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News Release

Online Programs Office Releases Annual Report; Online Student Enrollment Increases By 12.5 Percent

The Colorado Department of Education's Unit of Online Learning today released "Summary Report of the Operations and Activities of Online Programs in Colorado."

The statewide online student enrollment counts for the 2008-2009 school year increased by 1,452 over the previous year, bringing the total to 13,093 students.

"Students in Colorado continue to see the value of online learning," said Pam Ice, CDE's online support director. "The 2008-2009 school year brought improvements in student success in many of Colorado's online programs. Graduation rates and completion rates increased, more programs employ guidance counselors and credentialed staff for special education and English Language Learners. These efforts are paying off for the programs."

According to statute, online programs in Colorado are required to submit an annual report to the Unit of Online Learning at CDE by Dec. 1 of each year. The unit evaluates, compiles and summarizes the report by Feb. 1 and submits the report to the Colorado State Board of Education and the education committees of the Colorado House of Representatives and the Senate.

This year's 122-page report provides information on the activities and structure of single district and multi-district online programs for the 2008-2009 school year along with 2009 October count data. The

report provides insight into other areas of program delivery including alignment to the quality standards, demographics and accountability data, curriculum, student support and initiatives and budgets.

To read the complete report, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/index.htm>

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