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**News Release** 

## State Reports on Performance of Students with Disabilities

The Colorado Department of Education announced today the availability of the "State Performance Plan," a plan designed to improve the educational and functional outcomes for children with disabilities.

The state plan must encompass baseline data (where available), projected targets and activities to achieve those targets. It looks at the graduation and drop out rates of students will disabilities and how students with disabilities performed on the CSAP and CSAPA tests along with several other indicators.

A second report titled "Annual Performance Report" is CDE's report to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and reflects on how the department has performed on targets set in the State Performance Plan.

The two reports involved stakeholders and determined annual targets.

The State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report for federal fiscal year 2006-07 can be found at: <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/stateimprovement.asp">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/stateimprovement.asp</a>.

For questions about the reports or for a copy of either the State Performance Plan or the Annual Performance Report, please contact Sarah Cannon, SPP/APR coordinator at 303-866-6749 or cannon\_s@cde.state.co.us.

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