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News Release

2008 Colorado Growth Model School District Data Released

The Colorado Department of Education today released 2008 Colorado Growth Model summary data for districts and schools.

The data is posted as a spreadsheet for each district at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeedserv/GrowthModelDistSchReport.htm>. Look for “2008 District Growth Summaries” on this page. Only district and school-level views are available to the public; individual student assessment data is protected by federal privacy laws.

Based on results from the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP), Colorado’s Growth Model enables parents, schools, districts, and the state to understand how individual students are progressing from year to year and provides a common, statewide means to understand how much growth is needed for each student to reach state standards.

“This marks a turning point in the way we look at individual student progress,” said Assistant Commissioner of Standards and Assessments Jo O’Brien. “We can now clearly track the growth and achievement of each child in our state, making sure they are where they need to be to continue into the workforce or enter into the postsecondary education system after high school graduation.”

In July, the department published an overview of 2008 statewide results from the growth model:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/res_eval/2008_Growth_Summary.pdf

Displays of the data on interactive graphics are planned for publication on the CDE Web site by mid-September, 2008.

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