

SUPPORTING Student Outcomes Using ESEA Funds

Overview of the 2013-2014 Consolidated Application

Winter/Spring 2013

Goals



Successful students

Prepare students to thrive in their education and in a globally competitive workforce.

- Ensure every student is on track to graduate postsecondary and workforce ready.
- Increase achievement for all students and close achievement gaps.
- Ensure students graduate ready for success in postsecondary education and the workforce.
- Increase national and international competitiveness for all students.

Great teachers and leaders

Ensure effective educators for every student and effective leaders for every school and district.

- Increase and support the effectiveness of all educators.
- Optimize the preparation, retention, and effectiveness of new educators.
- Eliminate the educator equity gap.

Outstanding schools and districts

Build the capacity of schools and districts to meet the needs of Colorado students and their families.

- Increase school and district performance.
- Turnaround the state's lowest performing districts and schools.
- Foster innovation and expand access to a rich array of high quality school choices for students.

Best education system in the nation

Build the best education system in the nation.

- Lead the nation in policy, innovation, and positive outcomes for students.
- Operate with excellence, efficiency, and effectiveness to become the best SEA in the nation.
- Attract and retain outstanding talent to CDE.

Current Limitations

- **Duplication of Efforts:** budget and narrative both collect similar information
- **Misalignment:** budget and narrative are not aligned
- **Difficult to identify school level expenditures and activities**
- **Schoolwide (SW) and Targeted Assistance (TA) plans for Title I schools reside outside of the application**
- **Difficult to determine if school rank order requirement for Title I was maintained in budget**

What will the changes do for LEAs?

Improvements to the Consolidated Application will assist LEAs to:

- **Better leverage ESEA (Title) funds**
- **Coordinate grant strategies leading to greater impact on student achievement**
- **Reduce duplicative work**
- **Inform and support needs based strategy planning occurring in other departments**

Needs Based Strategy Budgeting

Provide a strategy based planning tool

- **Needs-based strategies funded across Title programs**
 - Multiple funding sources can support the same activity across multiple schools
- **Can be used as a tool to incorporate all funding sources across the district**
- **Strategies can roll from one year to the next—changes based on:**
 - Completion of action steps
 - Attainment of goals, validated by evaluation

Reduces Duplication

Budget and narrative combined in one document to reduce duplication and ensure alignment

- **Excel File:**

- Funded activities are grouped by categories of strategies
- Robust description of activities – action steps – imbedded into excel document with the budgetary amounts

- **Online platform:**

- Collect federally mandated data points
- Provide information on non funded activities or requirements

- **Enables school level/district level/BOCES level budgeting**

- Supports the preservation of rank order of schools (Title I requirement)

Promotes Coordination and Collaboration

Strategies can be developed, cross-referenced and shared across the LEA

- Redesigned excel file necessitates collaboration between program and fiscal staff
- Needs-based strategies are prevalent in improvement planning processes. Consolidated Application can inform and support those processes
 - Strategies and action steps shared across funding sources
- Title I TA and SW plans coordinated with action steps

Online Platform

The online platform will:

- **Collect necessary assurances in connection with an application for federal funds**
- **Gather information on non-funded activities and/or statutory requirements**
 - TA/SW Plans, Professional Learning plan, Teacher Fluency Plan
- **Data Tables - data points required for operating the program and/or for federal reporting requirements**

The Strategy Categories

- **Action Steps derived from strategies aligned with the goals of the federal funds – to achieve accelerated growth for those students most at-risk of not meeting academic standards**
- **For each strategy, CDE will provide a scaffold within which the action steps are developed**

Tiered Instruction and Support

MANDATORY for all LEAs

This budget tab will contain strategies designed to:

- **Identify and prioritize the needs of students most at risk of not meeting academic targets**
- **Provide differentiated instruction/Interventions**
 - Struggling students and/or specific subgroups
- **Identify and provide non-academic support**
 - Socioeconomic, emotional, cultural
 - PBIS

Leadership and Educator Effectiveness

This budget tab will contain strategies designed to:

- **Recruit and retain staff**
- **Develop effective leaders and teachers**
- **Provide differentiated professional learning opportunities**
- **Professional development activities informed by evaluation systems**

Continuum of Services

This budget tab will contain strategies designed to:

- **Support community liaisons to identify and assist with student non academic needs**
- **Enhance parent engagement**
- **Develop and strengthen community partnerships and engagement**
- **Provide services to students or staff in non-public schools or other institutions**

Other

Activities that are in addition to listed strategy categories

This budget tab will contain strategies designed to:

- **Create a culture of high expectations**
- **Improve/transform instructional delivery**
 - Transition to new Colorado Academic Standards
 - Deepen content knowledge and instruction
- **Evaluate program effectiveness**
- **Promote continuous improvement**
 - Develop innovative programs
 - Pilot, implement and evaluate non-traditional programs

Together We Can

All students are engaged and
productively learning globally

The mission is to safeguard a
statewide education for all students
for success in the world.

Become Involved

CDE requests your collaboration:

- **Assist in the identification of specific action steps for each strategy category**
- **Promote the alignment of activities funded with federal monies with state and local efforts at your LEA**
- **Develop and strengthen partnerships and create opportunities for engagement**
- **Share feedback; positive comments, concerns**

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