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News Release

Latest “State Performance Plan” and “Annual Performance Report” Show Outcomes For Students With Disabilities

The Colorado Department of Education announced today the availability of the “2008-09 State Performance Plan,” designed to improve the educational and functional outcomes for children with disabilities.

The state plan establishes targets and activities to achieve those targets. It also looks at the graduation and dropout rates of students with disabilities and how students with disabilities performed on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) and Colorado Student Assessment Program Alternate (CSAPA) tests along with several other indicators.

Nine of the 20 indicators included in the report are compliance indicators against which the state receives a level of determination in their ability to carry out federal Special Education law. The other 11 indicators are performance indicators where CDE sets targets based on baseline data.

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 State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report for 2008-09 can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/SPP-APR.asp>

In addition, reports dating back four years that compare an administrative unit’s performance to the state performance and state target are available at:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/AUperformanceprofiles.asp>

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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