



## Ninth Grade Success Grant

Colorado’s Ninth Grade Success Grant Program is designed to provide funding to local education providers and charter schools to improve the ninth-grade student experience to ensure that students enrolled in ninth grade develop the skills they need to successfully persist to tenth grade on time and ultimately in graduating from high school and launching successful careers.

### New Cohort - Fall 2023

CDE will be launching a competitive grant process in fall 2023 for the second cohort of grantees. The anticipated timeline is listed below and may change based on approval of updated materials and grant rules.

- **Early Fall (September/October):** Release of Request for Proposals (RFP)
- **Mid/Late fall (October/November):** Grantees selected and recommended to the State Board of Education
- **Winter (December/January):** Grantees are awarded and begin a planning/implementation phase

### Grant components

Grantees implementing a ninth-grade success program will receive funding to support their implementation of key components including:

- **Ninth Grade Success Team:** Creating a cross-disciplinary success team of ninth grade teachers and support staff that meets regularly to identify and implement individual and group strategies to support ninth grade students.
- **Data System:** Implementing a data system that provides real-time access to data concerning a student’s behavior, attendance, and grades and can be disaggregated.
- **Instructional Support:** Providing instructional support for ninth grade students to increase engagement and rigor in learning that may include content-specific academic interventions, tutoring, course-completion programs, social-emotional learning, and trauma-informed instruction.
- **Transition Programs:** Based on data for incoming students, implement transition programs and class schedules for students. Provide support and time for school staff to better support 9th grade students.

### Cohort 1 - 2019-2024

The first cohort of grantees began implementation in 2019-2020 school year and will be completing their final year in 2023-2024.

Adams County School District 14	Poudre School District
Center Consolidated Schools 26JT	Pueblo City Schools District 60
Denver Public Schools	St. Vrain Valley School District
Harrison School District 2	Thompson School District

“National research demonstrates that students who complete their ninth-grade year on-time are almost four times more likely to graduate from high school.”

CDE’s Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement administers the Ninth Grade Success Grant. The office provides coordination, research and leadership to assist local education providers in implementing efforts to improve student engagement with the goal to improve the dropout, graduation and completion rates every year.

[Ninth Grade Success Grant webpage](#)

#### Contact info

Johann Liljengren

[Liljengren\\_j@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Liljengren_j@cde.state.co.us)

303-968-0201

Tricia Walz

[Walz\\_t@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Walz_t@cde.state.co.us)

720-241-8094