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The **Colorado Department of Education (CDE)** is the administrative arm of the Colorado State Board of Education.

CDE serves Colorado's 178 local school districts. CDE is made up of over forty units, 25 different programs, and 300-plus staff members.

The Department not only administers K-12 public education, but also the State Library System, Family/Adult Literacy efforts, and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind.

## Language, Culture & Equity

### What we do...

- ◆ Title I-C Education of Migratory Children – Federal Grant
- ◆ Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students– Federal Grant
- ◆ Provide policy and clarification for the office of Standards and Assessment with Colorado English Language Assessment (CELA) Program
- ◆ Provide Technical Assistance to grades K-12



### Title I – C Education of Migratory Children (Migrant Education Program)

Ensure that migratory children who move among the States are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the States in curriculum, graduation requirements, and State academic content and student academic achievement standards.

Ensure that migratory children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to meet.

**Identification & Recruitment** - Identifying families that may qualify for migrant services is done through 8 regional programs via educational recruiters.

**Health Services** – Services provided may include: dental, vision and medical.

**Binational Program** – The Binational Program was developed to enable those migrant students from Mexico that arrive in the United States:

- Transfer Documents
- Binational Teacher Exchange
- Dissemination of Information
- Resource Book Donation



**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)** – Each of the 8 regional programs is required to have a PAC and play critical roles in the effectiveness of the MEP.

**Migrant Youth Council (MYC)** - The CDE/LCE annually hosts an MYC Leadership Institute which provides information to youth about leadership skills, scholarship opportunities, health awareness and exposure to a college environment.

### National Migrant Education Hotline ( 800.234.8848 )

The 800 hotline number goal is to provide assistance with education, medical services, food, shelter, clothing and emergencies.



### Colorado English Language Assessment (CELA)

CELA is the standardized Colorado English Language Assessment for placement and proficiency of all Colorado's English language learners (ELL's). It is based on Colorado's English Language Development (ELD) Standards and is used to fulfill requirements at the state, SB 109, and federal, Title III of NCLB legislation, levels. This test is the only state approved language assessment for English language learners. It is replacing the three other tests that were previously approved.

[www.cde.state.co.us/cde\\_english/cela.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/cela.htm)



### Title III

The purpose of Title III is to ensure that Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, including immigrant children and youth:

Develop English proficiency using high quality research based language instructional strategies;

Meet academic content and academic achievement standards that other students are expected to meet;

Are assessed on a State approved Language Proficiency Test (CELA)

Design, promote and implement parental and community participation in language instruction educational programs;

Monitor academic and language acquisition of ELs, targeting Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).