

Hello Accountability Contacts, We all hope your 2023 school year is off to a fantastic start! Given past experience, we know there is a lot coming your way this time of year. While I cannot promise you a short update this time, please know that we've done our best to give you a thorough and relevant summary of accountability-related information. Do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Accountability & Continuous Improvement team if you have questions or need assistance (accountability@cde.state.co.us). -- Lisa Medler & the ACI Team



Data Release

- **Growth Data.** The 2023 ACCESS student growth detail files (including On-Track growth) and individual student reports (ISRs) were released to District Accountability contacts via [Syncplicity](#) June 29th. CMAS/SAT student growth detail files and CMAS individual student reports (ISRs) are scheduled to be released on August 14th to accountability contacts. The student level data files will include student growth percentiles calculated using the cohort and baseline growth methodologies. This data is embargoed until its public release on August 17 when CDE staff present an update to the state board.
- **Performance Framework Source Data.** A number of data files which include the underlying data that is used to calculate the performance framework reports will also be released via [Syncplicity](#) on August 14. This will include student level achievement and participation files.
- **Matriculation Data.** Matriculation data files will be released later in August as they were provided from the Department of Higher Education much later than is typical. Despite this delay, matriculation data will be calculated and included in preliminary performance frameworks. We will send another email to accountability contacts when data are available in Syncplicity - sometime between the August 14 release and before the release of preliminary frameworks.
- **Preliminary Framework Reports.** PDF reports of the preliminary School and District Performance Frameworks are scheduled for release through Syncplicity later in the week of August 21. CDE will release preliminary plan type data publicly by posting a file on the [accountability website](#). AEC frameworks are anticipated to be released to districts mid-September.
- **Data Dashboards through Online UIP.** UIP data dashboard updates are scheduled for August with the release of growth data. This information is accessed by logging into the [UIP/ACI online system](#). To access the dashboard through the online UIP, go to the 'Data Narrative-Trend Analysis' tab. This resource may be used to support staff to build out the data analysis that is needed for improvement planning.

Assigning District Accountability Contacts for Syncplicity Access and Communications

Accountability Contacts for the district are assigned using the Identity Management (IdM) system by Local Access Managers (LAMs) (signed forms are no longer needed!). Only those who are designated by their LAM to the UIP~Accountability Contact role will receive access to Syncplicity. View [the spreadsheet](#) to see who is identified as an accountability contact based on LAM assignments. Note that this spreadsheet changes daily based on LAM assignments from the prior day. For questions or to request your email be added to the Accountability Contacts communications-only list, contact the Accountability & Continuous Improvement team at accountability@cde.state.co.us. For more information on set-up, visit the [Online System access and user guide](#).

Tentative 2023 Accountability Timeline (all dates are subject to change depending upon data availability)

Anticipated Timeframe	Activities/Actions
June 29	Districts Receive ACCESS Growth Data
August 14	Districts Receive CMAS and P/SAT Growth Data; Achievement and Participation Source Files; Data Dashboards through online UIP available
August 17 (SBE Meeting)	Public Release of Colorado Growth Data Results; Alternative Education Campus (AEC) Designations Finalized
August 15 - August 23, 2023	Districts Receive Matriculation Data
Later in the week of August 21, 2023	Preliminary Performance Frameworks Released to Districts. Public release 3 days later.
Early September	ESSA Identifications (i.e., CS, TS, A-TS) Released to Districts and districts will need to notify schools
Mid-September	AEC Performance Frameworks Released
September 22	Accreditation Form Submissions Due for ALL districts
October 16	Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Submissions Due Final Request to Reconsider Materials Due (for participating districts).
November 8-9 (SBE Meeting)	District Accreditation Ratings & School Plan Types Finalized for Districts/Schools not participating in request to reconsider
December 13-14 (SBE Meeting)	District Accreditation Ratings & School Plan Types Finalized for Districts/Schools participating in request to reconsider
December 31	District Accreditation Contracts Due
Late January	Informational reports released to districts with new measures (e.g., On-Track Growth, PWR higher bar measures, science achievement). Measures are expected to be included in the 2024 frameworks for points.

Accreditation and Request to Reconsider

Accreditation Form (required for all districts): All districts must review and verify the district rating and school plan types using the *Accreditation Form* (in the Accreditation Portal within [the UIP/ACI online system](#)) by **September 22**. The form will be available to district accountability contacts once frameworks are released to districts. Your user role must be designated as “Accountability Contact” to access the form, as described in [this guide](#). For additional support, fill out the [assistance request form](#) using your district’s information or email accountability@cde.state.co.us.

Request to Reconsider: Guidance and details on the 2023 request to reconsider process for schools and districts is posted on the [request to reconsider website](#). The request to reconsider process will begin upon release of the preliminary frameworks. Final request to reconsider materials are due **October 16**. There is no assessment participation eligibility requirement to participate in request to reconsider in 2023 (unless specified by the request condition).

Unified Improvement Planning

2023 UIP Plan Submission: Improvement plans are due for public posting on Monday, October 16th unless the district is exercising flexibility for submission (biennial, combined, January). The UIP will be populated with school and district specific information (submission deadlines, requirements) with the public release of rating information.

Resources: A variety of resources have been developed to support district and school leaders in the planning process, including [evidence-based strategy and implementation guides](#),

Note-Planned Outage: All single sign on applications (including the [UIP/ACI online system](#)) will be unavailable for planned updates beginning on Tuesday 8/15 after business hours. The system will be available by 7pm the following day.

For questions regarding Unified Improvement Planning, contact UIPhelp@cde.state.co.us

Resources and Supports

Resources: The department has developed a variety of self-serve resources to help understand 2023 accountability processes. These include:

- [2023-24 District Accountability Handbook](#) - This handbook provides an outline of the requirements and responsibilities for the state, district, and school stakeholders in the state's accountability process.
- [Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Guidance](#) - Guidance for Finalizing Accreditation Categories and Submitting Requests to Reconsider for District Accreditation Ratings and School Plan Types for 2023.

All accountability resources are available on a new page on the CDE website:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/accountability-resources>.

State Performance Frameworks: Data Consultation Sessions - Thirty minute consultation sessions with CDE staff are available to help address any questions and/or concerns that you or your colleagues may have about your performance framework reports and underlying data. You can sign up for one or more sessions at this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAF72BA7F4C34-state>.

Accreditation and Request to Reconsider: Office Hours - One hour consultation sessions with CDE staff are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 17th until October 12th to help address any questions about the accreditation or request to reconsider process. You can register for office hours here at this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsc-6tqDsiE9CksCWoKmVcikZJP_iP8oSg.

Upcoming Trainings: The department is hosting a series of trainings and webinars to support districts and schools with the release of state assessment and performance framework data. These include:

- **Accountability 101 Webinar:** August 15th from 1:00-2:30pm, register [here](#).
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** August 17th, 10:00-11:00am, register [here](#).
- **Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Webinar:** August 17th from 1:00-2:00pm, register [here](#).
- **Data Dashboards for Improvement Planning Webinar:** August 31st from 10:00-11:00am, register [here](#).
- **Priority Improvement/Turnaround UIP Support Webinar:** September 5th from 1:00-2:30 pm, register [here](#).
- **District Accountability Committees - District Administrator Networking:** September 7th, 10-11:30am, register [here](#).
- A series of in-person sessions will be offered this fall. Sessions will have options for supported work time and consultation and will include the following:
 - Accountability and Planning Overview-the basics of the accountability and improvement planning process for those new in their role.
 - Updates, Changes and New Resources-For those interested in updates to policy, UIP template changes and new reporting tools and features
 - Performance Watch Support- for district and school staff with priority improvement or turnaround plan types to understand identifications, planning requirements, and supports include grant opportunities (EASI).
- Other future training opportunities are posted here: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/accountabilitytrainingtechnicalassistance>. For additional support, contact accountability@cde.state.co.us.

Teaching and Learning Conditions Colorado (TLCC) 2024 Administration

The next administration of the biennial TLCC survey will take place in January 2024. The survey is made available to all educators, school leaders, education support professionals and special service providers. The purpose of the survey is to amplify staff voice, deepen improvement planning, and strengthen research and policy. New for 2024, the existing TLCC survey questions will be administered by Panorama Education. While questions remain the same, CDE intends to leverage the expertise of Panorama

Education to connect to nationwide comparison data, professional development databases, and allow for enhanced public survey reporting. District accountability and HR contacts will be asked to confirm staff head counts in fall 2023.

Accountability, Accreditation, Student Performance, and Resource Inequity Task Force (1241 Task Force)

In accordance with H.B. 23-1241, the state is launching a representative task force to study the K-12 accountability and accreditation system, student performance, and resource inequities. The task force will make recommendations through an interim and a final report to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate, the governor, the state board, the commissioner of education, and the department. Note that the taskforce will be meeting at the same time that we are implementing our current accountability and accreditation system.

- CDE website: Details about the task force and updates on meetings and materials will be made available here at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/accountability-task-force>
- Link to Bill: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb23-1241>
- Purpose: Creates a representative task force of 26 members to study academic opportunities, inequities, promising practices in schools, and improvements to the accountability and accreditation system. It builds upon the [Accountability Audit](#) and the [Local Accountability System Grant](#).
- Timeline:
 - July 1, 2023: Task force members were appointed (list available on task force website)
 - August 15, 2023: Department contracts with a facilitator
 - Tentative on August 24, 2023: Convene first meeting
 - March 1, 2024: Interim report
 - November 15, 2024: Final report reflecting findings and recommendations to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate, the governor, the state board, the commissioner of education, and the department.