# Colorado's District Sample Curriculum Project Plan

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An investment in creating sample curricula is an investment in purposeful and effective instructional design.

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# **Curriculum Template**

Phase I: Curriculum Blueprint
Sample
Blueprint Creation
Grades K-12

Phase II: Sample Blueprint Creation Grades P-12

### **Instructional Units**

# Definition of a Template:

Document that provides structure for planning Colorado standard based curriculum

Deliverables:

and examples

✓ Customizable template

✓ Crosswalk with district

✓ Template with explanations

curriculum design models

# **Development:**

 Developed by CDE content specialists with feedback from the field

### **Definition of a Blueprint:**

Filled-in template that shows how the Colorado Academic Standards elements can be sequenced and organized across a course or a year to help facilitate students' mastery of the standards.

#### **Phase I and Phase II Development:**

- Developed by teachers and district leaders across Colorado
- Supported by CDE content specialists
- Fall and spring workshops

#### Phase I Deliverables/Outcomes:

- ✓ Sample curriculum blueprints
- ➤ One set: Grades K-12, all 10 content areas
- Representation from diverse Colorado districts
- ▶ 62 of 178 districts participating

# Phase II Deliverables/Outcomes:

- ✓ Sample curriculum blueprints
  - Area participants review samples
- Additional blueprints reflective of local needs/changes: Grades P-12, all 10 content area
- ✓ Process Guides

#### **Definition:**

Elaboration of the curriculum blueprint including, but not limited to, existing and new resources, assessments, and differentiation.

# **Development:**

- Developed by Colorado teachers and district leaders
- Supported by CDE content specialists

#### **Deliverables:**

- ✓ Sample units at each grade: preschool through 8
- √ Samples for high school courses

Built upon the Colorado Academic Standards, research-based practices, and public feedback



#### Colorado Academic Standards

- All students, all standards
- 10 content areas

#### Translation: Colorado Academic Standards into Curriculum

- Content and skills into concept-based curriculum and instruction
- Technical Assistance international curriculum expert, Dr. Lynn Erickson

#### Feedback: Ongoing and Inclusive

- ❖ Initial: CDE 2012 Symposia and Content Collaboratives
- ❖ Ongoing: Feedback loops throughout development and implementation

# Informed by the Field

# Field driven:

- ➤ Colorado Association of School Superintendents and Senior Administrators letter
- ➤ Colorado Standards Implementation Summit

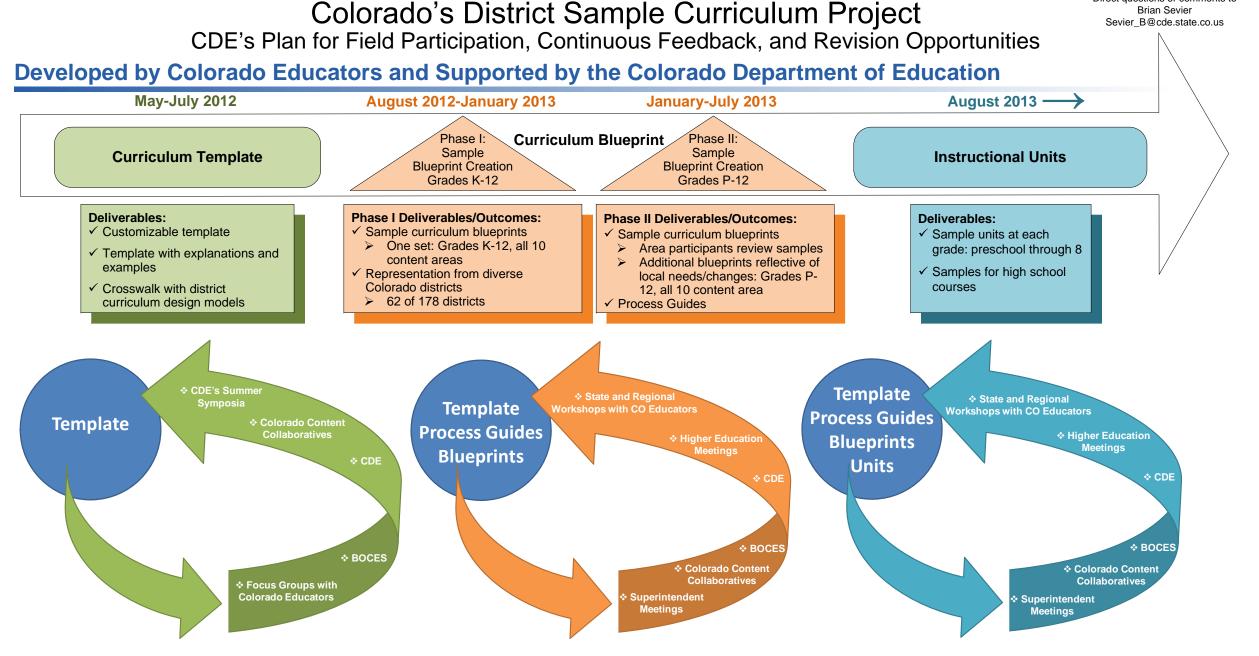
# Field generated:

- ➤ Colorado teacher leaders
- Colorado district curriculum specialists

# Field relevant:

- > Customizable template and processes
- > Honors local control
- > Diverse curriculum design models

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