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A condition of accepting Federal (IDEA) resources for meeting the individual needs of students with disabilities requires that Administrative Units be given an annual Determination based on several factors. Additionally, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must publicly report annually on the Administrative Unit's progress toward meeting the State Performance Plan (SPP) targets as required by 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A). Further, 34 CFR §300.6041 mandates that the CDE use the same categories that the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), uses for making State determinations.

In making the determination, the CDE considered data submitted by Academy District 20 in the following manner:

1. A **Compliance Matrix** that includes scoring on SPP Compliance Indicators and other compliance elements
2. A **Results Matrix** that includes scoring on Results Elements
3. A **Compliance Score** and **Compliance Determination**
4. A **Results Score** and **Results Determination**
5. An **AU Percentage** based on the Compliance Score and the Results Score. The Compliance Score is weighted at **75%** and the Results Score is weighted at **25%** to calculate the RDA Percentage.
6. A consideration of **Special Conditions**
7. The AU's overall **Determination**

SPP compliance indicators:

Indicator 4A: Whether the AU has significant discrepancy from the state in the number suspensions/expulsions of students with disabilities for greater than 10 days in a school year.

Indicator 4B: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation by race/ethnicity in the number of suspensions/expulsions of students with disabilities for greater than 10 days in a school year due to inappropriate policies, procedures or practices.

Indicator 9: Whether the Administrative Unit (AU) has disproportionate representation of students with disabilities by race or ethnicity due to inappropriate identification.

Indicator 10: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation of students with disabilities by race or ethnicity in a specific disability category due to inappropriate identification.

Indicator 11: Percent of children for whom an evaluation was completed within 60 calendar days.

Indicator 12: Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday.

Indicator 13: Percent of youth with Individual Education Plans (IEP) aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals.

Timely and Accurate Data Submission: The timeliness and accuracy of data submitted by the AUs under section 616 and 618 of the IDEA.

SPP Results Indicators:

Indicator 1: Graduation rate of youth with IEPs graduating with a regular diploma

Indicator 2: Dropout rate of youth with IEPs

Indicator 3: Statewide Assessments participation, regular assessment mean scale score, and alternate assessment proficiency rate

In addition, the following results elements are also included:

1. Median Growth Percentile in ELA and Math
2. Rise Up in ELA and Math (No data in 2017 determination)
3. Keep Up in ELA and Math (No data in 2017 determination)

Indicator 7: Preschool skills includes the percent of preschool children who showed substantial growth and those who reached age expectations by the time they exited the program in positive socio-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and use of appropriate behaviors.

Indicator 14: Secondary Transition/Post School Outcomes percent of youth who had IEPs; are no longer in secondary school and who have been employed, enrolled in postsecondary school, or both, within one year of leaving school

Based on the information above, the CDE must determine whether Academy District 20:

1. Meets Requirements;
2. Needs Assistance;
3. Needs Intervention; or
4. Needs Substantial Intervention

The CDE has evaluated the criteria listed above and determined that Academy District 20 **Meets** for the implementation of Part B of the IDEA for SY2015-16. Please access <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/rda> for various resources related to the determinations.

CDE is committed to supporting Academy District 20 in its efforts to improve results for children with disabilities and looks forward to working with you over the next year.

If you have any questions regarding this determination or the process, please contact Toby King at 303.866.6964 or by [e-mail](#).

Sincerely,



Toby King, Interim Executive Director
Exceptional Student Services Unit

Posted to <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/determinations> on 4/17/2017.