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Introduction

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is pleased to present to its constituents the *2004 No Child Left Behind Report Card* to the public. This report card details the progress Colorado and its districts and schools are making in reaching the goals of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Two of the major goals outlined in *No Child Left Behind* are:

- 100% of all students proficient in reading and math by 2013–2014
- 100% Highly Qualified Teachers by 2005–2006

The intent of the NCLB Report Card is to inform parents, the general public, and decision makers about the status of education in Colorado in relation to the above goals.

Specifically, the report includes:

- Assessment Data—the results of the reading and math state content assessments (CSAP, CSAPA and Spanish Lectura)
- Accountability Data—the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for the state
- Graduation Rate Data
- Federal accountability status of individual school districts in the state
- Improvement status of Title I schools in the state
- Information about teacher qualifications and percentages of classes taught by highly qualified teachers

This year's report card will also allow parents, school and districts staff and the general public to easily access Adequate Yearly Progress and highly qualified teacher data for an individual school or a district at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeunified/nclbstaterept.htm>.

Some highlights from this year's report include:

- The state is seeing growth in reading and math at the elementary level for English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities, and migrant students.
- Secondary level math AYP targets continue to be a challenge for the state, schools and districts to achieve.
- 91% of core academic classes are being taught by highly qualified teachers.
- Fifty-six districts have been identified for Program Improvement status.
- Twenty-two schools have made AYP for two consecutive years and have been removed from the School Improvement list.

If you have questions about an individual school or district, please feel free to contact the applicable school or district administrative office.

The Colorado Department of Education thanks you for your interest in the education of our state's students. Working together, we can provide an educational environment where no child will be left behind.

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