

Proposed UIP Flexibility and Permanent Timeline Shift

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UIP Timelines

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UIP Flexibility in 2019-20

- Because of school closures due to COVID-19, some districts may need additional flexibility in meeting the requirements through the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP).
- CDE has extended the public posting deadline to May 15. This is the latest date the state can offer as the UIP online system needs to be rolled over to the next year’s template.
- In anticipation of some districts/schools needing time, CDE is pursuing further flexibility on the 2019-20 UIP. For districts not able to meet the May 15 deadline, then school/district would then submit their 2020-21 UIP by October 15, 2020 for public posting.
- Districts/schools not using the submission flexibility are still encouraged to meet the October 15, 2020 posting deadline. However, typical deadlines will remain (i.e., January for schools on performance watch (including Priority Improvement, Turnaround, On Watch) and schools identified as Comprehensive under ESSA) for the school year.

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Transition to New UIP Timeline by 2021-22

- CDE will pursue transitioning permanently to the October 15 posting deadline for all schools and districts by the 2021-22 school year. This is based upon positive conversations with the field to create a state timeline that better matches a more natural planning process at the local level.
- This timeline would enable districts/schools to use spring as a time to reflect on the last year’s data (state and local, as available) to draft an improvement plan. State data, typically available by late summer, can be used to validate the direction and fine tune any additional planning requirements.
- For identified schools (i.e., Performance Watch including Priority Improvement, Turnaround and On Watch, ESSA Comprehensive), plans can be publicly posted in the fall and the state will begin its review earlier in the school year.
- Some schools/districts may need an alternate posting deadline (i.e., January 15), including schools/districts pursuing a request to reconsider and schools/districts identified by the state or ESSA for the first time. This would allow adequate time to address new planning requirements or a change in plan type assignment. CDE will work more closely with districts/schools needing additional time.

For Districts/Schools Using the 2019-20 UIP Plan Submission Flexibility

School Year	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
2019-20	--	--	No plan submitted in 2019-20	Work on 2020-21 plan
2020-21	Submit 2021-21 plan for public posting on Oct 15	Implement plan	Implement plan and draft plan for next year	Work on 2021-22 plan

2021-22	Submit 2021-22 plan for public posting on Oct 15	Implement plan	Implement plan and draft plan for next year	Work on 2022-23 plan
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For Districts/Schools Not Using the 2019-20 UIP Plan Submission Flexibility

Note: Does not include specifics for districts/schools with biennial flexibility

School Year	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
2019-20	--	--	Plan for public posting by May 15	Work on 2020-21 plan
2020-21	Optional UIP submission by Oct 15	Submit plans for identified schools/districts by Jan 15	Submit plans for public posting by April 15	Work on 2021-22 plan
2021-22	Submit 2021-22 plan for public posting on Oct 15	Implement plan	Implement plan and draft plan for next year	Work on 2022-23 plan

Next Steps

- To gain the 2019-20 UIP submission flexibility, the state is seeking timeline waivers through the State Board of Education at the May meeting. The department will then work with any districts wishing to pursue this flexibility, as needed.
- For the permanent timeline changes, the department will work with the state board to adjust the accountability rules. This may be completed by late summer 2020.
- CDE staff will need to spend considerable time communicating the changes (e.g., field meetings, Update, Scoop, UIP website) and providing training and resources. These resources and assistance will be made available in summer and fall 2020 – and longer if necessary.

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