



COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

201 East Colfax Avenue • Denver, Colorado 80203-1799
303.866.6600 • www.cde.state.co.us

Dwight D. Jones
Commissioner of Education

Robert K. Hammond
Deputy Commissioner

Kenneth R. Turner
Deputy Commissioner

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Ed Steinberg, Assistant Commissioner, Charm Paulmeno, Director

DATE: January 15, 2009

RE: Annual Report of High Cost Grants for Students in Out-of-District Placements in the state of Colorado

The attached report is submitted by the Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee as required under Section 22-20-114.5(5), C.R.S., as amended.

Distribution:

Senate Education Committee

Senator Bob Bacon, Chair
Senator Chris Romer, Vice-chair
Senator Peter Groff
Senator Rollie Heath
Senator Evie Hudak
Senator Keith King
Senator Mike Kopp
Senator Nancy Spence

bob.bacon.senate@state.co.us
chris.romer.senate@state.co.us
peter.groff.senate@state.co.us
rollie.heath.senate@state.co.us
senatorhudak@gmail.org
keith@keithking.org
mike.kopp.senate@state.co.us
nancyspence@qwest.net

House Education Committee

Representative Michael Merrifield, Chair
Representative Judy Solano, Vice-chair
Representative Randy Baumgardner
Representative Debbie Benefield
Representative Tom Massey
Representative Karen Middleton
Representative Carole Murray
Representative Cheryl Peniston
Representative Kevin Priola
Representative Christine Scanlan
Representative Sue Schafer
Representative Ken Summers
Representative Nancy Todd

michael.merrifield.house@state.co.us
judy.solano.house@state.co.us
randy.baumgardner.house@state.co.us
debbie@debbiebenefield.org
tom.massey.house@state.co.us
karen@karenmiddleton.com
murrayhouse45@gmail.com
cherylin.peniston.house@state.co.us
kpriola@gmail.com
repscanlan@gmail.com
sue.schafer.house@state.co.us
ken.summers.house@state.co.us
nancy.todd.house@state.co.us

Terrance Carroll, House Speaker
Mike May, House Minority Leader
Josh Penry, Senate Minority Leader

terrance.carroll.house@state.co.us
mike.may.house@state.co.us
joshpenry@gmail.com

Committee Staff Member

Committee Staff Member

jennifer.thomsen@state.co.us
katey.mcgettrick@state.co.us

Colorado Department of Education

Dwight D. Jones, Commissioner of Education
Robert Hammond, Deputy Commissioner
Cindy Howerter, Executive Assistant
Ed Steinberg, Assistant Commissioner
Lori Kochevar, Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner
Charm Paulmeno, Director
Elizabeth Macek, Assistant to the Director
Anne Barkis, Legislative Liaison
Margo Allen, Executive Assistant
Mark Stevens, Director of Communications

jones_d@cde.state.co.us
hammond_r@cde.state.co.us
Howerter_c@cde.state.co.us
Steinberg_e@cde.state.co.us
Kochevar_l@cde.state.co.us
Paulmeno_c@cde.state.co.us
Macek_e@cde.state.co.us
Barkis_a@cde.state.co.us
Allen_m@cde.state.co.us
stevens_m@cde.state.co.us

State Board of Education

Elaine Gantz Berman, 1st Congressional District
Angelika Schroeder, 2nd Congressional District
Marcia Neal, 3rd Congressional District
Bob Schaffer, Chairman, 4th Congressional District
Peggy Littleton, 5th Congressional District
Randy DeHoff, Vice Chairman, 6th Congressional District
Jane Goff, 7th Congressional District
Mary Frances Nevans, Director of State Board Relations
Marjorie Reinwald, Executive Assistant

state.board@cde.state.co.us
state.board@cde.state.co.us
state.board@cde.state.co.us
state.board@cde.state.co.us
state.board@cde.state.co.us
state.board@cde.state.co.us
state.board@cde.state.co.us
nevans_mf@cde.state.co.us
Reinwald_m@cde.state.co.us

**ANNUAL REPORT OF HIGH COST GRANTS
FOR STUDENTS IN OUT-OF-DISTRICT
PLACEMENTS**

Submitted to:

**House Education Committee
Senate Education Committee
State Board of Education**

**Dwight D. Jones
Colorado Commissioner of Education**

**Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203**

January 2009

Colorado State Board of Education Members January 2009

201 East. Colfax Avenue, Room 506
Denver, Colorado 80203
(303) 866-6817 or (303) 866-6809; (303) 866-6761 Fax
www.cde.state.co.us

Elaine Gantz Berman (D)
1st Congressional District

Peggy Littleton (R)
5th Congressional District

Angelika Schroeder (D)
2nd Congressional District

Randy DeHoff (R)
6th Congressional District

Marcia Neal (R)
3rd Congressional District

Jane Goff (D)
7th Congressional District

Bob Schaffer (R)
4th Congressional District

Dwight D. Jones
Commissioner of Education
Secretary to the State Board of
Education

ANNUAL REPORT OF HIGH COST GRANTS FOR STUDENTS IN OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

**Prepared by:
Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee**

**Ed Steinberg, Assistant Commissioner
Student Support Services**

**Charm Paulmeno, Director
Student Support Services**

**Robert Hammond, Deputy Commissioner
Administration and Operations**

**Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203**

January 2009

High Cost Out-of-District Grants

Section 22-20-114.5(5), C.R.S., as amended, requires the Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee to submit an annual report to the House and Senate Education Committees that includes, at a minimum, a list of the administrative units that applied for and received a high cost grant during the preceding budget year.

Two million dollars was appropriated under the Exceptional Children's Educational Act to reimburse administrative units for students in these high cost out-of-district placements or programs. For the 2007-08 fiscal year, the Fiscal Advisory Committee set the threshold for reimbursement at \$40,000 per student. The Committee reviewed applications from administrative units and determined which grant applications to approve, and the amounts to be awarded after applicable revenues were deducted from the costs submitted for reimbursement. In making these decisions, the Committee considered each district's annual expenditures for special education, and the percentage those expenditures represented of the district's total audited expenditures.

- Grant applications were submitted for 71 students.
- The \$2 million appropriated funded 31 (44 percent) of the 71 students.
- Applications were submitted by 19 administrative units.
- Fifteen of the administrative units received funding for all or some of the applications submitted.
- The appropriation required to fully fund this grant would have been \$4,233,630.

Administrative units that applied for grant funding, and the amount of funding received by each administrative unit, are listed on the following page.

High Cost Grants for Special Education Students in Out-of-District Placements or Programs

Administrative Units	Amount Funded	Amount Not Funded
Adams 1, Mapleton	\$126,101	
Adams 12, Northglenn/Thornton	\$357,839	<i>\$111,765</i>
Adams 14, Commerce City	\$313,907	
Adams 50, Westminster	\$51,924	
Arapahoe 1, Englewood	\$47,607	
Arapahoe 5, Cherry Creek		<i>\$781,801</i>
Arapahoe 6, Littleton	\$272,091	
Adams-Arapahoe 28J, Aurora	\$83,330	<i>\$336,059</i>
Boulder RE-1J, St. Vrain	\$43,506	
Denver Public Schools		<i>\$759,187</i>
El Paso 11, Colorado Springs		<i>\$38,257</i>
El Paso 20, Academy	\$65,292	
Jefferson County School District		<i>\$206,560</i>
Larimer R-2J, Loveland	\$214,600	
Weld RE-4, Windsor	\$38,955	
Weld 6, Greeley	\$87,806	
Centennial BOCES	\$138,747	
East Central BOCES	\$42,623	
Mount Evans BOCES	\$115,672	
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	<i>\$2,233,629</i>

Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee Members

Ed Steinberg

Assistant Commissioner
Colorado Department of Education,
Exceptional Student Leadership Unit

Lucinda Hundley

Asst Supt of Student Support Services
Arapahoe County School District #6

Charm Paulmeno

Director
Colorado Department of Education,
Student Support Services

Troy Lange

Director of Special Education
Mountain BOCES

Debi Blackwell

Director of Special Education
Fremont County School District RE-1

Karen Pielin

Director of Special Education
Larimer County School District R-2J

Randy Boyer

Director of Special Education
San Juan BOCS

Velma Rose

Chief Financial Officer
Denver County School District 1

Sharon Davarn

Director of Special Education
Uncompahgre BOCS

Carolena Steen Ph. D.

Director of Special Education
El Paso County School District #12

Tamara Durbin

Director of Special Education
Northeast BOCES

Karen Strakbein

Assistant Superintendent
Summit County School District RE-1