Colorado's District Sample Curriculum Project Plan

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An investment in creating sample curricula is an investment in purposeful and effective instructional design.

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Curriculum Template

Phase I: Curriculum Samples
Sample
Curriculum Creation
Grades K-12

Phase II: Sample Curriculum PD Grades K-12

Phase III: Instructional Units

Definition of a Template:

Document that provides structure for planning Colorado standard based curriculum

Development:

• By CDE content specialists with feedback from the field

Deliverables:

- ✓ Customizable template
- ✓ Template with explanations
- ✓ Crosswalk with district curriculum design models

Definition of a sample curriculum:

Filled-in template that shows how the Colorado Academic Standards elements can be sequenced and organized across a course or a year to help facilitate students' mastery of the standards

Phase I and Phase II Development:

- · By teachers and district leaders across Colorado
- Supported by CDE content specialists
- Fall and spring workshops

Phase I Deliverables/Outcomes:

- √ Sample curriculum
- One set: Grades K-12, all 10 content areas
- ✓ Representation from 76 Colorado school districts

Phase II Outcomes:

- ✓ Build deeper understanding of the CAS and the curriculum samples
- ✓ Increase capacity to create and continuously improve curriculum
- ✓ Process guide

Definition of instructional unit:

Elaboration of a unit overview to include possible learning strategies, resources, assessment ideas, and differentiation

Phase III Development:

- By teams comprised of teacher specializing in: general education, ELL, Gifted/Talented, Special Ed, and Title One
- Supported by CDE content specialists

Phase III Deliverables/Outcomes:

- ✓ Sample instructional units:
 - At least one in each grade k-8, all content areas and for each high school course
- ✓ Representation from 100+ Colorado school districts

Built upon the Colorado Academic Standards, research-based practices, and public feedback



Colorado Academic Standards

- All students, all standards
- 10 content areas

Translation: Colorado Academic Standards into Curriculum

- Content and skills into concept-based curriculum and instruction
- ❖ Technical Assistance international curriculum expert, Dr. Lynn Erickson

Feedback: Ongoing and Inclusive

- Initial: CDE 2012 Symposia and Content Collaboratives
- Ongoing: Feedback loops throughout development and implementation

Informed by the Field

Field driven:

- Colorado Association of School Superintendents and Senior Administrators letter
- ➤ Colorado Standards Implementation Summit

Field generated:

- ➤ Colorado teacher leaders
- ➤ Colorado district curriculum specialists

Field relevant:

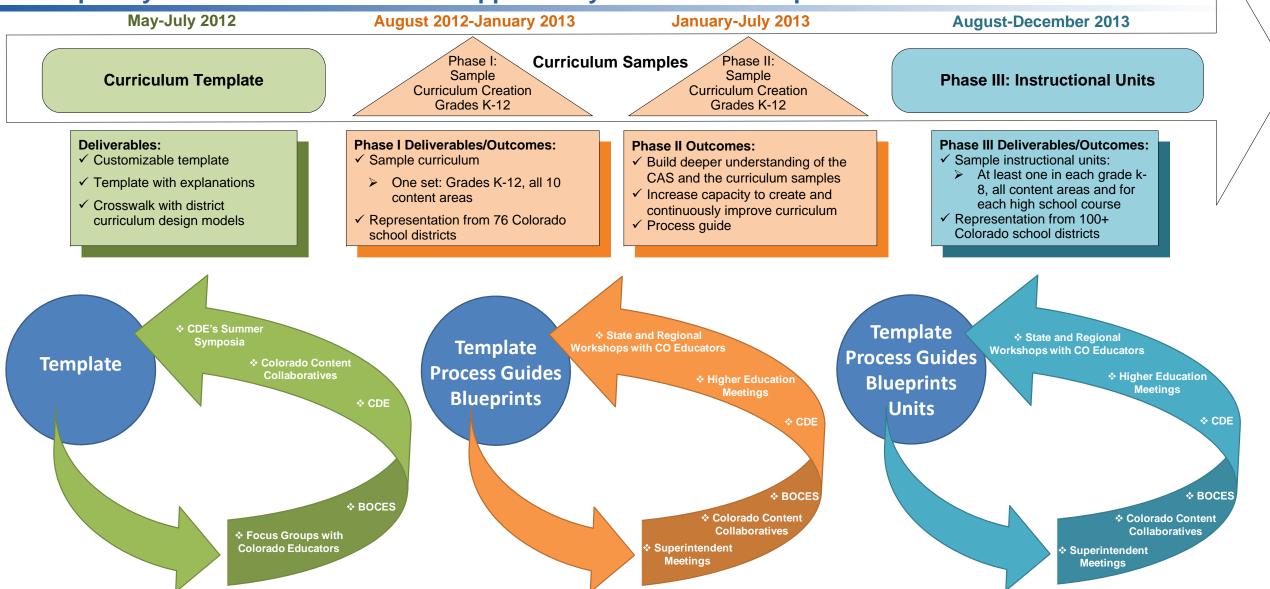
- ➤ Customizable template and processes
- > Honors local control
- Diverse curriculum design models

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CDE's Plan for Field Participation, Continuous Feedback, and Revision Opportunities

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