



## News from the Office of Standards and Instructional Support (SIS)

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### **Setting the Standard Podcast**

What's happening in education across Colorado? In our weekly podcast, the content specialists from the Colorado Department of Education's Office of Standards and Instructional Support talk about teaching, learning, assessment, curriculum, and (of course) academic standards. Episodes include news, resources, interviews from the field and other CDE offices, and tips for improving teaching and learning in schools and classrooms. Click [here](#) to listen to past and future podcasts.

### **Setting the Standard Webinars**

In August, the Office Standards and Instructional Support began hosting ongoing virtual webinars. [Join the team](#) to stay up-to-date on high impact instructional strategies, CDE resources for teaching, and Colorado Academic Standards implementation updates.

Webinars will be hosted on the first and third Fridays of each month from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## READ Act

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As part of a change to the READ Act, all kindergarten through third-grade teachers will be required to submit evidence of completing a training in scientifically or evidence based practices in reading. CDE will provide training to teachers at no cost to support the completion of this requirement. Registration information for CDE's training options are posted on the [K-3 Teacher Evidence-Based Reading Training Requirements webpage](#).

The READ Act requires the department to identify quality instructional and professional development programs for use by local education agencies. CDE has posted links to providers and programs that have been identified through the [2020 instructional programming review process](#). For the lists of core, supplemental and intervention programming, [visit 2020 Advisory List of Instructional Programming webpage](#).

For more information about the teacher training requirement for the READ Act, contact Melissa Ahlstrand at [ahlstrand\\_m@cde.state.co.us](mailto:ahlstrand_m@cde.state.co.us)

## COVID-19 Resources for Schools

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CDE's top priority is the health and safety for all students, educators, and communities in Colorado. The Department has compiled resources to help provide guidance to schools and districts. Click [here](#) for the latest news, updates, and policy guidance.

## 2020 NCTE Annual Convention

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### **Plan Now to Join Us for the 2020 Virtual Annual Convention November 19-22!**

See the [schedule](#) for our four-day virtual Convention, featuring 76 live sessions, 56 sessions with presenters available for live Q&A, and 266 sessions ready for you to view anytime. Keynote speakers and session information will be posted as soon as they are confirmed!

### **Are You Presenting at the Virtual Convention?**

We've extended the deadline for accepting your program invitation to present at the Convention. Please visit the website link in the email sent to you on August 3. Session details and instructions for presenters will be sent in the coming weeks. The deadline to accept is now **Monday, September 28**. We plan to open registration the week of **September 7**.

## CCIRA Conference on Literacy

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The CCIRA Conference on Literacy is one of the largest in the Rocky Mountain region. Each year, we host incredible speakers, authors, students, teachers, and vendors who remind us why literacy matters. [Join us](#) from February 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> for the largest collaboration on literacy in the region!

Can't wait until the conference? Get an on-demand dose of inspiration from our [blog](#) or our [new podcast series!](#)

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