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Latest Colorado Growth Model Update Shows Performance Over Time for Schools and Districts

The Colorado Department of Education today announced a series of enhancements to the Colorado Growth Model, including the addition of past years' growth and achievement results. All the features are available through SchoolView, the department's one-stop online site for school and district performance information.

Growth model data are now accessible for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Users begin at www.schoolview.org by clicking the Colorado Growth Model button. Next users may select "by map" or select "by name" to begin using the model.

Clicking the "Year" tab at the top of the growth model display page allows users to explore data from 2007, 2008 or 2009. When users switch years, selections are maintained within the application. This enhancement makes it possible to track performance over time, providing a longer-term view of the data.

Other new and improved enhancements include:

- Ability to view disaggregated subgroups of students at the district level. (This option was already available at the school level). Users can view the disaggregated data by selecting a school bubble in the district to explore. Running a mouse over the bubble and clicking "Up One Level" will break out that district-level bubble in various ways, including by school, grade, ethnicity, gender, ELL (English language learner),

gifted/talented, free/reduced meal plan or IEP (Individualized Education Plan).

- Capability to track multiple bubbles by control-clicking on them. (While depressing the control button, click on a bubble to access this feature.) Control-clicking on bubbles will change their color so that the districts or schools of greatest interest are distinctively set apart from the rest. This also works on school or district names in the right-hand navigation pane. The color-selection mechanism makes it easier to track particular schools or districts when comparing them to others.

The Colorado Growth Model provides a common understanding of how individual students and groups of students progress from year to year toward meeting or exceeding state standards, based on where each individual student begins. Background information about the Colorado Growth Model is available on the Learning Center portion of SchoolView at the following link:

<http://www.schoolview.org/learningcenter.asp>

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