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January 14, 1988

The Honorable Roy Romer Governor, State of Colorado Members of the Colorado General Assembly State Capitol Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Governor Romer and Legislators:

This document is presented in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes 22-2-114.1(2) mandating the collection of the number of dropouts from Colorado's public schools in grades seven through twelve.

The data presented in this report provide annual dropout rates for each school district and state dropout rates by ethnic/racial groups and by sex.

The annual dropout rate for the state based on data gathered from grades seven through twelve for the 1986-87 reporting period is 4.4%. The dropout rate for grades ten through twelve for the same reporting period is 5.6%.

In addition to collecting dropout data from grades seven through twelve, the Department of Education, with the assistance of an advisory committee, is developing a student accounting manual and recommendations for the data collection process.

The State Board of Education and the Department of Education welcome your comments and suggestions on any additional information you may require regarding the number of dropouts from Colorado's public schools.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Howerton

Chairman

Colorado State Board of Education

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SENATE BILL NO. 141.

BY SENATORS Gallagher, Mendez, Peterson, Martinez, Lee, Baca, Beno, and Fenlon; also REPRESENTATIVES Herzog, P. Hernandez, M.L. Bird, Bond, Bowen, Dambman; T. "Hernandez; Knox, Markert, Trujillo, and Webb.

CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DROPOUT DATA AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OVERSIGHT OF PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

22-2-114.1. Dropout rates - collection of data on grades seven through twelve and development of plans. (1) The general assembly hereby declares that the dropout rate indicates a waste of economic and human potential. Therefore a correct assessment of numbers lost to the education system is necessary in order to fully recognize and correct the problem.

- (2) The state board of education shall develop and implement in cooperation with local boards of education a model student accounting method and data collection system on dropouts in grades seven through twelve, with results to be reported to the general assembly by January 1, 1988.
- (3) (a) For the purposes of this section, a "dropout" means a person who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent and who does not transfer to another public or private school or enroll in an approved home study program.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(b) The state board shall also collect data on the students who have dropped out of a regular course of study but who are enrolled and pursuing an alternative program of study.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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INTRODUCTION

This document was prepared in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes 22-2-114.1(2) mandating the collection of the number of dropouts in grades seven through twelve with results to be reported to the General Assembly.

This report represents the first time dropout data has been collected and reported for grades 7, 8 and 9. Dropout data for prior years was collected from only grades 10, 11 and 12.

The dropout rates were calculated based on the total membership count and total number of dropouts from grades seven through twelve during two reporting periods: October 1986 through June 1987 and July 1987 through the October 1987 one-day count. The data from the two reports were combined to derive an annual dropout rate.

The use of two reporting periods to develop an annual dropout rate resulted in some students being counted as dropouts who would not have been counted as dropouts in previous years when reporting was done on an annual basis. In the previous (October to October) reporting period, a student was not counted as a dropout if he/she dropped in the spring but was back in school the following fall before the end of the reporting period. Under the current system of reporting twice a year, such students have been counted as a dropout in the June report and will be included in the annual dropout count. As a result, the 1986-87 dropout counts are somewhat higher than those reported earlier, and the dropout rates are not exactly comparable to those previously reported.*

For additional information contact JoAnn Keith in the Planning and Evaluaton Unit.

^{*} Some school districts may be able to adjust their dropout counts to exclude those students who dropped in the spring but returned the following fall and publish a corrected dropout rate that is exactly comparable to those reported earlier. However, it is not possible to make these corrections statewide.

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Table 1: Dropout Rates by Grade, 1986-87

Grade	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate
7	295	•6
8	898	1.8
9	2,322	4.5
10	3,174	6.2
11	3,197	6.7
12	1,318	3.5
Ungraded	97	3.7
Alternative/Second Chance	1,475	30.0
Total	12,776	4.4
Grades 7-9	3,515	2.4
Grades 10-12	7,786	5.6
Grades 7-12	12,776	4.4

- A total of 12,776 Colorado public school students in Grades 7-12 dropped out of school between October 1, 1986 and September 30, 1987. These dropouts represent 4.4 percent of the student membership during this time period.
- The largest number of dropouts continue to occur in Grade 11, which had a dropout rate of 6.7. A total of 3,197 students in Grade 11 dropped out in 1986-87.
- Of the 12,776 students who dropped out, 3,515 or slightly more than one-fourth, were from Grades 7-9; 2,322 were from Grade 9.
- Alternative schools and Second Chance Programs reported higher dropout rates, a total dropout rate of 30.0. The higher rates in these schools and programs are not surprising since their entire membership consists of high-risk students.

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Hispanic	88	88 1.2	287	3.6	812	812 10.0		11.9	651 11.4	11.4	286	6.7	286 6.7 17 2.7	2.7	464 37.4	37.4	3413 8.1	8.1	
White	179	0.5	478	1.3	1271	3.3	2067	5.1	2233	5.9	916	916 2.9	72 4.8	8.4	819	819 25.8	8035	3.6	
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Overall Hispanic students had the highest dropout rate of any racial/ethnic group (8.1), followed by American Indians (7.5) and Blacks (6.4).

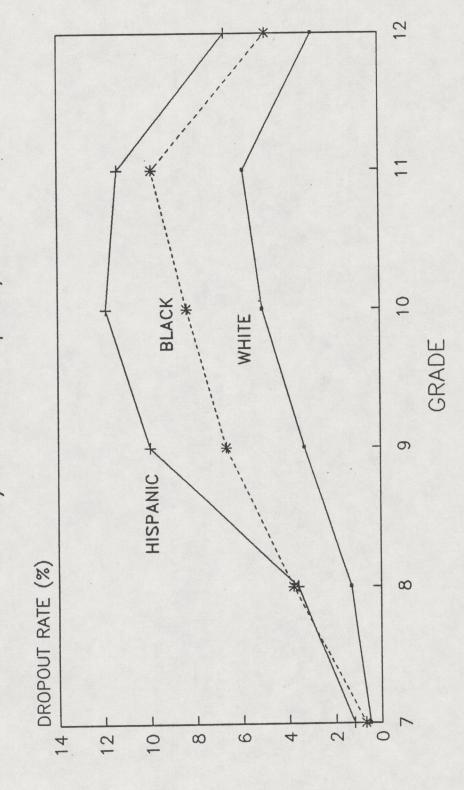
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The dropout rate for Hispanics was higher than that for all other groups in Grades 7,9,11 and 12.

(except Asians), the <u>number</u> of White student dropouts is very large - 8,035. White student dropouts accounted for 63 percent of all Colorado dropouts in Grades 7-12. Although the dropout rate for White students was lower than that for the other racial/ethnic groups

Hispanic and American Indian students showed a pattern of dropping out earlier than other groups. For these two groups, the highest dropout rates occurred in Grade 10. For all other groups the highest rates occurred in Grade 11. (Illustration on Page 3)

COLORADO ANNUAL DROPOUT RATES 1986-87 Ethnic/Racial Groups by Grade



Sex	Grade 7 Number Rate 180 0.8		Grade 8 Number Rate 516 2.0	Rate 2.0	Grade 9 Number Rate Number 4.7	Rate 4.7	Grade 10 Number Rate 1730 6.6	Rate 6.6	Grade 11 Number Rate 1781 7.3	Rate 7.3	Grade 12 Number Rate 735 3.8	Rate 3.8	Ungraded/ Special Ed Number Rate 61 3.7	ed/ Ed Rate	Altern Schoo Second Number 798	Alternative Schools/ Second Chance Number Rate 798 32.2	Total Number	Total Number Rate 7030 4.7
Female	115	115 0.5	382 1.6 1093	1.6	1093	4.4	1444	5.9	1416	6.1	583	3.1	36	3.7	677	27.8	5746	4.1

A total of . The dropout rates were higher for males in each grade with the highest rate in grade 11. 7,030 male students dropped out of school in 1986-87. . The highest dropout rate for females also occurred in grade 11. A total of 5,746 female students dropped out of school in 1986-87.

Table 4:

State Trends in Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group for Grades 10-12

		176 - 77			1981 - 82			1986 - 87	
Ethnic/Racial Group	Pupil	Drop- Outs	Rate	Count	Outs	Rate	Count	Outs	Rate
American Indian	169	104	14.9	913	142	15.6	1,023	130	12.7
	1,388	174	12.5	2,787	256	9.2	3,133	169	5.4
	5,972	615	10.3	6,613	246	8.3	6,717	629	9.6
	19,042	2,931	15.4	19,043	2,469	13.0	18,627	2,226	12.0
	125,430	10,391	8.3	113,250	7,060	6.2	114,185	6,107	5.3
	152,529	14,215	9.3	142,606	10,473	7.3	143,685	9,261	4.9

. Rates for all groups declined over the ten year period. However, the dropout rate for Black students was higher for 1986-87 than 1981-82. . The 1986-87 dropout rate reported on this table for grades 10-12 includes the alternative schools' data. Therefore, the rate is different from the rate reported in Table 5 which excludes the Alternative schools.

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ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12.
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL YEAR 1986-87

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Definitions

Dropout:

A "dropout" means a person who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent and who does not transfer to another public or private school or enroll in an approved home study program.

Annual Dropout Rate:

This is the percentage of the student body which dropped during the two reporting periods of October 1986 through June 1987 and July 1987 to the October 1987 one-day membership count.

Alternative Schools:

Some districts have established alternative educational programs for dropouts and potential dropouts. Because of the educational characteristics of their student bodies the alternative schools have very high dropout rates.

Pupil Count:

This count reflects the total number of students reported as being in membership at any time during the reporting period. It is used as the base for calculating the dropout rate.

Retrievals:

Students who have re-entered school after dropping out during the prior reporting period.

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