including the extent to which the grant moneys will be used to increase the number of School Counselors at recipient Secondary Schools and to provide professional development for a team of School Counselors and professional development to enable other faculty members and administrators to provide school counseling and postsecondary preparation services at recipient Secondary Schools;
- 2.01 (2) (f) The Education Provider's plan for involving leaders at the recipient Secondary Schools and in the surrounding community and the faculty at recipient Secondary Schools in increasing the capacity and effectiveness of the school counseling and postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary school students enrolled in or receiving educational services from the Education Provider;
- 2.01 (2) (g) The extent to which the Education Provider has developed or plans to develop partnerships, whether within the school district, with external education agencies and/or community and/or business/workforce partners, to serve the postsecondary needs for every secondary student enrolled in or receiving educational services from the Education Provider;
- 2.01 (2) (h) The extent to which the Education Provider has implemented or plans to implement Individual Career and Academic Plans for students;

- 2.01 (2) (i) The Education Provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the Education Provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to (1) identify challenging issues in the district or school in terms of student learning and success and barriers to learning and (2) identify programs, strategies, or services delivered by the Education Provider to secondary students that have helped to increase graduation rates and the level of postsecondary success among graduates and (3) Identify the strategies that will be used by the Education Provider to address the challenges identified in this self assessment and strengthen, expand or improve existing programs to improve graduation rates, post-secondary enrollment and success rates;
- 2.01 (2) (j) The attendance, grade-retention and promotion, and grading policies implemented by the Education Provider, including an analysis of how the schools' and districts' current policies and practices in these areas contribute to success or act as obstacles to students graduating from high school, as well as a description of a plan for how these policies and practices will be improved or modified to increase the graduation rate, as well as college-going, and college-success rates of high school students;
- 2.01 (2) (k) Whether the Education Provider intends to provide matching funds to augment any grant moneys received from the Program and the anticipated amount and source of any matching funds;
- 2.01 (2) (I) The Education Provider's plan for continuing to fund the increases in school counseling services following expiration of the grant; and
- 2.01 (2) (m) The Education Provider's plan for using data over time to: (1) demonstrate outcomes and (2) revise and improve programs, policies, and practices to improve outcomes.
- 2.01 (3) <u>Application Review Criteria.</u> In reviewing applications and making recommendations, the Department shall apply the following criteria:
- 2.01 (3) (a) The dropout rate at the intended Recipient Secondary School or schools and, if the Education Provider is a school district, at all of the Secondary Schools within the school district. Priority will be given to Education Providers that intend to use the grant moneys to assist Secondary Schools at which the dropout rate exceeds the statewide average;
- 2.01 (3) (b) The percentage of students enrolled in the intended Recipient Secondary School or schools who are eligible for free or reducedcost lunch. Priority will be given to Education Providers that

indentify intended Recipient Secondary Schools with a high percentage of said students;

- 2.01 (3) (c) The percentage of students enrolled in the intended Recipient Secondary School or schools, and if the Education Provider is a school district, in the school district, who graduate and enroll in postsecondary education within two years after graduating from high school;
- 2.01 (3) (d) Whether the Education Provider has adopted, or has demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for School Counselor responsibilities that meet or exceed those recommended by the American School Counselor Association;
- 2.01 (3) (e) Assurance that the Education Provider shall use the grant funding to increase the level of funding the Education Provider allocated to school-based counseling prior to receiving the grant and not to replace other funding sources allocated to school-based counseling;
- 2.01 (3) (f) The overall quality of the plan, including but not limited to the quality of professional development, the quality of partnerships, how the ratio of students to counselors will be impacted, school-wide involvement in postsecondary and workforce readiness preparation, and the quality of the role of the School Counselor; and
- 2.01 (3) (g) The likelihood that the Education Provider will continue to fund the increases in the level of school counseling services following expiration of the grant.
- 2.01 (4) Additional Review Criteria. The Department and the State Board shall consult with experts in the area of school counseling, including but not limited to School Counselors, persons who provide education and professional development in the areas of school counseling and career counseling, Postsecondary Service Providers and higher education admissions officers, in establishing any additional criteria for awarding grants and in reviewing applications and selecting grant recipients.
- 2.01 (5) **Duration and Amount of Grant Awards.** Subject to available appropriations, the State Board shall award grants to applying Education Providers pursuant to section 22-90-104, C.R.S. The State Board shall base the grant awards on the Department's recommendations. Each grant shall have a term of three years beginning in the 2008-09 budget year. In making the award, the State Board shall specify the amount of each grant.

- 2.01 (6) **<u>Reporting.</u>** Each Education Provider that receives a grant through the Program shall report the following information to the Department each year during the term of the grant:
- 2.01 (6) (a) The number of School Counselors hired using grant moneys;
- 2.01 (6) (b) Any professional development programs provided using grant moneys;
- 2.01 (6) (c) Any other services provided using grant moneys;
- 2.01 (6) (d) A comparison of the dropout rates, postsecondary and workforce readiness rates, and the college matriculation and remediation rates, if applicable, at the Recipient Secondary Schools for the years prior to the receipt of the grant and the years for which the Education Provider receives the grant; and
- 2.01 (6) (e) Information indicating an increase in the level of postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary students at Recipient Secondary Schools, such as the use of individual career and academic plans or enrollment in pre-collegiate preparation programs or postsecondary or vocational preparation programs.
- 2.01 (7) **Evaluation of Program.** On or before April 15, 2009, and on or before April 15 each year thereafter, the Department shall submit to the State Board of Education and to the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, or any successor committees, a report that, at a minimum, summarizes the information received by the Department pursuant to subsection (1) of 22-90-105, C.R.S. The Department shall also post the report to its website.
- 2.01 (7) (a) The Department shall work with the Department of Higher Education to obtain information necessary for the report submitted by the Department pursuant to subsection (2) of 22-90-105, C.R.S.

# School Counselor Corps Grant Program Advisory Committee 2010-2011

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Attachment C

Colorado Department of Education



# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Proposals Due: Wednesday, October 1, 2008

# School Counselor Corps Grant Program

Pursuant to: HB 08-1370 (22-90-101 through 22-90-105, C.R.S.)

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	School Counselor Corps Grant Program REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Proposals Due: Wednesday, October 1, 2008
Background	This Request for Proposal (RFP) is designed to distribute funds to an eligible education provider pursuant to the requirements of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program (22-90-101 through 22-90-105 C.R.S.) Approximately \$2.6 million is available to applicants during the 2008-2009 school year. These funds will be distributed by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).
Purpose of Grant	The purpose of the RFP is to solicit applications from eligible education providers for funding to increase the availability of effective school-based counseling within secondary schools. The goal of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program is to increase the graduation rate within the state and increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education.
Eligibility	<ul> <li>Education providers may apply for School Counselor Corps Grant funds for increasing the number of school counselors for secondary students and the level of school counseling services provided.</li> <li>An eligible Education Provider is defined as: <ul> <li>A School district (on behalf of one or more secondary schools);</li> <li>A Board of Cooperative Services (BOCES);</li> <li>A Charter school; or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>An Institute Charter School.</li> <li>Priority will be given to applicants that will serve: <ul> <li>secondary schools at which the dropout rate exceeds the statewide average; and/or</li> <li>secondary schools with a high percentage of students who are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch exceeding the statewide average.</li> </ul> </li> <li>See Attachments B and C for a listing of schools that meet these Priority Criteria. Available grant funding will be distributed first to schools demonstrating high need based on these Priority Criteria. Please note: New or alternative schools that do not appear on the list due to the lack of availability of data may be given priority based on documentation or evidence of student risk factors listed above.</li> </ul>
Funding Levels	Approximately \$2.6 million is available for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program for the 2008-2009 school year. In awarding grants to providers that meet the eligibility requirements and expectations of this program, CDE will make awards that are of sufficient size and scope to support the program. This will be a highly competitive process. CDE anticipates this funding will be able to provide for approximately 40 school counselors statewide.
	In order to maintain sustainability, beginning with the second year of funding and continuing through the third year, grant funding will decrease by 10% per year. Applicants must maintain the same level of services by supplementing the grant funds with other resources. These may include federal, state and local resources, including in- kind contributions. For example, an award of \$100,000 in the first year would be reduced to \$90,000 in the second year and \$80,000 in the third year.
Use of Funds	<ul> <li>Funds may be used to <u>supplement and not supplant</u> any moneys currently being used to provide secondary school counseling activities. Allowable activities include: <ul> <li>Secondary school counselor salaries and benefits;</li> <li>Postsecondary preparatory services; and</li> <li>Professional development.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Please note: In addition to the education provider's proposed Professional



	Development Plan, <b>applicants must also budget for a team to attend two one-day</b> <b>grant trainings during each year of the grant cycle</b> (dates for Fall and Spring to be announced). These trainings will provide professional development consistent with grant expectations for postsecondary preparation counseling. Key leadership staff most
	closely related to the success of the grant (e.g., secondary school counselors, teachers, administrators) should attend. Please plan on travel to the Denver metro area; however, regional sessions may be scheduled.
Review	Teams of reviewers with expertise in the field of school counseling will review the proposals. This review will be based on the specific criteria listed in this RFP and detailed in the scoring rubric. Only proposals scoring at 72 points or higher on the attached evaluation rubric will be considered for funding. Applicants will be ranked by score and available grant funding will be distributed first to schools demonstrating high need based on the Priority Criteria. School Counselor Corps grant applicants will receive notification of funding by November 14, 2008.
	<b>Please note:</b> Grant applications submitted to the Colorado Department of Education are public record and do not contain any confidential data; therefore CDE will release applications when requested.
Duration of Grants	Grants will be awarded for a three-year term beginning in the 2008-2009 school year. Please note: In order to maintain sustainability, beginning with the second year of funding and continuing through the third year, grant funding will decrease by 10% per year. Grant funding in years 2 and 3 will be contingent upon appropriation by the State Legislature.
	<ul> <li>Funded education providers will be eligible for continued funding in the second and third year of the grant cycle after successfully demonstrating the following:</li> <li>Submission of all required evaluation materials; and</li> <li>Adequate progress toward successfully meeting annual objectives.</li> </ul>
Evaluation and Reporting	<ul> <li>Each education provider that receives a grant through the program will be required to report, at a minimum, the following information to the Department on or before March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year during the term of the grant: <ul> <li>The number of school counselors hired using grant funds;</li> <li>Any professional development programs provided using grant funds;</li> <li>Examples of services provided to students;</li> <li>Evaluation of impact of Grant Program;</li> <li>A comparison of the dropout rates, postsecondary and workforce readiness rates, and the college matriculation and remediation rates, if applicable, at the recipient secondary schools for the years prior to the receipt of the grant and the years for which the education provider receives a grant; and</li> <li>Information indicating an increase in the level of postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary students at recipient schools, such as the use of individual career and academic plans or enrollment in pre-collegiate preparation programs, post-secondary or vocational preparation programs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# **Submission Process and Deadline**

The **original plus 6 copies** must be received at CDE by Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 4:00 pm. In addition to the 6 hard copies, **an electronic copy** of the proposal must be submitted to **burnham\_k@cde.state.co.us**. The electronic version should include all required pieces of the proposal as one document. **Faxes will not be accepted.** Incomplete or late proposals will not be considered.

Proposals will be due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> to:
Lynn Bamberry
Colorado Department of Education
Competitive Grants and Awards
201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 201
Denver, CO 80203
&
Submit an electronic copy of the proposal to: burnham_k@cde.state.co.us

### **Required Elements**

The format outlined below <u>must be followed</u> in order to assure consistent application of the evaluation criteria.

### Part I: Proposal Introduction

Cover Page Signature Page Executive Summary Table of Contents

### Part II: Narrative – Sections A through D (No more than 8 pages total) Budget Form and Narrative Attachments (e.g., letters of support)

### **Application Format**

- The total narrative of the application cannot exceed 8 pages.
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- Use a document footer with the name of the applicant.
- Use 1-inch margins.
- Number all pages.
- The signature page must include original signatures of the lead organization/fiscal agent.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit disclosure and assurance pages with original signatures.
- Staple the pages of the original and each copy of the proposal. Please do not use paperclips, rubber bands, binders or report covers.



# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

# Part I: Proposal Introduction

### No Points

100 pts. Total

25 pts.

### ✓ Cover Page and Signature Page(s)

Complete the attached cover page and signature page and attach as the first two pages of the proposal.

### ✓ Executive Summary

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### ✓ Table of Contents

Place a Table of Contents after the Executive Summary.

# Part II: Grant Narrative

### Evaluation Rubric Section A: Quality of Plan

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### <u>25 pts.</u>

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### Evaluation Rubric Section C: Postsecondary Preparation 25 pts.

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## Section D: Adequacy of Resources, Budget Narrative, and Budget 25 pts.

- (1) All expenditures contained in the budget are described in the budget narrative and connected to project goals and activities. The costs of the proposed project (as presented in the budget and budget narrative) are reasonable and the budget sufficient in relation to the objectives, design, and scope of project activities.
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- (3) The proposal sets out a clear and well-conceived plan for how the proposed project will be continued once the grant dollars have expired. A clear plan for the 10% reduction of funding in years 2 and 3 of the grant is included.
- (4) The budget and the budget narrative adequately detail the proposed use of funds.



## **Budget Instructions and Assurances**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

When completing the proposed budget and budget narrative, it is recommended that you examine costs related to postsecondary preparatory services, professional development, and secondary school counselor salaries and benefits. Funds may be used to <u>supplement and not</u> <u>supplant</u> any moneys currently being used to provide secondary school counseling activities.

In order to maintain sustainability, beginning with the second year of funding and continuing through the third year, grant funding will decrease by 10% per year. Applicants must maintain the same level of services by supplementing the grant funds with other resources. These may include federal, state and local resources, including in-kind contributions. For example, an award of \$100,000 in the first year would be reduced to \$90,000 in the second year and \$80,000 in the third year. This reduction of funding must be accounted for in your budget and budget narrative.

# Subsequent grant funding for fiscal years 2 and 3 of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program will be contingent upon appropriations made by the Colorado State Legislature.

When the applications have been reviewed, final grant amounts will be determined and a more detailed budget may be required. The final budget must comply with the application review comments and the proposed budget. Please remember that no grant funds can be obligated or spent until a final budget has been received and approved by CDE.

**Please note**: In addition to the education provider's proposed Professional Development Plan, applicants **must also budget for a team to attend two one-day grant trainings during each year of the grant cycle** (dates for Fall and Spring to be announced). These trainings will provide professional development consistent with grant expectations for postsecondary preparation counseling. Key leadership staff most closely related to the success of the grant (e.g., secondary school counselors, teachers, administrators) should attend. Please plan on travel to the Denver metro area; however, regional sessions may be scheduled.

Your budget narrative should provide enough detail so that the appropriate object category can be confirmed. Allowable activities include: secondary school counselor salaries and benefits; postsecondary preparatory services; and professional development. Activities that will not be funded include: technological equipment (e.g., computers/laptops, LCDs), capital needs (including bookshelves or other furniture), and conferences not specific to the School Counselor Corps Grant Program. Examples of the types of expenses that may be included in each object category are listed below for guidance only.

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(200) Employee Benefits - Amounts paid on behalf of employees; generally those amounts are not included in the gross salary, but are in addition to that amount. Such payments are fringe benefit payments and, while not paid directly to employees, never-the-less are part of the cost of personal services. Workers' compensation premiums should not be charged here, but rather to object (0500 other purchased services).



(300) Purchased Professional and Technical Services – Services which by their nature can be performed only by persons or firms with specialized skills and knowledge. While a product may or may not result from the transaction, the primary reason for the purchase is the service provided. Included are the services of auditors, consultants, teachers, etc.

**(500)** Other Purchased Services – Amounts paid for services rendered by organizations or personnel not on the payroll of the district (separate from Professional and Technical Services or Property Services). While a product may or may not result from the transaction, the primary reason for the purchase is the service provided.

(600) Supplies – Amounts paid for items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use; or items that lose their identity through fabrication or incorporation into different or more complex units or substances. Items that do not contribute to a district's fixed assets, as evaluated by the district's fixed assets policy, may be coded as supply items, or may be coded as Non-Capital Equipment. Items that contribute to a district's fixed assets must be coded as equipment. All computers must be entered as equipment. Include all supplies, food, books and periodicals, and electronic media materials here.

(800) Other Expenses – Amounts paid for good and services not otherwise classified above. Some expenditures may cross object category lines. For example, professional development and evaluation may include salaries, purchased services (printing) and supplies/materials. The budget narrative should identify these elements so that a total cost of the activity can be determined.

### ASSURANCES AND DISCLAIMERS

Schools districts that accept funding through the **School Counselor Corps Grant Program** agree to the following assurances:

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- 2. An assurance that the applicant will not discriminate against anyone regarding race, gender, national origin, color, disability, or age.
- 3. An assurance that funds will be used to supplement and not supplant any moneys currently being used to provide secondary school counseling activities.
- 4. An assurance that funded projects will maintain appropriate fiscal and program records and that fiscal audits of this program will be conducted by the grantees as a part of their regular audits.
- 5. An assurance that if any findings of misuse of these funds are discovered, project funds will be returned to CDE.
- 6. An assurance that the grantee will maintain sole responsibility for the project even though subcontractors may be used to perform certain services.

Funded sites will be expected to cooperate with CDE in the development and submission of certain reports to meet statutory requirements. *All grantees must work with and provide requested data to CDE for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program within the time frames specified.* 



In addition, funded projects will be required to maintain appropriate fiscal and program records. Fiscal audits of funds under this program are to be conducted by the recipient agencies annually as a part of their regular audit. Auditors should be aware of the Federal audit requirements contained in the Single Audit Act of 1984.

IF ANY FINDINGS OF MISUSE OF FUNDS ARE DISCOVERED, PROJECT FUNDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. The Colorado Department of Education may terminate a grant award upon thirty (30) days notice if it is deemed by CDE that the applicant is not fulfilling the requirements of the funded program as specified in the approved project application, or if the program is generating less than satisfactory results.

The applicant may subcontract for work to be performed, but shall retain sole responsibility for the project and shall be the only direct recipient of funds.

Project modifications and changes in the approved budget must be requested in writing and be approved in writing by the Colorado Department of Education <u>before</u> modifications are made to the expenditures. Please contact Marti Rodriguez (rodriguez\_m@cde.state.co.us / 303-866-6769) of CDE's Grants Fiscal Management for any modifications.



# School Counselor Corps 2008-2009

<b>PART I: COVER PAGE</b> (Complete and attach as the first page of proposal)							
Name of Education Provi	ider:						
Contact Person for the P	roposal:						
Mailing Address:							
Telephone:			Fax:				
Email:							
Authorized Representati	ve:						
Mailing Address:							
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School District 🛛 Bo	oard of Co	operative Education	nal Services (BC	CES)	Charter School		
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Year 1: \$		Year 2: \$		Year 3:	\$		



# Part I a: Recipient District/School Information and Signature Page (Complete and attach after cover page. If necessary, additional copies of this page may be attached.)

Education Provider Signatures						
District Name:						
School Board Preside	ent Signature:					
Superintendent Signa	ature:					
BOCES Executive Director Signature (If Applicable):						

Intended Recipient Secondary School Information and Signature (Copy and complete this page for each intended recipient secondary school)						
School Na	me:					
Principal N	Name:					
Principal S	Signature:					
School Ad	dress:					
Phone:			Email:			
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two years	after gradua	ating from h	high schoo	ol:		

### \*This data can be verified at:

www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/SchoolCounselor/Downloads/08School\_Counselor\_Data.xls



# **Part I b: Executive Summary and Table of Contents** *Attach directly after Signature Page(s)*

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# School Counselor Corps Grant Review Rubric

### Part I: Proposal Form

Part II: Narrative

Section A: Quality of Plan	/25
Section B: Partnerships	/25
Section C: Postsecondary	/25
Section D: Adequacy of Resources, Budget, and Budget Narrative	/25
Total:	/100

**PRIORITY:** Please indicate whether this application met the priority criteria (p. 4 of School Counselor Corps RFP) by 1) Identifying secondary schools that provider will serve at which both the dropout rate and percentage of students who are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch exceeds the statewide average; (2) Providing sufficient documentation/evidence demonstrating provider will serve students most in need of postsecondary preparatory services or 3) did not meet priority criteria. *This application:* 

**Met Priority Criteria** 

Met Priority w/ Evidence \_\_\_\_

**Did Not Meet Priority** 

**GENERAL COMMENTS:** Please indicate support for scoring by including overall strengths and weaknesses. These comments are used on feedback forms to applicants. **Strengths:** 

1			
2			
Weaknesses:			
Required Changes: 1.			
2.			
3			
Recommendation:	Funded	Not Funded	
Signature of Reviewer		Date_	
School Counselor Corps Grant Pro	gram RFP	Required (To Obtain Benefit) FORM # CGA-110 EDAC APPROVED	15

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25 pts.

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Evaluation Rubric for Section A: Quality of Plan 25 pts.					
0 - 8 pts	9- 17 pts	18 -25 pts			
The proposal:	The proposal:	The proposal:			
• Fails to describe or vaguely describes of whether the education provider has adopted, or has demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for school counselor responsibilities that meet or exceed those recommended by the American School Counselor Association.	• Indicates the education provider has adopted, or has demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for school counselor responsibilities that meet or exceed those recommended by the American School Counselor Association.	<ul> <li>Includes a clear description of whether the education provider has adopted, or has demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for school counselor responsibilities that meet or exceed those recommended by the American School Counselor Association.</li> </ul>			
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• Fails to provide goals or goals are not stated in SMART terminology and are either not measurable or not attainable.	<ul> <li>Provides goals in SMART terminology but does not identify goals/objectives consistent with the desired outcomes.</li> </ul>	Clearly identifies goals/objectives consistent with the desired outcomes of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program, including improving graduation rates and preventing drop outs, written in SMART terminology.     Otal for Section A:/25			

### Comments:



# Evaluation Rubric Section B: Partnerships

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Evaluation Rubric for Section B: Partnerships 25 pts.		
0 - 8 pts	9- 17 pts	18 -25 pts
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# Total for Section B: \_\_\_/25



### Comments:

### Evaluation Rubric Section C: Postsecondary Preparation

25 pts.

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0 - 8 pts	9- 17 pts	18 -25 pts
The proposal:	The proposal:	The proposal:
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• Fails to describe or vaguely describes the education provider's plan for involving leaders at the recipient secondary schools and in the surrounding community and the faculty at recipient secondary schools in increasing the capacity and effectiveness of the school counseling and postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary school students enrolled in or receiving educational services from the education provide.	• Describes the education provider's plan for involving leaders at the recipient secondary schools and in the surrounding community and the faculty at recipient secondary schools in increasing the capacity and effectiveness of the school counseling and postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary school students enrolled in or receiving educational services from the education provide.	<ul> <li>Includes a specific and well- conceived description of the education provider's plan for involving leaders at the recipient secondary schools and in the surrounding community and the faculty at recipient secondary schools in increasing the capacity and effectiveness of the school counseling and postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary school students enrolled in or receiving educational services from the education provide.</li> </ul>
• Fails to describe or vaguely describes the extent to which the education provider has implemented or plans to implement Individual Career and Academic Plans for students.	• Describes the extent to which the education provider has implemented or plans to implement Individual Career and Academic Plans for students.	<ul> <li>Includes a clear and thorough description of the extent to which the education provider has implemented or plans to implement Individual Career and Academic Plans for students.</li> </ul>
• Fails to describe or vaguely describes the education provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the education provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to identify challenging issues in the district or school in terms of student learning and success and barriers to learning.	• Describes the education provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the education provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to identify challenging issues in the district or school in terms of student learning and success and barriers to learning.	<ul> <li>Includes a detailed description of the education provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the education provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to identify challenging issues in the district or school in terms of student learning and success and barriers to learning.</li> </ul>
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identify programs, strategies, or services delivered by the education provider to secondary students that have helped to increase graduation rates and the level of postsecondary success among graduates.	services delivered by the education provider to secondary students that have helped to increase graduation rates and the level of postsecondary success among graduates.	comprehensive programs, strategies, or services delivered by the education provider to secondary students that have helped to increase graduation rates and the level of postsecondary success among graduates.
• Fails to describe or vaguely describes the education provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the education provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to Identify the strategies that will be used by the education provider to address the challenges identified in this self assessment and strengthen, expand or improve existing programs to improve graduation rates, post-secondary enrollment and success rates.	• Describes the education provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the education provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to Identify the strategies that will be used by the education provider to address the challenges identified in this self assessment and strengthen, expand or improve existing programs to improve graduation rates, post-secondary enrollment and success rates.	<ul> <li>Includes a detailed description of the education provider's use of district-level, or school-level if the education provider is a charter school, needs assessments that use data to identify the strategies that will be used and evidence of why they were chosen by the education provider to address the challenges identified in this self assessment and strengthen, expand or improve existing programs to improve graduation rates, post-secondary enrollment and success rates.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Fails to describe or vaguely describes the attendance, grade- retention and promotion, and grading policies implemented by the education provider, including an analysis of how the schools' and districts' current policies and practices in these areas contribute to success or act as obstacles to students graduating from high school, as well as a description of a plan for how these policies and practices will be improved or modified to increase the graduation rate, as well as college-going, and college- success rates of high school students.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describes the attendance, grade- retention and promotion, and grading policies implemented by the education provider, including an analysis of how the schools' and districts' current policies and practices in these areas contribute to success or act as obstacles to students graduating from high school, as well as a description of a plan for how these policies and practices will be improved or modified to increase the graduation rate, as well as college-going, and college- success rates of high school students.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes a clear and thorough description of the attendance, grade-retention and promotion, and grading policies implemented by the education provider, including data and an analysis of how the schools' and districts' current policies and practices in these areas contribute to success or act as obstacles to students graduating from high school, as well as a description of a plan for how these policies and practices will be improved or modified to increase the graduation rate, as well as college-going, and college- success rates of high school students.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Fails to describe or vaguely describes the current and proposed student access to and participation on accelerated coursework such as AP, IB, PSEO, FastTracks, Fast College/Fast Jobs as well as current and proposed remedial courses for students at risk of remediation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describes current and proposed student access to and participation on accelerated coursework such as AP, IB, PSEO, FastTracks, Fast College/Fast Jobs as well as current and proposed remedial courses for students at risk of remediation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes a clearly detailed description of current and proposed student access to and participation on accelerated coursework (such as AP, IB, PSEO, FastTracks, Fast College/Fast Jobs) as well as current and proposed remedial courses for students at risk of remediation.</li> <li>Otal for Section C:/25</li> </ul>



# Evaluation Rubric Section D: Adequacy of Resources and Budget 25 pts.

#### Selection Criteria:

- (1) All expenditures contained in the budget are described in the budget narrative and connected to project goals and activities. The costs of the proposed project (as presented in the budget and budget narrative) are reasonable and the budget sufficient in relation to the objectives, design, and scope of project activities.
- (2) The funds awarded under the program will be used to supplement the level of funds available for authorized programs and activities, and will not supplant federal, state, local, or non-federal funds.
- (3) The proposal sets out a clear and well-conceived plan for how the proposed project will be continued once the grant dollars have expired. A clear plan for the 10% reduction of funding in years 2 and 3 of the grant is included.
- (4) The budget and the budget narrative adequately detail the proposed use of funds.

Evaluation Rubric for Section D: Adequacy of Resources25 pts.		
0 - 8 pts	9- 17 pts	18 -25 pts
<ul> <li>The proposal (including the budget form and narrative):</li> <li>Provides little or no justification that costs of the proposed project are reasonable and that the budget is sufficient in relation to the objectives, design and scope of project activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The proposal (including the budget form and narrative):</li> <li>Includes justification that costs of the proposed project are reasonable and that the budget is sufficient in relation to the objectives, design and scope of project activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The proposal (including the budget form and narrative):</li> <li>Provides strong justification that costs of the proposed project are reasonable and clearly shows that the budget is sufficient in relation to the objectives, design and scope of project activities.</li> </ul>
• Fails to establish a relationship between the activities described in the application and the proposed allocation of grant funds.	<ul> <li>Establishes some relationship between the activities described in the application and the proposed allocation of grant funds.</li> </ul>	• Sets out a clear relationship between the activities described in the application and the proposed allocation of grant funds.
• Provides no assurance that the funds awarded under the program will be used to supplement and not supplant the level of funds available for authorized programs and activities, and will not supplant federal, state, local, or non-federal funds.	• Provides assurance that the funds awarded under the program will be used to supplement and not supplant the level of funds available for authorized programs and activities, and will not supplant federal, state, local, or non-federal funds.	• Describes how the funds awarded under the program will be used to supplement and not supplant the level of funds available for authorized programs and activities, and will not supplant federal, state, local, or non- federal funds.
<ul> <li>Provides vague notes explaining items listed in the budget narrative.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides notes explaining items listed in the budget narrative.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides detailed and specific notes explaining how each item listed in the budget narrative was determined.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Fails to describe or vaguely describes plan for sustainability after grant funds have expired. Proposed budget does not include plan for the 10% reduction in years 2 and 3 of the grant.</li> </ul>	• Describes how the proposed project will be continued once the grant dollars have expired but is unclear that the services will be at the same level provided during the first year of the grant.	• Sets out a clear and well-conceived plan for how the proposed project will be continued once the grant dollars have expired. For example, how will capacity be built to continue quality postsecondary counseling services to secondary students once the grant has expired? A clear plan for the 10% reduction of funding in years 2 and 3 of the grant is included.

### Comments:



# Attachment B: Schools Exceeding the State Dropout Rate

#### ACADEMY 20

ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS

ADAMS COUNTY 14 ADAMS COUNTY 14 ADAMS COUNTY 14

ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J

ALAMOSA RE-11J ALAMOSA RE-11J

ARCHULETA COUNTY 50 JT

BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 BOULDER VALLEY RE 2

BRANSON REORGANIZED 82

**BRIGHTON 27J** 

**BUENA VISTA R-31** 

**BURLINGTON RE-6J** 

CANON CITY RE-1 CANON CITY RE-1 ASPEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS COLORADO VIRTUAL ACADEMY (COVA) CROSSROAD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL MOUNTAIN RANGE HIGH SCHOOL NIVER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL NORTHGLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL VANTAGE POINT

ADAMS CITY HIGH SCHOOL LESTER R ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL NEW AMERICA SCHOOL

AURORA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL HINKLEY HIGH SCHOOL LOTUS SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE NEW AMERICA SCHOOL RANGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL WILLIAM SMITH HIGH SCHOOL

ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL ALAMOSA OPEN SCHOOL

ARCHULETA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

ARAPAHOE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOULDER PREP CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL JUSTICE HIGH CHARTER SCHOOL

BRANSON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

BRIGHTON HERITAGE ACADEMY

CHAFFEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

**BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** 

CANON CITY HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL



**CENTENNIAL BOCES** 

CENTER 26 JT

CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE

CHERRY CREEK 5 CHERRY CREEK 5

COLORADO SPRINGS 11 COLORADO SPRINGS 11 COLORADO SPRINGS 11 COLORADO SPRINGS 11 COLORADO SPRINGS 11

**CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR RE-1** 

DE BEQUE 49JT

DELTA COUNTY 50(J) DELTA COUNTY 50(J)

**DENVER COUNTY 1 DENVER COUNTY 1**  WELD OPPORTUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

THE ACADEMIC RECOVERY CENTER OF SAN LUIS VALLEY

COLORADO DISTANCE & ELECTRONIC LEARNING ACADEMY

OVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL

BIJOU ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF COLORADO SPRINGS NIKOLA TESLA EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY CENTER PALMER HIGH SCHOOL WASSON HIGH SCHOOL

CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

DE BEQUE UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL

DELTA COUNTY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL LAMBORN VISION SCHOOL

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING ACE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE CHARTER SCHOOL **BRUCE RANDOLPH SCHOOL** CHALLENGES, CHOICES & IMAGES CHARTER SCHOOL COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS ACADEMY CONTEMPORARY LEARNING ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL D P S NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL DENVER ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL EAST HIGH SCHOOL EMERSON STREET SCHOOL EMILY GRIFFITH OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL ESCUELA TLATELOLCO SCHOOL FAIRMONT K-8 SCHOOL FLORENCE CRITTENTON HIGH SCHOOL FRED N THOMAS CAREER EDUCATION CENTER GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL **GRANT RANCH K-8 SCHOOL** HIGHLINE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL KUNSMILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF DENVER MERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTBELLO HIGH SCHOOL



**DENVER COUNTY 1 DENVER COUNTY 1 DOUGLAS COUNTY RE 1** DOUGLAS COUNTY RE 1 **DOUGLAS COUNTY RE 1** DURANGO 9-R EAGLE COUNTY RE 50 EAGLE COUNTY RE 50 EAGLE COUNTY RE 50 EAST GRAND 2 EAST OTERO R-1 EDISON 54 JT ELIZABETH C-1 **ENGLEWOOD 1 ENGLEWOOD 1** FALCON 49 FORT MORGAN RE-3 FORT MORGAN RE-3 FOUNTAIN 8 GENOA-HUGO C113 **GREELEY 6 GREELEY 6** 

NOEL MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH HIGH SCHOOL NORTHEAST ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL **ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL** P.S.1 CHARTER SCHOOL PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL PREP ASSESSMENT CENTER **RIDGE VIEW ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL RISHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL** SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL SKYLAND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL WEST HIGH SCHOOL WESTERLY CREEK/ROBERTS K-8 SCHOOL WHITTIER K-8 SCHOOL WYATT-EDISON CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DANIEL C OAKES HIGH SCHOOL--CASTLE ROCK EAGLE ACADEMY PLUM CREEK ACADEMY

#### DURANGO SECOND CHANCE

BATTLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL BERRY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL RED CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

INDIAN PEAKS CHARTER SCHOOL

TIGER LEARNING CENTER

EDISON ACADEMY

FRONTIER HIGH SCHOOL

COLORADO'S FINEST ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORT MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

LORRAINE SECONDARY SCHOOL

GENOA-HUGO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL OF GREELEY TRADEMARK LEARNING CENTER



GUNNISON WATERSHED RE1J GUNNISON WATERSHED RE1J	GUNNISON VALLEY SCHOOL MARBLE CHARTER SCHOOL
HARRISON 2 HARRISON 2	NEW HORIZONS DAY SCHOOL SHIVERS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
HUERFANO RE-1	HUERFANO COUNTY OPPORTUNITY AND ENRICHMENT SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1 JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1	ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL ARVADA HIGH SCHOOL BRADY EXPLORATION SCHOOL GOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL HOME OPTIONS SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SECONDARY JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL MC LAIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MC LAIN HIGH SCHOOL MONTESSORI PEAKS CHARTER ACADEMY NEW AMERICA SCHOOL WARREN OCCUPATION TECHNICAL CENTER
JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN RE-5J	ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
KARVAL RE-23	KARVAL ONLINE EDUCATION
KARVAL RE-23 LAKE COUNTY R-1	KARVAL ONLINE EDUCATION
LAKE COUNTY R-1	LAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
LAKE COUNTY R-1 LAMAR RE-2	LAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
LAKE COUNTY R-1 LAMAR RE-2 LAS ANIMAS RE-1	LAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL LAS ANIMAS A+ DISTANCE LEARNING SCHOOL



MOFFAT COUNTY RE:NO 1

MONTE VISTA C-8 MONTE VISTA C-8

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1 MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1

MONTROSE COUNTY RE-1J MONTROSE COUNTY RE-1J MONTROSE COUNTY RE-1J

MOUNTAIN BOCES MOUNTAIN BOCES MOUNTAIN BOCES

NORTH CONEJOS RE-1J

NORTHWEST COLO BOCES

PLATEAU VALLEY 50 PLATEAU VALLEY 50

POUDRE R-1 POUDRE R-1 POUDRE R-1 POUDRE R-1 POUDRE R-1

PUEBLO CITY 60 PUEBLO CITY 60 PUEBLO CITY 60

PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70 PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70 PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70

**RANGELY RE-4** 

ROARING FORK RE-1

ROCKY FORD R-2

SHERIDAN 2

SILVERTON 1

ST VRAIN VALLEY RE 1J ST VRAIN VALLEY RE 1J MOFFAT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

BYRON SYRING DELTA CENTER MONTE VISTA ON-LINE ACADEMY

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL SOUTHWEST OPEN CHARTER SCHOOL

OLATHE HIGH SCHOOL PASSAGE CHARTER SCHOOL VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

MOUNTAIN BOCES DAY TREATMENT CENTER SUMMIT COUNTY DOR PROGRAM YAMPAH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

LA JARA SECOND CHANCE SCHOOL

YAMPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

GRAND MESA HIGH SCHOOL PLATEAU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL NEW VISTA ACADEMY PEAK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM PIONEER CHARTER SCHOOL POUDRE TRANSITION CENTER

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL KEATING CONTINUING EDUCATION YOUTH & FAMILY ACADEMY CHARTER

FUTURES ACADEMY PUEBLO WEST HIGH SCHOOL RYE HIGH SCHOOL

RANGELY HIGH SCHOOL

ROARING FORK HIGH SCHOOL

ROCKY FORD HIGH SCHOOL

SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL

SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION/LINCOLN CENTER FREDERICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



ST VRAIN VALLEY RE 1J ST VRAIN VALLEY RE 1J	OLDE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL UTE CREEK SECONDARY CHARTER ACADEMY
STRASBURG 31J	PRAIRIE CREEKS CHARTER SCHOOL
SUMMIT RE-1	SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL
THOMPSON R-2J	HAROLD FERGUSON HIGH SCHOOL
VILAS RE-5 VILAS RE-5 VILAS RE-5	COLORADO ONLINE ACADEMY (COLA) HOPE ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY CO-OP V.I.L.A.S. ONLINE SCHOOL
WELD COUNTY RE-1	VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
WELD COUNTY S/D RE-8	FORT LUPTON HIGH SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50 WESTMINSTER 50	HIDDEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	DISCOVERY HIGH SCHOOL



# Attachment C

# Schools Exceeding the State Free and Reduced Lunch Average

ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS

ADAMS COUNTY 14 ADAMS COUNTY 14 ADAMS COUNTY 14 ADAMS COUNTY 14 ADAMS COUNTY 14

ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28J

AGATE 300

AGUILAR REORGANIZED 6 AGUILAR REORGANIZED 6

#### AKRON R-1

ALAMOSA RE-11J ALAMOSA RE-11J ALAMOSA RE-11J

ARCHULETA COUNTY 50 JT ARCHULETA COUNTY 50 JT ARCHULETA COUNTY 50 JT

ARICKAREE R-2

ARRIBA-FLAGLER C-20

CROSSROAD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL NEW AMERICA SCHOOL NIVER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTHGLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL VANTAGE POINT

ADAMS CITY HIGH SCHOOL ADAMS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY KEARNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL LESTER R ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL

AURORA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AURORA HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL HINKLEY HIGH SCHOOL MRACHEK MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL WILLIAM SMITH HIGH SCHOOL

AGATE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

AGUILAR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AGUILAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AKRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL ALAMOSA OPEN SCHOOL ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL

ARCHULETA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PAGOSA SPRINGS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PAGOSA SPRINGS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ARICKAREE UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL

FLAGLER MIDDLE SCHOOL



**BETHUNE R-5 BETHUNE R-5 BIG SANDY 100J BIG SANDY 100J BOULDER VALLEY RE 2** BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 **BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 BRANSON REORGANIZED 82 BRANSON REORGANIZED 82 BRIGGSDALE RE-10 BRIGHTON 27J BRIGHTON 27J** BRUSH RE-2(J) BRUSH RE-2(J) **BURLINGTON RE-6J BURLINGTON RE-6J** CAMPO RE-6 CAMPO RE-6 CANON CITY RE-1 CENTENNIAL R-1 **CENTENNIAL R-1 CENTENNIAL R-1** CENTER 26 JT CENTER 26 JT CENTER 26 JT CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE

AULT-HIGHLAND RE-9

AULT-HIGHLAND RE-9

HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

BETHUNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETHUNE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SIMLA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SIMLA HIGH SCHOOL

ANGEVINE MIDDLE SCHOOL ARAPAHOE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOULDER PREP CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL CASEY MIDDLE SCHOOL HALCYON SCHOOL (SPECIAL EDUCATION)

BRANSON UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL BRANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BRIGGSDALE UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL

OVERLAND TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL VIKAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

BRUSH MIDDLE SCHOOL BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL

BURLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CAMPO UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL CAMPO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CANON CITY HIGH SCHOOL CANON CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL GARDEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL HARRISON SCHOOL MADISON EXPLORATORY SCHOOL

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL CENTENNIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CENTER HIGH SCHOOL SKOGLUND MIDDLE SCHOOL THE ACADEMIC RECOVERY CENTER OF SAN LUIS VALLEY

21ST CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOL CESAR CHAVEZ COLORADO SPRINGS - CENTRAL THE PINNACLE CHARTER SCHOOL (MIDDLE)



CHERAW 31 CHERAW MIDDLE SCHOOL CHERAW 31 CHERAW HIGH SCHOOL HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHERRY CREEK 5 **OVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL** CHERRY CREEK 5 CHERRY CREEK 5 PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEYENNE WELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEYENNE COUNTY RE-5 COLORADO SPRINGS 11 **BIJOU ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM** COLORADO SPRINGS 11 COMMUNITY PREP CHARTER SCHOOL **COLORADO SPRINGS 11** EMERSON-EDISON JUNIOR CHARTER ACADEMY **COLORADO SPRINGS 11** GLOBE CHARTER SCHOOL **COLORADO SPRINGS 11 IRVING MIDDLE SCHOOL COLORADO SPRINGS 11** LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF COLORADO SPRINGS **COLORADO SPRINGS 11** MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL COLORADO SPRINGS 11 MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL **COLORADO SPRINGS 11** NIKOLA TESLA EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY CENTER **COLORADO SPRINGS 11** NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL COLORADO SPRINGS 11 RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL COLORADO SPRINGS 11 SABIN MIDDLE SCHOOL COLORADO SPRINGS 11 SPACE TECHNOLOGY AND ARTS ACADEMY (STAR ACADEMY) COLORADO SPRINGS 11 WASSON HIGH SCHOOL COLORADO SPRINGS 11 WEST INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER COTOPAXI JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COTOPAXI RE-3 **CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR RE-1** CRESSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR RE-1** CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL **CROWLEY COUNTY RE-1-J CROWLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL** CROWLEY COUNTY RE-1-J CROWLEY COUNTY WARD MIDDLE SCHOOL DE BEQUE 49JT DE BEQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **DEL NORTE C-7 DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL DEL NORTE C-7 DEL NORTE MIDDLE SCHOOL** CEDAREDGE HIGH SCHOOL DELTA COUNTY 50(J) DELTA COUNTY 50(J) CEDAREDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAWFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DELTA COUNTY 50(J) DELTA COUNTY 50(J) DELTA COUNTY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL **DELTA HIGH SCHOOL** DELTA COUNTY 50(J) DELTA COUNTY 50(J) DELTA MIDDLE SCHOOL **DENVER COUNTY 1** ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL DENVER COUNTY 1 ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING **DENVER COUNTY 1** ACE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE CHARTER SCHOOL **BRUCE RANDOLPH SCHOOL DENVER COUNTY 1 DENVER COUNTY 1 CENTENNIAL K-8 SCHOOL** 



**DENVER COUNTY 1 DENVER COUNTY 1**  CHALLENGES, CHOICES & IMAGES CHARTER SCHOOL COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS ACADEMY CONTEMPORARY LEARNING ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL DENISON MONTESSORI SCHOOL DENVER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES EMERSON STREET SCHOOL ESCUELA TLATELOLCO SCHOOL FLORENCE CRITTENTON HIGH SCHOOL FRED N THOMAS CAREER EDUCATION CENTER GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL **GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANT RANCH K-8 SCHOOL** HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL HENRY MIDDLE SCHOOL HILL CAMPUS OF ARTS AND SCIENCES HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL HOWELL K-8 SCHOOL JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL KAISER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **KEPNER MIDDLE SCHOOL** KIPP SUNSHINE PEAK ACADEMY KUNSMILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF DENVER MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING MIDDLE COLLEGE MERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTBELLO HIGH SCHOOL MOORE K-8 SCHOOL MOREY MIDDLE SCHOOL NOEL MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH HIGH SCHOOL NORTHEAST ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OMAR D BLAIR CHARTER SCHOOL P.S.1 CHARTER SCHOOL PARK HILL K-8 SCHOOL **PITT-WALLER K-8 SCHOOL** PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL PREP ASSESSMENT CENTER **RIDGE VIEW ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL RISHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL** SABIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL SKYLAND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL SMILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SOUTHWEST EARLY COLLEGE CHARTER SCHOOL THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL WEST DENVER PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL



**DENVER COUNTY 1** WEST HIGH SCHOOL WHITTIER K-8 SCHOOL DENVER COUNTY 1 **DENVER COUNTY 1** WYATT-EDISON CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **DOLORES RE-4A** DOLORES MIDDLE SCHOOL EADS RE-1 EADS MIDDLE SCHOOL EAGLE COUNTY RE 50 BERRY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL EAGLE COUNTY RE 50 NEW AMERICA CHARTER SCHOOL EAST OTERO R-1 LA JUNTA MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST OTERO R-1 LA JUNTA HIGH SCHOOL EAST OTERO R-1 TIGER LEARNING CENTER EDISON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL EDISON 54 JT ELLICOTT 22 ELLICOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL **ELLICOTT 22** ELLICOTT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENGLEWOOD 1 ENGLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL **FLORENCE RE-2** FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL **FLORENCE RE-2** FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL FORT MORGAN RE-3 BAKER CENTRAL SCHOOL FORT MORGAN RE-3 FORT MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL FORT MORGAN RE-3 FORT MORGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL FORT MORGAN RE-3 LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL **FOUNTAIN 8** CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOUNTAIN 8 LORRAINE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOWLER R-4J FOWLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOWLER R-4J FOWLER HIGH SCHOOL FOWLER R-4J FOWLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **FRENCHMAN RE-3** FLEMING HIGH SCHOOL GARFIELD 16 **GRAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** GARFIELD 16 L W ST JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL **RIFLE MIDDLE SCHOOL** GARFIELD RE-2 **GARFIELD RE-2 RIVERSIDE SCHOOL GENOA-HUGO C113 GENOA-HUGO MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANADA RE-1 GRANADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANADA RE-1 GRANADA UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL** 

GREELEY 6	BRENTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL OF GREELEY
GREELEY 6	FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	GREELEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	GREELEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	HEATH MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	JOHN EVANS MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
GREELEY 6	TRADEMARK LEARNING CENTER
HANOVER 28	HANOVER JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	FOX MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	MOUNTAIN VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	NEW HORIZONS DAY SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	PANORAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL
HARRISON 2	SOARING EAGLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HAXTUN RE-2J	HAXTUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HI-PLAINS R-23	HI PLAINS UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL
HOEHNE REORGANIZED 3	HOEHNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOEHNE REORGANIZED 3	HOEHNE HIGH SCHOOL
HOEHNE REORGANIZED 3	HOEHNE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
HOLLY RE-3	HOLLY JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
HOLLY RE-3	SHANNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOLYOKE RE-1J	HOLYOKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HUERFANO RE-1 HUERFANO RE-1 HUERFANO RE-1 HUERFANO RE-1	GARDNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HUERFANO COUNTY OPPORTUNITY AND ENRICHMENT SCHOOL JOHN MALL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WASHINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
IDALIA RJ-3	IDALIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
IDALIA RJ-3	IDALIA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
IGNACIO 11 JT	IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL
IGNACIO 11 JT	IGNACIO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
IGNACIO 11 JT	IGNACIO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1	ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1	ALLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1	ARVADA HIGH SCHOOL



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**ARVADA MIDDLE SCHOOL** BELMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BRADY EXPLORATION SCHOOL CREIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL DEANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDGEWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EIBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVERITT MIDDLE SCHOOL FITZMORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOTHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GLENNON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL KULLERSTRAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LASLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUMBERG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARTENSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOLHOLM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOUNTAIN PHOENIX COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEW AMERICA SCHOOL NORTH ARVADA MIDDLE SCHOOL O'CONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PENNINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLEASANT VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SLATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOBESKY ACADEMY STEIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STEVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SWANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THOMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VIVIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WESTGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHEAT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL WILMORE DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZERGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### JULESBURG RE-1

KARVAL RE-23

KEENESBURG RE-3(J) KEENESBURG RE-3(J) KEENESBURG RE-3(J) JULESBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KARVAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCHBUIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELD CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



KIM REORGANIZED 88	KIM UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL
KIT CARSON R-1	KIT CARSON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
LA VETA RE-2	LA VETA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LA VETA RE-2	LA VETA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
LAKE COUNTY R-1	LAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
LAKE COUNTY R-1	LAKE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
LAMAR RE-2	LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
LAMAR RE-2	LAMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL
LAS ANIMAS RE-1	LAS ANIMAS A+ DISTANCE LEARNING SCHOOL
LAS ANIMAS RE-1	LAS ANIMAS HIGH SCHOOL
LAS ANIMAS RE-1	LAS ANIMAS MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBERTY J-4	LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LIBERTY J-4	LIBERTY JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
LONE STAR 101	LONE STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MANCOS RE-6	MANCOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
MANZANOLA 3J	MANZANOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MANZANOLA 3J	MANZANOLA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MAPLETON 1	ACHIEVE ACADEMY
MAPLETON 1	CLAYTON PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
MAPLETON 1	FRONT RANGE EARLY COLLEGE
MAPLETON 1	GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
MAPLETON 1	MAPLETON EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
MAPLETON 1	MAPLETON PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
MAPLETON 1	MEADOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
MAPLETON 1	MONTEREY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
MAPLETON 1	SKYVIEW ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
MAPLETON 1	WELBY NEW TECHNOLOGY
MAPLETON 1	YORK INTERNATIONAL
MC CLAVE RE-2	MC CLAVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MC CLAVE RE-2	MC CLAVE UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL
MESA COUNTY VALLEY 51 MESA COUNTY VALLEY 51	BOOKCLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL FRUITA MIDDLE SCHOOL GATEWAY SCHOOL GRAND MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL MOUNT GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHARD MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL



MESA COUNTY VALLEY 51

MIAMI/YODER 60 JT MIAMI/YODER 60 JT

MOFFAT 2 MOFFAT 2 MOFFAT 2

MONTE VISTA C-8 MONTE VISTA C-8 MONTE VISTA C-8

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1 MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1 MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1 MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1

MONTROSE COUNTY RE-1J MONTROSE COUNTY RE-1J

MOUNTAIN VALLEY RE 1 MOUNTAIN VALLEY RE 1

NORTH CONEJOS RE-1J NORTH CONEJOS RE-1J NORTH CONEJOS RE-1J

NORTH PARK R-1

OTIS R-3

OURAY R-1

PAWNEE RE-12

PLAINVIEW RE-2

PLATEAU RE-5

PLATTE VALLEY RE-3 PLATTE VALLEY RE-7 PLATTE VALLEY RE-3

POUDRE R-1

PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL

MIAMI-YODER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MIAMI-YODER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CRESTONE CHARTER SCHOOL MOFFAT MIDDLE SCHOOL MOFFAT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

BYRON SYRING DELTA CENTER MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTE VISTA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

BATTLE ROCK CHARTER SCHOOL CORTEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL MANAUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOUTHWEST OPEN CHARTER SCHOOL

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL COLUMBINE MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL OLATHE HIGH SCHOOL OLATHE MIDDLE SCHOOL PASSAGE CHARTER SCHOOL VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

MOUNTAIN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MOUNTAIN VALLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL LA JARA SECOND CHANCE SCHOOL

NORTH PARK JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

OTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OURAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAWNEE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

PLAINVIEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

PEETZ JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

PLATTE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLATTE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL REVERE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CACHE LA POUDRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



POUDRE R-1	EYESTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	HARRIS BILINGUAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	IRISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	MOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	MOUNTAIN VIEW JUNIOR HIGH
POUDRE R-1	O'DEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
POUDRE R-1	PEAK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
POUDRE R-1	POUDRE TRANSITION CENTER
PRIMERO REORGANIZED 2	PRIMERO JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PRITCHETT RE-3	PRITCHETT HIGH SCHOOL
PRITCHETT RE-3	PRITCHETT MIDDLE SCHOOL
PUEBLO CITY 60 PUEBLO CITY 60	CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CESAR CHAVEZ ACADEMY COMMUNITY TRANSITION HOUSE CORWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL DOLORES HUERTA PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL EAST HIGH SCHOOL FREED MIDDLE SCHOOL JAMES H RISLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL KEATING CONTINUING EDUCATION LEMUEL PITTS MIDDLE SCHOOL PUEBLO CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES RONCALLI MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL W H HEATON MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH & FAMILY ACADEMY CHARTER
PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70	PLEASANT VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70	PUEBLO WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL
PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70	VINELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
ROARING FORK RE-1	CARBONDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
ROCKY FORD R-2	JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
ROCKY FORD R-2	ROCKY FORD HIGH SCHOOL
SALIDA R-32	SALIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL
SANFORD 6J	SANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SANFORD 6J	SANFORD JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SANGRE DE CRISTO RE-22J	SANGRE DE CRISTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SANGRE DE CRISTO RE-22J	SANGRE DE CRISTO UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL



SARGENT RE-33J SARGENT RE-33J SARGENT RE-33J

SHERIDAN 2 SHERIDAN 2

SIERRA GRANDE R-30 SIERRA GRANDE R-30 SIERRA GRANDE R-30

SILVERTON 1 SILVERTON 1

SOUTH CONEJOS RE-10 SOUTH CONEJOS RE-10 SOUTH CONEJOS RE-10

SPRINGFIELD RE-4 SPRINGFIELD RE-4 SPRINGFIELD RE-4

ST VRAIN VALLEY RE 1J ST VRAIN VALLEY RE 1J

STRATTON R-4 STRATTON R-4

SWINK 33

THOMPSON R-2J THOMPSON R-2J THOMPSON R-2J

TRINIDAD 1 TRINIDAD 1

VALLEY RE-1 VALLEY RE-1 VALLEY RE-1

VILAS RE-5 VILAS RE-5

WALSH RE-1 WALSH RE-1 SARGENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SARGENT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SARGENT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL SHERIDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIERRA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIERRA GRANDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SIERRA GRANDE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL SILVERTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

ANTONITO HIGH SCHOOL ANTONITO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GUADALUPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL LONGS PEAK MIDDLE SCHOOL OLDE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL TRAIL RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

STRATTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STRATTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SWINK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BILL REED MIDDLE SCHOOL CONRAD BALL MIDDLE SCHOOL HAROLD FERGUSON HIGH SCHOOL

TRINIDAD MIDDLE SCHOOL TRINIDAD HIGH SCHOOL

CALICHE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SMITH HIGH SCHOOL STERLING MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOPE ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY CO-OP VILAS UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL

WALSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALSH HIGH SCHOOL



WELD COUNTY RE-1	SOUTH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
WELD COUNTY RE-1	NORTH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
WELD COUNTY S/D RE-8	FORT LUPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
WELD COUNTY S/D RE-8	FORT LUPTON HIGH SCHOOL
WELDON VALLEY RE-20(J)	WELDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
WEST END RE-2	NUCLA JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
WEST END RE-2	PARADOX VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50	CLEAR LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50	HIDDEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50	IVER C. RANUM HIGH SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50	M. SCOTT CARPENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50	SHAW HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
WESTMINSTER 50	WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	JANITELL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	PINELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	SPROUL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	TALBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	VENETUCCI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIDEFIELD 3	WIDEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WIGGINS RE-50(J)	WIGGINS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
WILEY RE-13 JT	WILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WILEY RE-13 JT	WILEY JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
WOODLIN R-104	WOODLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WOODLIN R-104	WOODLIN UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL
WRAY RD-2	BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
WRAY RD-2	WRAY HIGH SCHOOL
YUMA 1	YUMA HIGH SCHOOL
YUMA 1	YUMA MIDDLE SCHOOL



Attachment D

# School Counselor Corps Funded Schools 2010-2011

Region	District (s)	School(s)
Metro	Adams 14 School District	ADAMS CITY HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Adams 14 School District	ADAMS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Adams 14 School District	KEARNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Adams Arapahoe 28J	AURORA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Adams Arapahoe 28J	GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Adams Arapahoe 28J	HINKLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Adams Arapahoe 28J	RANGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Adams Arapahoe 28J	WILLIAM SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Boulder Valley School District	ANGEVINE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Boulder Valley School District	ARAPAHOE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Brighton School District	BRIGHTON HERITAGE ACADEMY
Metro	Brighton School District	OVERLAND TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Brighton School District	VIKAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Charter School Institute	PINNACLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Charter School Institute	EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AT ARVADA
Metro	Cherry Creek School District	HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Cherry Creek School District	OVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	<b>Cherry Creek School District</b>	PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	<b>Cherry Creek School District</b>	SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	CONTEMPORARY LEARNING ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	GRANT RANCH K-8 SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	MARTIN LUTHER KING MIDDLE COLLEGE
Metro	Denver Public Schools	NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	WEST HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER
Metro	Denver Public Schools	P.S. 1 CHARTER SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	NORTHEAST ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Metro	Denver Public Schools	PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY
Metro	Englewood Schools	COLORADO'S FINEST ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Englewood Schools	ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Englewood Schools	ENGLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
Metro	Jefferson County Public Schools	ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Jefferson County Public Schools	ARVADA HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Jefferson County Public Schools	JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Metro	Mapleton Public Schools	ACHIEVE ACADEMY
Metro	Mapleton Public Schools	CLAYTON PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
Metro	Mapleton Public Schools	MEADOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Metro	Mapleton Public Schools	MONTEREY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Metro	Mapleton Public Schools	VALLEY VIEW K-8
Metro	Mapleton Public Schools	YORK INTERNATIONAL
North Central	Poudre School District	LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
North Central	Poudre School District	POLARIS EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING SCHOOL
North Central	Poudre School District	POUDRE TRANSITION CENTER
North Central	St. Vrain School District	SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL
North Central	Weld County School District 6	GREELEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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North Central North Central	Weld County School District 6 Weld County School District 6	GREELEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Northeast	Karval School District RE23	KARVAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
	Nul vul School District NL25	
Northwest	Lake County School District	LAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs District 11	BIJOU ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs District 11	LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF COLORADO SPRINGS
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs District 11	MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs District 11	NIKOLA TESLA EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY CENTER
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs District 11	PALMER HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Cripple Creek-Victor SD	CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH
Pikes Peak	Cripple Creek-Victor SD	SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Charter School Institute	COLORADO SPRINGS EARLY COLLEGE
Pikes Peak	Falcon School District 49	FALCON HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Falcon School District 49	FALCON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Falcon School District 49	HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Falcon School District 49	SAND CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Falcon School District 49	SKYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Falcon School District 49	VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Harrison School District # 2	CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pikes Peak Pikes Peak	Harrison School District # 2 Harrison School District # 2	FOX MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Harrison School District # 2	MOUNTAIN VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Harrison School District # 2	NEW HORIZONS DAY SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Harrison School District # 2	PANORAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pikes Peak	Harrison School District # 2	SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL
Southeast	Branson Reorganized 82	BRANSON SCHOOL ONLINE
Southeast	Branson Reorganized 82	BRANSON UNDIVIDED HIGH SCHOOL
Southeast	Charter School Institute	GOAL ACADEMY
Southeast	Pueblo City Schools	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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# School Counselor Corps Grant Program

Preparing Students for the World



# October 22, 2010 **Program of Events**



Agenda	
October 22, 2010	
Registration and Continental Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions Charles Dukes School Counselor Corps Coordinator Colorado Department of Education	8:30 a.m.
Dr. Paul Thayer P-20 Council Colorado State University	
<b>Keynote Speakers:</b> Antwan Wilson Assistant Superintendant Post-Secondary Readiness Denver Public Schools	8:40 a.m.
Katrina Caldon-Ruggles School Counselor Corps Counselor Center Consolidated School District	
Break	9:40 a.m.
Sharing the Success Senator Pat Steadman Colorado State Senator District 31	9:50 a.m.
Elise A. Keaton Associate Lobbyist Salazar & Associates	
Mark Stevens Director of Communications Colorado Department of Education	
Gully Stanford Director of Partnerships CollegeinColorado	
Roundtable Discussion (description on p.6)	12:35 p.m.
Group Debrief	2:30 p.m.
Wrap-Up	3:10 p.m.
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## **Speakers**

### School Counselor Corps Counselor Katrina Caldon-Ruggles

Katrina Caldon-Ruggles is a counselor through the Counselor Corps in grades 6-12 in the Center Consolidated School District in Center, CO in the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. The Center School District is the poorest district in the state with a 91% Free and Reduced Lunch rate and 88% of students of Hispanic decent. Of students in high school, 36.1% will be first-generation high school graduates and 81.4% first-generation college graduates. The school has historically suffered from high teen pregnancy and substance abuse rates. In an effort to decrease these rates as well as increase the rates of students attending post-secondary education, Katrina teaches a Choices class at the middle school level targeted at positive decision making and career development.

At the high school level, she teaches Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Seminar classes. Through the help of an advisory committee, the counseling, teaching, and administrative staff at Center Schools are working hard to create a culture with an expectation of post-secondary educational attendance.

### Assistant Superintendant Antwan Wilson

Antwan Wilson is Assistant Superintendent of Post-Secondary Readiness for Denver Public Schools. Prior to becoming Assistant Superintendant, Wilson served as principal at Denver's Montbello High School, an ethnically diverse school with a high rate of gang violence. On his arrival, Wilson was the school's third principal in less than a year. Instead of gang members without hope, he saw students in need of structure and stability. His plan involved changes in how teachers view their mission, how students think about their potential and the role of education, and how the community at large - including parents - viewed its school. In administering the changes, he became a fixture in the hallways of Montbello, checking hall passes and uniforms.

Four years later, Montbello's atmosphere has experienced a positive shift. Student enrollment in Advanced Placement courses has increased, as have math and reading scores, graduation and college acceptance rates, and attendance at parent-teacher conferences. Student suspensions have decreased.

Wilson has taught seventh grade in Raleigh, N.C., high school history and social sciences in Wichita, Kan., served as an instructional coordinator at Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Neb., later returning to Wichita as assistant principal at South High School for two years, then principal at Pleasant Valley Middle School.

He also serves on the Governor's P-20 Council reviewing educational reform and alignment in Colorado from pre-kindergarten through post-graduate studies, and is involved in a variety of other organizations focused on educational improvements throughout Colorado.

## **Session Presenters**

### Elise A. Keaton, Esq.

Elise A. Keaton, Esq. has experience in strategic communications and messaging through her work with local non-profit organizations. In that capacity she manages communication to members through website design, email and print materials. Elise also has significant experience with the Colorado legislature and legislative process through her work as a policy analyst and policy adviser in the areas of K-12 funding, expanding access to higher education, and consumer protections. Originally from West Virginia, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Legal Studies from Virginia Tech and she earned her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. Admitted to the Colorado bar in September 2008, Elise is currently licensed in the state of Colorado.

### **Gully Stanford**

Born and educated in Ireland, Gully Stanford entered the U.S. in 1974 and moved to Denver in 1981, becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1985. After 35 years in the regional theatre movement, he joined the Colorado Department of Higher Education in 2004 to work on GEAR UP and the College In Colorado initiative. As Director of Partnerships at College In Colorado, he is responsible for engaging stakeholders in efforts to address the Colorado paradox and achieve the Colorado Promise. Other educational experiences include a 6-year term on the State Board of Education and a year on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Gully staffed the Preparation & Transitions Committee of the P-20 Council and the Pipeline Committee of the Higher Education Strategic Plan. He and his wife Dorothy Denny (Executive Vice-President of the DCPA) have two children, both DPS graduates, one working for United Way in Boston, the other a Teach For America teacher in Phoenix.

### Senator Pat Steadman

Senator Pat Steadman represents Senate District 31 in Westminster and Denver. Senator Steadman has been a long-time resident of Denver's Capitol Hill neighborhood. He grew up in Westminster, Colorado, and graduated from Westminster High School, Regis College and the University Of Colorado School Of Law.

As a lobbyist, Senator Steadman worked extensively to support public education, advance civil rights and civil liberties, protect a woman's right to choose, expand worker's rights, and defeat censorship. Over the course of 15 years of lobbying his accomplishments were many and included several significant pieces of legislation protecting the GLBT community that were sponsored by his predecessor, Sen. Jennifer Veiga.

Senator Steadman has always been actively engaged in his community. He was appointed by Mayors Webb and Hickenlooper to the Denver Women's Commission, the Denver GLBT Commission, and was the first person to chair the Advisory Board for Denver's Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations. He has spoken at countless forums and debates, appeared on television and radio programs and campaigned for and against various ballot issues across the state. As a senator, Steadman continues to fight for progressive causes and give voice to those communities and issues that for too long have been marginalized and under-represented in the state legislature.

### **Mark Stevens**

Mark Stevens has been Director of Communications at the Colorado Department of Education for three years, following two years with the Greeley school district and 11 years with Denver Public Schools as director of communications. Prior to working in school public relations, Stevens spent 19 years in journalism including stints with the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, the NewsHour on PBS, and The Christian Science Monitor. He lives in Denver with his wife, who is a high school teacher, and two daughters.

# **School Counselor Corps Roundtable Session** School Counselor Corps Grantees may choose three of the following 16 sessions.

Table #	Session Title	Description
1	Transition Programs	Transitions programs from middle school to high school and from high school to college are increasing statewide. These programs are linked to dropout prevention and college retention. Come talk about the ingredients needed to make both programs a success.
2	Early High School Services (9th and 10th)	With the increased focus on postsecondary education, 9th and 10th grades are occasionally left out of the conversation. Come meet with other grantees to discuss specific programs aimed at strengthening Early High School.
3	Dropout Prevention	The SCC grant is one initiative that has positively impacted the statewide dropout rate. Discuss what's working, how to strengthen current programs, or revise your current approach.
4	Middle School Services	Discuss how middle school counselors can increase the likelihood of students graduating from high school and entering into a postsecondary university.
5	Individual Career and Academic Plans	By September 30, 2011, every high school student in Colorado will have access and assistance to an ICAP. This discussion will focus on what's working, what's not, and how districts are creating programs to meet this deadline.
6	Parent Involvement	How are schools getting parents involved? What are some systems in place that capture and expand parent interest?
7	Concurrent Enrollment	There is new legislation that helps coordinate the dual enrollment programs statewide. Come talk about how to strengthen your program or share innovative ideas.
8	Teacher Involvement	Share methods to get teachers involved during the college process.
9	Attendance Polices	Discuss what schools and districts are doing regarding revising attendance polices to help reduce the dropout rate.
10	Sustainability	With Year Three of the grant program approaching, discuss what schools and districts have in place to sustain the program in future years.
11	Finding Resources for Student Enrichment Programs	Funding enrichment programs such as field trips and tutoring is challenging. Discuss and provide guidance on ways to find resources to help continue these programs.
12	Career and Technical Education	Discuss the new world of Career and Technical Education.
13	Principal and Counselor Relationship	Discover what other schools are doing to build this relationship principal and counselor relationship.
14	Sharing Successes	Take this time to expand or finish your conversation from the morning discussion regarding sharing your successes.
15	CDE Q&A	
16	Networking Table	

## Acknowledgements

School Counselor Corps Grant Program Advisory Board

Dr. Darrell Green	Pickens Technical College, Colorado Career and Technical Education Association
Gully Stanford	CollegeinColorado, P-20 Council Staff
Debra Suniga	Community College of Denver, CESDA
Dr. Paul Thayer	Colorado State University, P-20 Council
Tracy Thompson	Colorado School Counselor Association, President Evergreen High School, Counselor
Dr. Rhonda Williams	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Colorado School Counselor Association, Board Member

Thank you to Front Range Community College for providing sponsorship for this event.

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS GRANT PROGRAM

Professional Development Day DoubleTree Hotel Westminster Ballroom CD April 21, 2011 Denver, Colorado

Registration and Continental Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions	8:45 a.m.
Charles Dukes, School Counselor Corps Coordinator	
How the Program Captured the Vision of HB08-1370	9:15 a.m.
Dr. Paul Thayer, Colorado State University, P-20 Council	
School Counselor Corps Grant Reflections	10:00 a.m.
Colorado High School Charter	
Englewood Public Schools	
SCCGP Pikes Peak Region	
Small Group Reflections	10:45 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Reflections Report Out	12:30 p.m.
Forward Thinking Tracy Thompson, Colorado School Counselor Association, Evergreen High School	1:00 p.m.
Sharing Examples of Counseling Resources	2:30 p.m.
Wrap-Up	2:45 p.m.

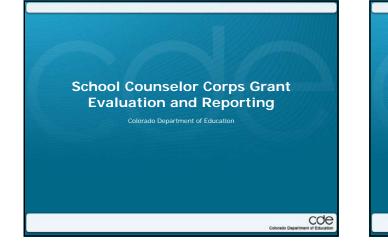
## **Evaluation and Reporting**

Each education provider that receives a grant through the program will be required to report, at a minimum, the following information to the Colorado Department of Education on or before March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year during the term of the grant:

- The number of school counselors hired using the grant funds (include the student-to-counselor ratio);
- Any professional development programs provided using grant funds (hours, attendees, summary detailing the impact of the PD);
- Evaluation of impact of Grant Program (student pre-post test);
- A comparison of the following for the years prior to the receipt of the grant and the years for which the education provider receives a grant:
  - o dropout rates,
  - o graduation rates,
  - postsecondary and workforce readiness rates (percentage measured by the education provider),
  - college matriculation (number of completed FAFSA's, college applications, scholarship applications, received scholarship dollar amount, and the percent of students accepted into post-secondary institutions) and
  - Remediation rates (program structure, number of students, and number of hours);
- Information indicating an increase in the level of postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary students at recipient schools (incorporation of ACSA standards), such as the use of individual career and academic plans (number of completed ICAPs, percentage of completed ICAPs, summary of ICAP implementation, number of student internships and career exploration), enrollment in pre-collegiate preparation programs (number of active programs, student enrollment in active programs), post-secondary or vocational preparation programs (student changes in enrollment in available programs, description of AP,IB, college level).

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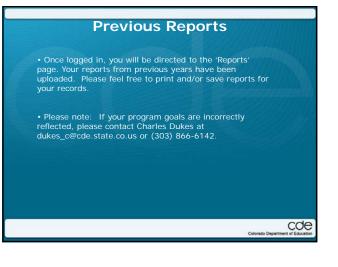


Education providers will be asked to submit the required data through an Online Data Reporting System through the CDE website at: https://edx.cde.state.co.us/CG/faces/Login.jspx

The Program Coordinator has been sent the **district** (grant) code and password to log into the data collection.

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Please note: If your program goals are incorrectly reflected, please contact Charles Dukes at dukes\_c@cde.state.co.us or (303) 866-6142.

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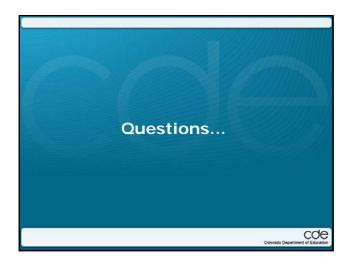
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### SCCGP Planning Schedule 2010-2011 School Year

### SCC Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Date: August 4, 2010	Date: February, 4, 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Date: September 15, 2010	Date: March 18, 2011
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Date: September 30, 2010	Date: May 6, 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Date: October 22, 2010	Date: June (TBA)
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Time: (TBA)

### School Counselor Corps Site Visits

Cherry Creek- Sept. 17, 2010 Overland High School Denver Public Schools- Oct. 13, 2010 Northeast Academy Charter Mapleton Public Schools –Oct. 29, 2010 Valley View Goal Academy -Nov. 19, 2010 PS 1 Charter School

### Key Dates/Deadlines 2010-2011 School Year

SCC Grant Competition: SCC Grant Data Evaluation: Request to Revise Year 3 Budgets: SCC Grant Report: Year Three AFR Due: October 2010- Jan.2011 February 14, 2011 - Mar. 15, 2011 April 15, 2011 April 15, 2011 August 2, 2011

#### **Speaking Engagements**

CACTE – Loveland,  $CO - July 20^{th}$  and  $21^{st}$ Directors of College Admissions- Boulder,  $CO - July 22^{nd}$ CASE – Breckenridge, CO- July  $28^{th}$  and  $29^{th}$ Limon Training –Limon,  $CO - August 5^{th}$ ACT Conference- Lakewood, CO- Sept  $10^{th}$ Colorado Association of Bilingual Ed (CAB) - Eagle, CO-  $Oct.14^{th}$ CSCA Conference- TBA- Nov.  $11^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$ Colorado Council Conference- TBA- Dec.  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ CASB- TBA – Dec.  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ Counselor Workshops- September  $15^{th}$  – CSU- Pueblo September  $23^{rd}$  – UNC September  $24^{th}$  – DU October  $1^{st}$  – WSC October  $8^{th}$  – ACC

### **CE and ASCENT Workshop-** Grand Jct, CO- August 16<sup>th</sup>

### School Counselor Corps Professional Development Days

1<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Day Date: October 8, 2010 Location: Front Range Community College Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Professional Development Day Date: April 21, 2011 Location: Double Tree Hotel, Westminster Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Attachment J



# School Counselor Corps Grant Program Monitoring and Improvement Tool

### **Overview and Purpose**

The primary purpose of this tool is to improve the quality of the School Counselor Corps (SCC) grant program by helping grantees take a critical look at their programs against standards of best practice. The willingness to reflect on current practice, to identify opportunities to improve, and to change and grow will contribute to more successful outcomes for programs and participants. The process of improving program quality is an ongoing one, not a one-time event. Ideally, this tool will assist grantees as well as give structure and content to an external monitoring process that will promote accountability, quality improvement, and targeted technical assistance efforts.

This tool is designed to be used in two contexts:

- Grantees of School Counselor Corps (SCC) grant program are asked to apply this Tool in the context of a self-assessment of program operations.
- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) also will use this instrument in a monitoring context. The monitoring process is designed to assure that School Counselor Corps grantees are making adequate progress toward meeting the goals created by the of the School Counselor Corps grant legislation.

### Using this Instrument

### Self-Assessment

Used as a self-assessment tool, this instrument provides an opportunity for district coordinators, school leaders and other key staff, to assess, plan, design and implement strategies for ongoing program improvement. This tool incorporates a self-assessment worksheet following each category that provides schools with a place to note strengths and broad priorities for improvement. At the conclusion of the self-assessment process, CDE will help prioritize, and refine the improvement goals identified on these worksheets. This plan provides a structure to help grantees consider how improvement priorities will be enacted -- through what activities, by whom, using what resources, and on what timeline.

*Resources:* To help programs carry out their Areas of Improvement Plan, CDE has developed a website that offers a range of information including upcoming events, templates and useful websites. Use of these resources is not mandated by CDE. Rather, grantees are encouraged to use only those resources that match the context of their particular programs, and to adapt the tools provided to meet unique program needs or characteristics. To access the website, visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/SchoolCounselor.htm.

### Monitoring

The purpose of monitoring is to support ongoing quality improvement and to that School Counselor Corps grantees are making adequate progress toward meeting the goals created by the of the School Counselor Corps grant legislation. A team from CDE will use the tool to structure their observations and discussions with the education provider.

Within 30 days of the visit, the CDE team will provide the education provider with feedback by assigning a performance level to each indicator and providing written statements describing recommendations, findings, or required actions. The CDE team members will be available to discuss the contents of the team's report with the education provider by phone or e-mail, and to help program staff identify resources to address quality improvement priorities.

### We Invite Your Feedback to Improve this Tool

This tool is offered as a work in progress. We hope to refine the tool in an ongoing way based on user feedback as well as new research and developments in the field. To this end, we welcome your feedback about how to improve the tool's content or organization. Please contact Charles E. Dukes, School Counselor Corps Coordinator at <u>Dukes\_C@cde.state.co.us</u>.

A. Quality of Plan				
Grant Requirements	Evidence Examples	Comments		
A.1. The grantee has adopted, or has demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for school counselor responsibilities that meet or exceed those recommended by the American School Counselor Association,	Schedule of classroom guidance activities Action plans referencing ASCA standards Other:			
A.2. The grantee is providing ongoing, sustained professional development for postsecondary school counselors that support the goals, objectives, and design focus on the proposed School Counselor Corps Grant Program.	Schedule/ Description of professional development Agendas from PD opportunities Other:			
A.3. The grantee has developed a comprehensive plan which describes the grantee's strategies use of data over time to: (1) demonstrate outcomes; (2) revise and improve programs, policies, and practices to improve outcomes; (3) detail services to be provided to students; and (4) monitor impact of program.	Database systems Action plans Other:			
A.4 Grantee staff has attended the required state Professional Development day (December 3, 2008 and TBA).	Training registrations Training materials Other: Note – CDE maintains records of attendance at these events.			
A.5. The grantee is making adequate progress toward meeting the SMART goals set out in the original grant application (or approved amendments).	Student demographic and achievement data Other program data Descriptions of programming Other:			

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B. Partnerships				
Grant Requirements	Examples of Evidence	Comments		
B.1. The grantee works in genuine collaboration with institutions of higher education or postsecondary service providers.	Descriptions of programming Program calendars/schedules Other:			
B.2. The grantee works in genuine collaboration with partnerships within the school district, with external education agencies and/ or community and/or business/workforce partners.	Descriptions of programming Program calendars/schedules Other:			

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C. Postsecondary				
Grant Requirements	Evidence Examples	Comments		
C.1. The grantee employs an effective strategy to transform the culture of postsecondary planning and postsecondary expectations.	College displays/banners/ posters Postsecondary planning material Schedule of classroom guidance activities Other:			
C.2. The grantee has developed/adopted a plan for involving leaders at the recipient secondary schools and in the surrounding community and the faculty at recipient secondary schools in increasing the capacity and effectiveness of the school counseling and postsecondary preparation services provided to secondary school students.	Meeting minutes/notes Meeting dates and times Other:			
C.3 The grantee has implemented or has developed a plan to implement Individual Career and Academic Plans for students.	ICAP document Student visitation schedule Other:			
C.4 The grantee has developed a comprehensive plan which describes the grantee's strategies to use district- level or school-level needs assessments that use data to identify challenging issues in the district or school.	Database systems Action plans Other:			
C.5. The grantee has developed a comprehensive plan which describes the grantee's strategies to use district- level or school-level needs assessments that use data to identify targeted programs, strategies, or services delivered that have helped to increase graduation rates and the level of postsecondary success	Database systems Action plans Other:			
C.6. The grantee has developed a comprehensive plan which describes the use of needs assessments that use data to identify the strategies that will be used to address the challenges identified in this self assessment.	Database systems Action plans Other:			

C.6. The grantee has implemented or has developed a plan to implement policies and practices to address attendance, grade retention and promotion issues addressed in the grant proposal.	Policies Other:	
C.7. The grantee is providing ongoing student access to accelerated coursework such as AP, IB, PSEO, FastTracks, and Fast College/Fast Jobs as well as current and proposed remedial courses for students at risk of remediation.	Course catalog Student rosters Other:	

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