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News Release

Statewide K-12 student enrollment continues to grow
Online schools statewide also see gains

The Colorado Department of Education announced today the statewide pupil count for the 2012-2013 school year increased by 9,296 over the previous year, bringing the total to 863,561 public school students.

The change represents an increase of 1.09 percent.

The largest 15 districts and their current student enrollment are: Jeffco Public Schools (85,508 students), Denver Public Schools (83,377), Douglas County Schools (64,657), Cherry Creek Schools (53,368), Adams 12 Five Star Schools (43,268), Aurora Public Schools (39,835), Boulder Valley School District (30,041), St. Vrain Valley School District (29,382), Colorado Springs School District 11 (28,993), Poudre School District (27,909), Academy School District 20 (23,973), Mesa County Valley School District 51 (21,730), Greeley-Evans School District 6 (19,821), Pueblo City Schools (17,692) and Brighton School District 27J (16,163).

These 15 school districts represent 67.8 percent (585,717 students) of the total statewide enrollment.

The top 20 school districts represent 75.9 percent (655,522 students) of the total statewide enrollment.

On the other end of the size spectrum, 108 of Colorado's 183 local education agencies have an enrollment of fewer than 1,000 students. These 108 local education agencies enrolled just 4.1 percent of the total number of students in the state in 2012.

A larger group of 134 local education agencies have an enrollment of fewer than 2,000 students. These 134 agencies enrolled just 8.1 percent of the total number of students in the state in 2012.

Race and Ethnicity Data

Among ethnic groups, students identified as two or more races increased by 8.3 percent from 26,073 students in 2011 to 28,238 students in 2012. Students identified as American Indian decreased by 5.98 percent from 7,143 students in 2011 to 6,716 students in 2012. All other race and ethnicity changes were less than 3 percent when compared to the prior year.

Fast-Growing Districts

The Julesburg district saw the largest percentage increase, gaining 266 students, representing a 29.95 percent increase from 2012-2013. Charter School Institute continues to be a fast-growing agency with an 11.90 percent increase in student population.

Denver Public Schools had the largest number of student gains by adding 2,487 students – a 3.07 percent increase for their district. Douglas County, St. Vrain Valley, and Charter School Institute school districts also had significant increases, each increasing over 1,000 students as compared to the prior school year.

District Decreases

The largest decrease in total student population was in Colorado Springs 11 School District with a decrease of 516 students, representing 1.75 percent of the student population from the prior year. Pritchett and Karval school districts saw the largest percent decreases with a percent loss of 38.16 and 37.11 as compared to prior population respectively.

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Statewide enrollment has grown every year since 1989, when the state's total student count stood at 562,755.

For access to the complete 2012-2013 school year student count information, click "2012 Pupil Membership" on http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_stats.htm.