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Introduction

Senate Bill 19-129, concerning the regulation of online schools, calls for the Colorado Department of Education's Office of Online and Blended Learning to produce an annual report on the number of students who withdraw from Colorado K-12 online schools after the pupil enrollment count date (also known as October count).

This report is required to include the dates on which students withdrew from enrollment, the grade level at which the students were enrolled at the beginning of the school year, and the grade levels at which the students were enrolled when the students transferred. Additionally, the report provides information on whether the students either: enrolled in another public or private school or homeschool setting; or graduated or completed high school. This report includes information and data for the 2021-2022 school year.

Background and Context

In the 2021-2022 school year, there were 55 online schools operating in Colorado serving grades K-12. Of the 55 schools, 39 were multi-district online schools (MDOL). A multi-district online school can enroll students from across the state who reside outside of the district that authorizes the school. The remaining 16 schools were single-district online schools (SDOL).

Pursuant to statute, MDOLs in Colorado can be authorized by an individual school district, a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), a group of school districts, or the state Charter School Institute (CSI). In the 2021-2022 school year, 20 school districts and 2 BOCES authorized the 39 MDOLs. The 16 SDOLs were authorized by 14 school districts, with two school districts having two single district online schools. Table 1 below details for each authorizer the number of online schools it authorizes, total pupil membership for the district or BOCES, and the number and percentage of students enrolled in online schools within that district or BOCES as of the pupil enrollment count date.

In the school year 2021-22, the total pupil membership for online schools in the October count was 30,803, a slight decrease in total enrollment count (371 students) from 31,174 in 2020-21. The total student enrollment count for students enrolled in both online schools and programs was 32,034. Statewide, the percentage of students enrolled in online schools and programs represents 3.6 percent of all Colorado public school students. This report does not include data on students enrolled in online programs and only analyzes data for students enrolled in multi-district and single-district online schools. It is important to note that the number of student records analyzed for this report will differ slightly from student enrollment totals from October count for the 2021-22 school year, as this report uses student enrollment data from the End of Year data collection, which includes enrollment throughout the entire school year.

¹ Per C.R.S. 22-30.7-102(9), an "online program" is defined as a full-time education program authorized pursuant to Title 22 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) that delivers a sequential program of synchronous or asynchronous instruction, directed by a teacher primarily through online digital learning strategies that provide students choice over time, place, and path, and teacher-guided modality, of learning. Students in online programs are not enrolled in online schools.



Table 1: 2021-2022 Online School Student Enrollment Count as of the Pupil Enrollment Count Date

| Authorizer | Number of Online Schools | District P-12 Enrollment | Number of Students in Online School(s) | Percentage of Students in Online School(s) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Academy 20 | 3 | 26,400 | 1,231 | 4.7% |
| Adams 12 Five Star Schools | 1 | 36,078 | 386 | 1.1% |
| Alamosa RE-11J | 1 | 2,188 | 92 | 4.2% |
| Boulder Valley Re 2 | 1 | 29,011 | 382 | 1.3% |
| Branson Reorganized 82 | 1 | 502 | 419 | 83.5% |
| Byers 32J | 8 | 5,352 | 4,838 | 90.4% |
| Center 26 JT | 1 | 617 | 15 | 2.4% |
| Cherry Creek 5 | 1 | 53,558 | 655 | 1.2% |
| Colorado Springs 11 | 2 | 23,366 | 627 | 2.7% |
| Delta County 50(J) | 1 | 4,738 | 40 | 0.8% |
| Denver County 1 | 1 | 88,889 | 307 | 0.3% |
| District 49 | 3 | 24,767 | 5,886 | 23.8% |
| Douglas County Re 1 | 3 | 63,876 | 2,048 | 3.2% |
| Durango 9-R | 1 | 5,797 | 1,157 | 20.0% |
| Eagle County RE 50 | 1 | 6,689 | 56 | 0.8% |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | 5 | 4,395 | 3,629 | 82.6% |
| Greeley 6 | 1 | 22,170 | 628 | 2.8% |
| Hanover 28 ² | 1 | 283 | - | 0.0% |
| Harrison 2 | 1 | 13,002 | 139 | 1.1% |
| Holyoke Re-1J | 1 | 578 | 25 | 4.3% |
| Jefferson County R-1 | 1 | 78,473 | 1,446 | 1.8% |
| Julesburg Re-1 | 1 | 775 | 545 | 70.3% |
| Las Animas RE-1 | 1 | 826 | 351 | 42.5% |
| Mapleton 1 | 1 | 9,002 | 2,154 | 23.9% |
| Mesa County Valley 51 | 1 | 21,315 | 513 | 2.4% |
| Monte Vista C-8 | 1 | 1,074 | 93 | 8.7% |
| Montrose County RE-1J | 1 | 6,061 | 254 | 4.2% |
| Peyton 23 Jt | 1 | 614 | 29 | 4.7% |
| Poudre R-1 | 1 | 29,941 | 496 | 1.7% |
| Pueblo City 60 | 2 | 15,134 | 717 | 4.7% |
| Pueblo County 70 | 1 | 10,247 | 214 | 2.1% |
| San Juan BOCES | 1 | 52 | 52 | 100.0% |
| School District 27J | 1 | 20,338 | 390 | 1.9% |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | 2 | 32,406 | 646 | 2.0% |
| Widefield 3 | 1 | 9,370 | 343 | 3.7% |
| TOTAL | 55 | | 30,803 | |

² This district authorizes a multi-district online school however in the 2021-2022 school year, the district reported no students enrolled in that school.



Table 2 below displays the online school type, grades served, and enrollment numbers for each school as reported on the Student October Count data collection for the 2021-22 school year.

Table 2: 2021-22 Online School Student Enrollment Count

| Authorizer | Online School | School Type | Grades Served | Student K-12 Enrollment |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Academy 20 | Journey K8 | Multi-District | K-8 | 303 |
| Academy 20 | TCA College Pathways | Multi-District Charter | 7-12 | 520 |
| Academy 20 | Village High School | Multi-District | 9-12 | 408 |
| Adams 12 Five Star Schools | Pathways Future Center | Single District | 9-12 | 386 |
| Alamosa RE-11J | Alamosa Online | Single District | K-12 | 92 |
| Boulder Valley Re 2 | Boulder Universal | Multi-District | K-12 | 382 |
| Branson Reorganized 82 | Branson School Online | Multi-District | K-12 | 419 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Elementary School | Multi-District Charter | K-5 | 679 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy High School | Multi-District Charter | 9-12 | 1,564 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Middle School | Multi-District Charter | 6-8 | 714 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online High School | Multi-District Charter | 9-12 | 513 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online Middle School | Multi-District Charter | 6-8 | 420 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy | Multi-District Charter | K-6 | 454 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy High School | Multi-District Charter | 9-12 | 369 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy Middle School | Multi-District Charter | 7-8 | 125 |
| Center 26 JT | Center Virtual Academy | Single District | 9-12 | n<16 |
| Cherry Creek 5 | Cherry Creek Elevation | Single District | 9-12 | 655 |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Achieve Online | Multi-District | 6-12 | 332 |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Spark Online Academy | Multi-District | K-8 | 295 |



| Authorizer | Online School | School Type | Grades Served | Student K-12 Enrollment |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Delta County 50(J) | Delta Online Learning Academy | Single District | 6-12 | 40 |
| Denver County 1 | Denver Online | Multi-District | 9-12 | 307 |
| District 49 | Strict 49 GOAL Academy | | 9-12 | 5,328 |
| District 49 | Pikes Peak Early College | Multi-District | 9-12 | 134 |
| District 49 | Springs Studio for Academic Excellence | Multi-District | K-12 | 424 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | eDCSD | Single District | 9-12 | 34 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy High School | Multi-District Charter | 9-12 | 1,600 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School | Multi-District Charter | 6-8 | 414 |
| Durango 9-R | Colorado Connections Academy @ Durango | Multi-District | K-12 | 1,157 |
| Eagle County RE 50 | World Academy | Single District | K-12 | 56 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary School | Multi-District | K-5 | 1,294 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy High School | Multi-District | 9-12 | 772 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Middle School | Multi-District | 6-8 | 755 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Summit Connections Academy | Multi-District | K-12 | 416 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Pikes Peak Online School | Multi-District | 9-12 | 392 |
| Greeley 6 | District 6 Online Academy | Multi-District | K-12 | 628 |
| Hanover 28 | Hanover Online Academy | Multi-District | 6-12 | 0 |
| Harrison 2 | Aspire Online Academy | Multi-District | K-8 | 139 |
| Holyoke Re-1J | Holyoke Alternative School | Single District | 7-12 | 25 |
| Jefferson County R-1 | Jeffco Virtual Academy | Multi-District | K-12 | 1,446 |
| Julesburg Re-1 | Destinations Career Academy of Colorado | Multi-District | 6-12 | 545 |
| Las Animas RE-1 | Academy of Las Animas Online School | Multi-District | 6-12 | 351 |



| Authorizer | Online School | School Type | Grades Served | Student K-12 Enrollment |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Mapleton 1 | Colorado Connections Academy | Multi-District | K-12 | 2,154 |
| Mesa County Valley 51 | Grand River Academy | Single District | K-12 | 513 |
| Monte Vista C-8 | Monte Vista On-Line Academy | Multi-District | 4-12 | 93 |
| Montrose County RE-1J | Peak Virtual Academy | Single District | K-12 | 254 |
| Peyton 23 Jt | Peyton Online Academy | Multi-District | 7-12 | 29 |
| Poudre R-1 | PSD Global Academy | Multi-District | K-12 | 496 |
| Pueblo City 60 | D60 Online School | Single District | K-8 | 353 |
| Pueblo City 60 | Paragon Learning Center | Single District | 9-12 | 364 |
| Pueblo County 70 | 70 Online | Multi-District | 6-12 | 214 |
| San Juan BOCES | Southwest Colorado eSchool | Multi-District | 6-12 | 52 |
| School District 27J | 27J Online Academy | Single District | K-12 | 390 |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy | Single District | K-12 | 585 |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain Virtual High School | Single District | 9-12 | 61 |
| Widefield 3 | D3 My Way Virtual School | Single District | K-12 | 343 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | | 30,803 |

Data Utilized for Analysis

The analysis in this report utilizes the date on which a student is coded as withdrawing from enrollment in an online school, the grade level the student was in at the time of enrollment in the online school, and the grade level the student was in at the time of withdrawal. This report also provides information, to the extent known, about whether the student enrolled in another school within the same school year or graduated or completed high school. It is important to note that the report looks at data from two separate sources: the Student October Pupil Count (October Count) and the Student End of Year data snapshots, as described below.

The <u>Student October Pupil Count (October Count)</u> snapshot data collection captures annual student enrollment data and is used as a method for distributing school funding across the state. A snapshot data collection represents point-in-time views of larger, live data sources. The October Count data collection is based on a one-day membership count in which school districts and other Local Education Agencies (LEAs), such as BOCES or the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI), report all students who are actively enrolled and attending classes on



the pupil enrollment count date. The pupil enrollment count date is October 1 of each year, unless that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or major religious holiday. While the submission should only include those students who meet the membership and scheduling requirements as of the pupil enrollment count day, the actual submission process begins in September and closes mid-November. Data from the October Count snapshot data collection serves as the statistical foundation for enrollment counts in this report (Tables 1 and 2, Appendix).

The other snapshot data collection utilized for this report is the <u>Student End of Year</u> data collection. The Student End of Year snapshot collects student enrollment updates throughout the school year. One of the data elements collected in the Student End of Year snapshot is information about the way a student enrolls and withdraws from a school. The data collected from the Student End of Year data collection is certified in the subsequent school year. As a result, the data analyzed in this report is from the 2021-22 school year, which was certified in fall of 2022 and finalized in 2023. A student can withdraw and re-enroll several times in a school year. To minimize confusion and focus on the proportion of students who leave an online school or remain in it, only one exit code has been retained for each student who attended an online school in 2021-22. These exit codes represent the first time in the school year that a student leaves their online school and does not include any subsequent movement. Percentages in the following sections are based on the total number of unique students who were enrolled in an online school in 2021-22 (and not on the pupil membership of these schools).

Student Exit Codes

When a student leaves a school, the state collects information from schools and local education agencies through an ongoing process known as the "Student Interchange." The data from <u>Student Interchange</u> is then formally archived for the year through the Student End of Year snapshot mentioned above. When a student leaves a school, the school is responsible for reporting both an exit date and the reason the student withdrew from the school (i.e., an "exit type"). Table 3 below shows the exit types and number of students associated with each exit type who left an online school during the 2021- 22 school year.

In addition to collecting information about whether and why a student withdraws from school, the Student End of Year Data Collection also collects information about whether students continue to be enrolled in a school or complete school. For purposes of this report, the codes that are assigned to students when they continue in the school or complete are grouped together as "Continued or Completed" as shown in Table 3.

Some examples of "Continued Enrollment" codes are:

- Students participating in a postsecondary program such as a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH school) or Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program (exit code 24); or
- Students experiencing a grade re-assignment during the school year (exit code 10).

Students who have completed the school year with an online school and did not exit during the school year are reported with a "00" code to signify a completed year. In addition, students who have completed graduation requirements and are issued a diploma, have completed a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED), or have completed high school without receiving a diploma are coded with the corresponding codes as well. These codes are also included in the "Continued or Completed" group.



TABLE 3: Number of Records Based on Exit Codes for 2021-22 School Year

| Exit Code | Code Description | Grouping | Count |
|------------------|---|------------------------|--------|
| 00 | Completed/ Did Not Exit School Year | Continued or Completed | 20,744 |
| 01 | Reached Maximum Age | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 02 | Death | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 05 | Other School: Out of Country | Withdrew | 46 |
| 06 | Exited to Unknown Educational Setting | Withdrew | 306 |
| 10 | Grade Reassignment in Same School | Continued or Completed | 212 |
| 11 | Other School: In District | Withdrew | 893 |
| 12 | Transfer to In-district Detention Center | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 13 | Other School: Other LEA | Withdrew | 1,676 |
| 14 | Other School: Other State | Withdrew | 509 |
| 15 | Other School: Non-Public | Withdrew | 261 |
| 16 | Transfer to Home-Based Education (Home school) | Withdrew | 669 |
| 18 | Transfer to Career and Technical Education (Vocational) | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 19 | Transfer to Facility School/State Operated Program | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 21 | Transfer to Corrections Facility | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 22 | Exited after Graduated in a prior year | Continued or Completed | n<16 |
| 24 | Completed P-Tech/ASCENT program | Continued or Completed | 33 |
| 25 | Extended Absences – 10+ Consecutive Days | Withdrew | 17 |
| 26 | Transfer to Out-of-District Detention Center | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 30 | Illness/Injury | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 40 | Dropped Out (6-12) | Withdrew | 1,351 |
| 45 | 6 Week Absence but now Returned | Continued or Completed | 32 |
| 56 | Expelled with Educational Services | Withdrew | n<16 |
| 70 | Transfer to HSED Program (Out-of-District) | Withdrew | 171 |
| 90 | Graduated with Diploma | Continued or Completed | 3,616 |
| 92 | Completed (non-Diploma Certificate) | Completed | n<16 |
| 93 | Completed HSED Program (In-District) | Continued or Completed | 20 |
| 94 | Completed HSED Program (Out-of-District) | Continued or Completed | 65 |
| | | Total* | 30,701 |

^{*}Number of student records analyzed for this report differs slightly from student enrollment totals from October count for the 2021-22 school year as noted in the introduction section.

Year-to-Year Comparison of Student Withdrawals, Continuations, and Completions
Table 4 below shows a year-to-year comparison of student withdrawals between 2017-18 and 2021-22. In the
2021-2022 school year, students coded as withdrawing from online schools after the October Count totaled
5,978 or 19.5 percent of the total number of online students whose data were reviewed for this purpose. This
is an increase from the 17.9 percent of students coded as withdrawing from online schools after the October
Count in the prior year. However, that increase is within the expected year-to year variation of student
withdrawal rates (it is not statistically significant).



TABLE 4: Statewide Online Student Completion and Withdrawal by School Year

| School Year | Continued or Completed | Percentage | Withdrew | Percentage | Grand Total |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| 2021-22 | 24,723 | 80.5% | 5,978 | 19.5% | 30,701 |
| 2020-21 | 25,251 | 82.1% | 5,503 | 17.9% | 30,754 |
| 2019-20 | 18,163 | 83.2% | 3,655 | 16.8% | 21,818 |
| 2018-19 | 16,669 | 80.9% | 3,928 | 19.1% | 20,597 |
| 2017-18 | 15,248 | 78.9% | 4,086 | 21.1% | 19,334 |

Statewide Student Withdrawals

Since the release of the first version of this report, the top reason for withdrawal from an online school continues to be transferring to a school in another district. Of the 5,978 students coded as withdrawing from an online school statewide in 2021-22, 1,676 students (28 percent of withdrawals) were coded as transferring to a school in a different school district. Online school enrollment totals show that 86 percent of online students attend multidistrict online schools rather than single district schools. Because a multi-district online school can enroll students from outside of the geographic district that authorizes the school, this may help explain the high incidence of students transferring to a school in another school district (which might mean transferring to a brick-and-mortar school in their district of residence if they attended a multi-district online school that was authorized by a district other than their district of residence).

The second most frequently reported reason that students exited online schools in 2021-2022 was that the students were coded as dropping out of school. 1,351 students or 4.4 percent of all online school students were coded with a dropout exit code. This exit code includes students who are enrolled in school at any time during the school year but left the school for any reason other than one of the exclusionary conditions listed below.

Exclusionary conditions (for which students are not counted as a dropout) include:

- Transfers (with official documentation) to another public-school district, private school, home based education program or other state- or district-approved educational program;
- Temporary absence due to suspension or expulsion; or
- Serious illness or death and student does not complete their education.

It is important to note that the number or percentage of students coded with a dropout exit code in this report is not the same as the state's official dropout rate calculated for each online school. The state's official dropout rate is calculated by dividing the number of dropouts by a membership base which includes all students in grades 7-12 who were in membership any time during the year. For more information about how the dropout rate is calculated, please visit: https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/dropoutcurrentfaq.

The third most frequently reported reason that students exited online schools in 2021-2022 was to transfer to another school in the same district. 893 students, or 2.9 percent of all online school students, were coded as transferring to a school in the same district as the online school that they were enrolled in.

Combined, students who transferred to a school in another district, dropped out of school or transferred to a school in the same district as the online school account for 3,920 students, or 12.8 percent of all online school students, reported as being enrolled during the October Count. Table 5 below contains the reasons students in online schools were coded for withdrawing in the 2021-22 school year. Table 6 provides a comparison of the top five exit code reasons between 2017-18 and 2021-22.



TABLE 5: Breakdown of Students Withdrawing from Online Schools in 2021-22 by Exit Code

| Exit Code | Code Description | Student Count | Percentage of 2021-22 Online School Students |
|-----------|--|---------------|---|
| 13 | Other School: Other LEA | 1,676 | 5.5% |
| 40 | Dropped Out (6-12) | 1,351 | 4.4% |
| 11 | Other School: In District | 893 | 2.9% |
| 16 | Transfer to Home-Based Education (Home school) | 669 | 2.2% |
| 14 | Other School: Other State | 509 | 1.7% |
| 06 | Exited to Unknown Educational Setting | 306 | 1.0% |
| 15 | Other School: Non-Public | 261 | 0.9% |
| 70 | Transfer to HSED Program (Out-of-District) | 171 | 0.6% |
| 05 | Other School: Out of Country | 46 | 0.1% |
| 25 | Extended Absences – 10+ Consecutive Days | 17 | 0.1% |
| | Other (01,02,12, 18,19, 21,26, 30) | 79 | 0.3% |
| | Total | 5,978 | 19.5% |

TABLE 6: Proportion of Students in Each of the Top Five Withdrawal Exit Codes by Year

| Exit Code & Description | 2017-18 % of Online | 2018-19 % of Online | 2019-20 % of Online | 2020-21 % of Online | 2021-22 % of Online |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 13: Other School: Other LEA | 6.2% | 5.4% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.5% |
| 40: Dropped Out (Grades 7-12) | 6.7% | 5.2% | 4.6% | 3.8% | 4.4% |
| 11: Other School: In district | 1.1% | 0.9% | 1.1% | 1.8% | 2.9% |
| 16: Transfer to Home-Based Education (Home school) | 3.1% | 4.0% | 2.7% | 3.1% | 2.2% |
| 14: Other School: Other State | 2.0% | 1.7% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.7% |

Statewide Student Continuations and Completions

In the 2021-2022 school year, 20,744 students or 67.6 percent of all online school students were coded as completing the school year without exiting the online school. This was the most frequent reason students were coded as continuing or completing. The second most frequently reported reason for continuing/completing was graduating with a diploma. According to the data, there were 3,616 students coded as graduating from online schools in the 2021-2022 school year, which represents 11.8 percent of all online students coded as completing or continuing. This is an increase from the previous school year, in which 10.8 percent of online students were coded as graduating with a diploma. The third most frequently reported reason for continuing/completing was students



who were coded as having a grade reassignment in the same school. Students coded with the grade reassignment exit code accounted for 0.7 percent of online school students in the 2021-2022 school year. The breakdown of students coded with continuation or completion codes are listed below in Table 7. Table 8 shows a comparison between this school year and previous school years for the top five continuing or completing codes.

TABLE 7: 2020-21 Breakdown of Students Continuing or Completing their Education in Online Schools in 2021-22 by Exit Code

| Exit Code | Code Description | Count | Percentage of 2021-22 Online School Students |
|-----------|---|--------|---|
| 00 | Completed/ Did Not Exit School Year | 20,744 | 67.6% |
| 10 | Grade Reassignment in Same School | 212 | 0.7% |
| 24 | Completed P-Tech/ASCENT program | 33 | 0.1% |
| 45 | 6 Week Absence but now Returned | 32 | 0.1% |
| 90 | Graduated with Diploma | 3,616 | 11.8% |
| (93/94) | Completed HSED Program (93-In-District, 94 Out-of-District) | 85 | 0.3% |
| | Other (Continued/Completed) (Codes 22,23, 92) | n<16 | - |
| | Total Continuing or Completing | 24,723 | 80.5% |

TABLE 8: Proportion of Students in Each of the Top Five Continuing or Completing Exit Codes by Year

| Exit Code & Description | 2017-18 % of Online | 2018-19 % of Online | 2019-20 % of Online | 2020-21 % of Online | 2021-22 % of Online |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 00: Completed School Year/Did Not Exit | 65.0% | 68.7% | 68.7% | 70.1% | 67.6% |
| 90: Graduated with Diploma | 12.9% | 11.0% | 13.4% | 10.8% | 11.8% |
| 10: Grade Reassignment | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.8% | 0.7% |
| 93/94: Completed HSED Program | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| 45: 6 Week Absence but Returned | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Total Continuing or Completing | 78.9% | 80.8% | 83.0% | 82.0% | 80.5% |



Student Withdrawals by Time after October Count

When a student leaves an online school in Colorado, the state collects data that identifies the end date of enrollment at the school. The purpose of the analysis below is to provide insight as to when students tend to withdraw from online schools.

TABLE 9: 2021-2022 Statewide Online Student Enrollment by Time

| Grouping | Exit Date Range (Days past 10/01) | Student Count | Percentage of Total |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Continued or Completed | | 24,723 | 80.5% |
| | 0-30 Days | 974 | 3.2% |
| _ | 30-60 Days | 979 | 3.2% |
| _ | 60-90 Days | 780 | 2.5% |
| Withdrew | 90-120 Days | 1,291 | 4.2% |
| _ | 120-150 Days | 823 | 2.7% |
| _ | 150-200 Days | 788 | 2.6% |
| _ | 200+ Days | 343 | 1.1% |
| | Total Withdrawals | 5,978 | 19.5% |
| 2021-22 Grand Total | | 30,701 | 100.0% |

Withdrawals by Time of Year

In terms of when students are reported as withdrawing from online schools, Table 9 shows that the greatest number of students withdrew 90-120 days after October Count. If the withdrawal timeframe is considered in terms of semesters, students are coded as withdrawing at a higher rate in the spring semester. 2,733 withdrawals occurred in the first 90 days after October Count, or in what could be considered the first semester, and 3,245 withdrawals occurred in what could be considered the second semester (90+ days after October Count). Figure 1 below displays the proportional distribution of student withdrawals in relation to the number of days after the October Count.

In the first 30 days, students are coded most frequently as transferring to a school in a different school district (n=437) and being coded as dropping out as the next most common occurrence (n=152), as shown in Table 10. This mirrors the trend over the first semester.



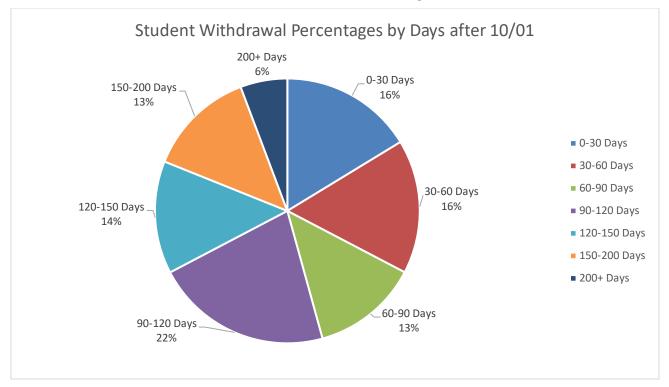


Figure 1: Online School Withdrawal Count Based on Calendar Days After October 1 Count

TABLE 10: Top 10 Withdrawal Exit Code Records by Time in the 2021-2022 School Year

| Exit Code | Description | 0-30 Days | 30-60 Days | 60-90 Days | 90-120 Days | 120-150 Days | 150-200 Days | 200+ Days | Grand Total |
|--------------|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 13 | Other School: Other LEA | 437 | 272 | 203 | 403 | 195 | 138 | 28 | 1,676 |
| 40 | Dropped Out (6-12) | 152 | 208 | 170 | 204 | 250 | 256 | 111 | 1,351 |
| 11 | Other School: In District | 119 | 54 | 166 | 323 | 77 | 71 | 83 | 893 |
| 16 | Transfer to Home-Based Education (Home school) | 84 | 227 | 75 | 62 | 120 | 70 | 31 | 669 |
| 14 | Other School: Other State | 79 | 66 | 70 | 139 | 66 | 68 | 21 | 509 |
| 06 | Exited to Unknown Ed. Setting (K-6) | 30 | 88 | 42 | 25 | 60 | 27 | 34 | 306 |
| 15 | Other School: Non-Public | 30 | 20 | 23 | 78 | n<16 | 100 | n<16 | 261 |
| 70 | Transfer to HSED Program (Out of District) | 24 | 19 | n<16 | 32 | 33 | 36 | n<16 | 171 |
| 05 | Transfer to School: Different County | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | 46 |
| 25 | Extended Absence | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | 17 |



Student Withdrawals by School

In the 2021-2022 school year, the schools with the lowest reported withdrawal percentages were TCA College Pathways (Academy 20), HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School (Douglas County Re-1), and Springs Studio for Academic Excellence (District 49). The three online schools had a withdrawal percentage of 10 percent or less in the 2020-21 school year. All are multi-district online schools. Nine online schools had n counts too small to report and the withdrawal percentage is noted as "n<16". Pikes Peak Early College and Village High School should also be noted for having low withdrawal rates even though percentages are suppressed due to the low n-size. Table 11 shows the student count of each online school based on the groupings of "continued or completed" and "withdrew" in the 2021-2022 school year.

TABLE 11: 2021-2022 Online Student Withdrawal Rate by Online School

| School District | Online School | Туре | Continued/ Completed | Withdrew | Withdrew % |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Academy 20 | Journey K8 | MDOL | 261 | 42 | 13.9% |
| Academy 20 | TCA College Pathways | MDOL Charter | 492 | 26 | 5.0% |
| Academy 20 | Village High School | MDOL | 394 | n<16 | n<16 |
| Adams 12 Five Star Schools | Pathways Future Center | SDOL | 323 | 63 | 16.3% |
| Alamosa RE-11J | Alamosa Online | SDOL | 65 | 27 | 29.3% |
| Boulder Valley Re 2 | Boulder Universal | MDOL | 289 | 91 | 23.9% |
| Branson Reorganized 82 | Branson School Online | MDOL | 338 | 81 | 19.3% |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Elementary School | MDOL Charter | 455 | 207 | 31.3% |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy High School | MDOL Charter | 972 | 572 | 37.0% |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Middle School | MDOL Charter | 530 | 177 | 25.0% |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online High School | MDOL Charter | 336 | 173 | 34.0% |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online Middle School | MDOL Charter | 335 | 76 | 18.5% |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy | MDOL Charter | 362 | 81 | 18.3% |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy High School | MDOL Charter | 252 | 110 | 30.4% |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy Middle School | MDOL Charter | 88 | 37 | 29.6% |
| Center 26 JT | Center Virtual Academy | SDOL | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 |



| School District | Online School | Туре | Continued/ Completed | Withdrew | Withdrew % |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Cherry Creek 5 | Cherry Creek Elevation | SDOL | 601 | 52 | 8.0% |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Achieve Online | MDOL | 284 | 48 | 14.5% |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Spark Online Academy | MDOL | 227 | 68 | 23.1% |
| Delta County 50(J) | Delta Online Learning Academy | SDOL | 24 | 16 | 40.0% |
| Denver County 1 | Denver Online | MDOL | 257 | 50 | 16.3% |
| District 49 | GOAL Academy | MDOL Charter | 4,091 | 1,236 | 23.2% |
| District 49 | Pikes Peak Early College | MDOL | 130 | n<16 | n<16 |
| District 49 | Springs Studio for Academic Excellence | MDOL | 386 | 38 | 9.0% |
| Douglas County Re 1 | eDCSD | SDOL | 31 | n<16 | n<16 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy High School | MDOL Charter | 1,356 | 242 | 15.1% |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School | MDOL Charter | 380 | 34 | 8.2% |
| Durango 9-R | Colorado Connections Academy @ Durango | MDOL | 1001 | 156 | 13.5% |
| Eagle County RE 50 | World Academy | SDOL | 38 | 18 | 32.1% |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary School | MDOL | 1092 | 202 | 15.6% |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy High School | MDOL | 700 | 72 | 9.3% |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Middle School | MDOL | 649 | 104 | 13.8% |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Summit Connections Academy | MDOL | 281 | 135 | 32.5% |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Pikes Peak Online School | MDOL | 304 | 88 | 22.4% |
| Greeley 6 | District 6 Online Academy | MDOL | 456 | 170 | 27.2% |
| Hanover 28 | Hanover Online Academy | MDOL | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Harrison 2 | Aspire Online Academy | MDOL | 100 | 38 | 27.5% |
| Holyoke Re-1J | Holyoke Alternative School | SDOL | 16 | n<16 | n<16 |



| School District | Online School | Туре | Continued/ Completed | Withdrew | Withdrew % |
|--------------------------|---|------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Jefferson County R-1 | Jeffco Virtual Academy | MDOL | 1,148 | 298 | 20.6% |
| Julesburg Re-1 | Destinations Career Academy of Colorado | MDOL | 491 | 54 | 9.9% |
| Las Animas RE-1 | Academy of Las Animas Online School | MDOL | 245 | 101 | 29.2% |
| Mapleton 1 | Colorado Connections Academy | MDOL | 1872 | 281 | 13.1% |
| Mesa County Valley 51 | Grand River Academy | SDOL | 449 | 63 | 12.3% |
| Monte Vista C-8 | Monte Vista On-Line Academy | MDOL | 86 | n<16 | n<16 |
| Montrose County RE-1J | Peak Virtual Academy | SDOL | 211 | 43 | 16.9% |
| Peyton 23 Jt | Peyton Online Academy | MDOL | 22 | n<16 | n<16 |
| Poudre R-1 | PSD Global Academy | MDOL | 425 | 70 | 14.1% |
| Pueblo City 60 | D60 Online School | SDOL | 300 | 51 | 14.5% |
| Pueblo City 60 | Paragon Learning Center | SDOL | 265 | 97 | 26.8% |
| Pueblo County 70 | 70 Online | MDOL | 168 | 46 | 21.5% |
| San Juan BOCES | Southwest Colorado eSchool | MDOL | 45 | n<16 | n<16 |
| School District 27J | 27J Online Academy | SDOL | 296 | 94 | 24.1% |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy | SDOL | 486 | 99 | 16.9% |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain Virtual High School | SDOL | 54 | n<16 | n<16 |
| Widefield 3 | D3 My Way Virtual School | SDOL | 257 | 85 | 24.9% |
| | TOTAL | | 24,723 | 5,978 | 19.5% |

Overall, many online schools saw their student withdrawal rates increase in the 2021-22 school year. For the schools with sufficient data to review, 22 of the schools saw their withdrawal rates increase and 14 saw their rates decrease, as displayed in Table 12. This is consistent with the fact that the overall percentage of withdrawals from online schools went from 17.9 percent in 2020-21 to 19.5 percent in 2021-22, or a 1.6 percentage point increase. For online schools that have n counts smaller than 16, withdrawal percentages are noted as "n/a".



TABLE 12: Withdrawal Percentage over Time

| School District | Online School | 2019-20 Withdrawal % | 2020-21 Withdrawal % | 2021-22 Withdrawal % | % Point Difference 2020-21 to 2021-22 |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| School District 27J | 27J Online Academy | * | * | 24.1% | n/a |
| Pueblo County 70 | 70 Online | 18.8% | 16.6% | 21.5% | 4.9% pt |
| Las Animas RE-1 | Academy of Las Animas Online School | 6.4% | 9.4% | 29.2% | 19.8% pt |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Achieve Online | 18.1% | 14.1% | 14.5% | 0.4% pt |
| Alamosa RE-11J | Alamosa Online | * | 33.9% | 29.3% | -4.6% pt |
| Harrison 2 | Aspire Online Academy | * | * | 27.5% | n/a |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Elementary School | 41.6% | 34.9% | 31.3% | -3.6% pt |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy High School | 48.3% | 30.6% | 37.0% | 6.4% pt |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Middle School | 8.8% | 25.7% | 25.0% | -0.7% pt |
| Boulder Valley Re 2 | Boulder Universal | 11.8% | 25.0% | 23.9% | -1.1% pt |
| Branson Reorganized 82 | Branson School Online | 19.2% | 13.9% | 19.3% | 5.4% pt |
| Center 26 JT | Center Virtual Academy | 17.7% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Cherry Creek 5 | Cherry Creek Elevation | 19.0% | 14.4% | 8.0% | -6.4% pt |
| Mapleton 1 | Colorado Connections Academy | 25.1% | 11.0% | 13.1% | 2.1% pt |
| Durango 9-R | Colorado Connections Academy @ Durango | 15.7% | 22.4% | 13.5% | -8.9% pt |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online High School | 8.4% | 33.8% | 34.0% | 0.2% pt |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online Middle School | 34.5% | 10.3% | 18.5% | 8.2%pt |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary School | 22.3% | 20.7% | 15.6% | -5.1% pt |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy High School | 14.4% | 15.3% | 9.3% | -6.0% pt |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Middle School | 23.8% | 17.6% | 13.8% | -3.8% pt |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Summit Connections Academy | * | * | 32.5% | n/a |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy | 13.5% | 21.9% | 18.3% | -3.6% pt |



| School District | Online School | 2019-20 Withdrawal % | 2020-21 Withdrawal % | 2021-22 Withdrawal % | % Point Difference 2020-21 to 2021-22 |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy High School | 22.3% | 17.4% | 30.4% | 13.0% pt |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy Middle School | 11.2% | 22.4% | 29.6% | 7.2% pt |
| Widefield 3 | D3 My Way Virtual School | * | * | 24.9% | n/a |
| Pueblo City 60 | D60 Online School | * | * | 14.5% | n/a |
| Delta County 50(J) | Delta Online Learning Academy | * | * | 40.0% | n/a |
| Denver County 1 | Denver Online | 24.2% | 14.9% | 16.3% | 1.4% pt |
| Julesburg Re-1 | Destinations Career Academy of Colorado | 19.8% | 9.8% | 9.9% | 0.1% pt |
| Greeley 6 | District 6 Online Academy | * | * | 27.2% | n/a |
| Douglas County Re 1 | eDCSD | 5.7% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| District 49 | GOAL Academy | 19.5% | 19.0% | 23.2% | 4.2% pt |
| Mesa County Valley 51 | Grand River Academy | 15.2% | 10.6% | 12.3% | 1.7% pt |
| Holyoke Re-1J | Holyoke Alternative School | 20.0% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy High School | 12.1% | 10.2% | 15.1% | 4.9% pt |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School | 9.2% | 6.0% | 8.2% | 2.2% pt |
| Jefferson County R-1 | Jeffco Virtual Academy | 19.7% | 11.8% | 20.6% | 8.8% pt |
| Academy 20 | Journey K8 | 17.5% | 21.7% | 13.9% | -7.8% pt |
| Monte Vista C-8 | Monte Vista On-Line Academy | 14.9% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Pueblo City 60 | Paragon Learning Center | 13.0% | 11.9% | 26.8% | 14.9% pt |
| Adams 12 Five Star Schools | Pathways Future Center | 19.6% | 30.7% | 16.3% | -14.4% pt |
| Montrose County RE- 1J | Peak Virtual Academy | 12.0% | 12.3% | 16.9% | 4.6% pt |
| Peyton 23 Jt | Peyton Online Academy | 13.0% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| District 49 | Pikes Peak Early College | 1.1% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Pikes Peak Online School | 22.1% | 20.9% | 22.4% | 1.5% pt |
| Poudre R-1 | PSD Global Academy | 11.3% | 12.8% | 14.1% | 1.3% pt |



| School District | Online School | 2019-20 Withdrawal % | 2020-21 Withdrawal % | 2021-22 Withdrawal % | % Point Difference 2020-21 to 2021-22 |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| San Juan BOCES | Southwest Colorado eSchool | 16.4% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Spark Online Academy | * | * | 23.1% | n/a |
| District 49 | Springs Studio for Academic Excellence | 8.5% | 9.3% | 9.0% | -0.3% pt |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy | * | * | 16.9% | n/a |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain Virtual High School | 22.7% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Academy 20 | TCA College Pathways | 4.0% | 4.1% | 5.0% | 0.9% pt |
| Academy 20 | Village High School | 2.3% | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Eagle County RE 50 | World Academy | 47.0% | 32.4% | 32.1% | -0.3% pt |

^{*} School opened in 2021-22 school year.

Withdrawals by Online School Type

There are two different types of online schools and data for both is included in this report. A multi-district online school (MDOL) is defined in statute as an online school that enrolls students from two or more school districts. MDOLs can be a charter school or a non-charter school. In the 2021-22 school year, 12 of the 36 MDOLs were charter schools. A single district online school (SDOL) is defined as an online school that enrolls students within the school district that the online school is located in. SDOLs can be charter schools or non-charter schools. In the 2020-21 school year there were 16 SDOLs in operation. All the SDOLs in 2021-22 were non-charter schools.

When reviewing the data by school type, students enrolled in charter MDOLs were coded as withdrawing at a higher percentage than non-charter MDOLs. In the 2021- 22 school year, 23.5 percent of students were reported as withdrawing from a charter MDOL as compared to 16.3 percent from a non-charter MDOL.

In SDOLs, student withdrawal rates decreased since last year. In the 2021-22 school year, the SDOL withdrawal rate was 20.6 percent and has since decreased to 17.7 percent.

TABLE 13: 2021-22 Statewide Online Student Completion and Withdrawal by School Type

| | | | | <u>, , ,,</u> | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| School Type | Online Schools (#) | Online Schools (%) | Continued/ Completed | Withdrew | Total | Withdrew (%) |
| Multi-District (Charter) | 12 | 21.8% | 9,649 | 2,971 | 12,620 | 23.5% |
| Multi-District (Non-Charter) | 27 | 49.1% | 11,651 | 2,272 | 13,923 | 16.3% |
| Single District | 16 | 29.1% | 3,423 | 735 | 4,158 | 17.7% |
| Total | 55 | 100% | 24,723 | 5,978 | 30,701 | 19.5% |

Schools with the Highest Number of Withdrawals by Code

Four exit codes account for the highest occurrence of withdrawals – specifically, 4,589 of the 5,978 total withdrawals, or 77 percent, can be attributed to one of these four exit codes. Given small n-sizes when displaying



data by online school and exit type, the following tables below show the five online schools with **the highest number** (not percentage) of each of the following exit codes:

- Exit Code 13 Transferred to Other School: Other LEA
- Exit Code 40 Dropped Out (Grades 7-12)
- Exit Code 11 Transferred to Other School: In District
- Exit Code 16 Transferred to Homeschool

TABLE 14: Online Schools with Highest Number of Exit Code 13 Records in 2021-22 (Transferred: Other LEA)

| Online School | Authorizer | Exit Code 13 Withdrawals | Total of All Withdrawals for School | % of Withdrawals from Exit Code 13 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Astravo Online Academy High School | Byers 32J | 253 | 572 | 44.2% |
| GOAL Academy | District 49 | 193 | 1,236 | 15.6% |
| Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary School | Education reEnvisioned BOCES | 176 | 202 | 87.1% |
| Colorado Connections Academy | Mapleton 1 | 139 | 281 | 49.5% |
| Astravo Online Academy Middle School | Byers 32J | 111 | 177 | 62.7% |

TABLE 15: Online Schools with Highest Number of Exit Code 40 Records in 2021-22 (Dropped Out)

| Online School | Authorizer | Exit Code 40 Withdrawals | Total of All Withdrawals for School | % of Withdrawals from Exit Code 40 |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| GOAL Academy | District 49 | 811 | 1,236 | 65.6% |
| HOPE Online Learning Academy High School | Douglas County Re 1 | 140 | 242 | 57.9% |
| Paragon Learning Center | Pueblo City 60 | 71 | 97 | 73.2% |
| Academy of Las Animas Online School | Las Animas RE-1 | 62 | 101 | 61.4% |
| Pathways Future Center | Adams 12 Five Star Schools | 40 | 63 | 63.5% |



TABLE 16: Online Schools with Highest Number of Exit Code 11 Records in 2021-22 (Other School: In District)

| Online School | Authorizer | Exit Code 11 Withdrawals | Total of All Withdrawals for School | % of Withdrawals from Exit Code 11 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Jeffco Virtual Academy | Jefferson County | 197 | 298 | 66.1% |
| District 6 Online Academy | Greeley 6 | 103 | 170 | 60.6% |
| St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy | St. Vrain Valley RE1J | 63 | 99 | 63.6% |
| 27J Online Academy | School District 27J | 58 | 94 | 61.7% |
| D3 My Way Virtual School | Widefield 3 | 48 | 85 | 56.5% |

TABLE 17: Online Schools with Highest Number of Exit Code 16 Records in 2021-22 (Transferred to Homeschool)

| Online School | Authorizer | Exit Code 16 Withdrawals | Total of All Withdrawals for School | % of Withdrawals from Exit Code 16 |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Astravo Online Academy High School | Byers 32J | 242 | 572 | 42.3% |
| Colorado Connections Academy | Mapleton 1 | 64 | 281 | 22.8% |
| Colorado Virtual Academy High School | Byers 32J | 45 | 110 | 40.9% |
| Astravo Online Academy Middle School | Byers 32J | 30 | 177 | 16.9% |
| Colorado Online High School | Byers 32J | 23 | 173 | 13.3% |

Student Withdrawals, Continuations and Completions by Grade Level

A review of the data shows that most students reported and coded as withdrawing are in the high school grades as compared to the elementary and middle school grades. The largest number of students are reported and coded as withdrawing in the 12th grade. Table 18 below shows the number of students coded as withdrawing by grade level or range and exit date range.

TABLE 18: Students Coded as Withdrawals by Grade and Date Range in 2021-2022 School Year

| Grade Range | 0-30 Days | 30-60 Days | 60-90 Days | 90-120 Days | 120- 150 Days | 150- 200 Days | 200+ Days | Total by Grade Range | Total Grade Range Enrollment |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| K-2nd | 129 | 104 | 88 | 132 | 97 | 59 | 16 | 625 | 2,676 |
| 3rd-5th | 125 | 98 | 120 | 121 | 76 | 62 | 32 | 634 | 3,419 |



| Grade Range | 0-30 Days | 30-60 Days | 60-90 Days | 90-120 Days | 120- 150 Days | 150- 200 Days | 200+ Days | Total by Grade Range | Total Grade Range Enrollment |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 6th-8th | 199 | 146 | 134 | 318 | 114 | 104 | 20 | 1,035 | 6,401 |
| 9th | 75 | 63 | 55 | 123 | 59 | 48 | 16 | 439 | 2,712 |
| 10th | 109 | 89 | 74 | 153 | 61 | 85 | 20 | 591 | 3,664 |
| 11th | 122 | 147 | 106 | 199 | 123 | 189 | 43 | 929 | 4,513 |
| 12th | 215 | 332 | 203 | 245 | 293 | 241 | 196 | 1,725 | 7,418 |
| TOTAL STUDENTS | 974 | 979 | 780 | 1,291 | 823 | 788 | 343 | 5,978 | 30,803 |

Continuations and Completions by Grade Level

Table 19 shows the five most frequently reported reasons students continued/completed by grade ranges. Of the students reported as "continued or completed" for the 2021-22 school year, 20,744 or 83.9 percent of the group were reported as completing the school year with the online school.

Students reported as graduating totaled 3,616 students or 14.6 percent of the total amount of completers. Other reasons for completion include students who are reported as having completed a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). There are two codes associated with HSED completion: one indicates that a student completed the HSED through a program administered by the same local education agency and the other indicates that the student transferred to another local education agency and completed with an HSED. In the 2021-22 school year, 85 students were assigned one of these two codes signaling completion with an HSED. In 2021-22, 212 students were coded as having been reassigned to another grade level within the same online school. Thirty-three students were coded as completing a concurrent enrollment program P-Tech or ASCENT). Thirty-two students were coded as having an extended absence of six weeks or longer but then returning to the online school. Other categories of completion (completion without a diploma, graduating but not completing the P-TECH or ASCENT program, etc.) have student counts too small to report.

TABLE 19: Top Five Continuation and Completion Codes by Grade Range in 2021-22 School Year

| Exit Code & Code Description | K-2nd | 3rd- 5th | 6th- 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th | Totals |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 00 - Completed/Did not Exit | 2,035 | 2,758 | 5,329 | 2,244 | 2,955 | 3,332 | 2,091 | 20,744 |
| 90 - Graduated with Diploma | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 | n<16 | 130 | 3,483 | 3,616 |
| 10 - Grade Reassignment in Same School | n<16 | n<16 | n<16 | 21 | 89 | 62 | 16 | 212 |
| 93/94 - Completed HSED Program (93-In-District, 94-Out of District) | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 | n<16 | n<16 | 58 | 85 |
| 24 - Completed P-Tech/ASCENT program | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 33 |



Grade Reassignment and Retention Coding

State statute requires this report to include an analysis of the grade level of students entering online schools and the grade level of students when the students transfer. For this report, when the student exits during the school year, we use their identified grade level at the start of the school year as captured by the October Count collection. There are some other grade change indicators that are collected, which will be described in greater detail below.

The Student End of Year data collection flags students who have completed the school year but have been retained in their grade. A retention code indicates a student will repeat a grade level in the subsequent school year.

A review of data for the 2021-22 school year shows that, in grades K through 11, the number of students flagged with a retention code was minimal (i.e., with n counts less than 16) for each grade level. In total, there were 47 students in grade K-11 that were coded with a retention code. For students in grade 12, however, 2,102 or 30 percent of 12th grade students enrolled, were reported as being retained. This is a 6.7 percent decrease from the previous year when 2,252 students (33 percent) in 12th grade were reported with a retention code.

Colorado's policy structure is designed to allow some students more time to meet graduation requirements. Thus, one would expect to see higher retention rates in the 12th grade. Table 20 shows the five online schools with the highest number of 12th grade students coded with a retention code of 01.

TABLE 20: 2021-22 Online Schools with the Largest Number of "01" Retention Codes for 12th Grade Students

| District | Online School | Student Coded with "01" Retention Code |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| District 49 | GOAL Academy | 1,249 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy | 297 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy High School | 104 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online High School | 58 |
| Jefferson County R-1 | Jeffco Virtual Academy | 51 |

Enrollments after Student October Count

In addition to students leaving online schools, students also enroll in online schools throughout the school year. Table 21 displays the number of students who entered each online school after October 1^{st} . Due to student privacy restrictions, the difference shown between withdrawals and enrollments in schools with small n-counts will be shown as "n/a" in the table.

Of note, the number of students withdrawing from online schools in the 2021-22 school year is comparable to the number of students entering online schools after October 1st. In the 2021-22 school year, records indicate there were 5,978 student withdrawals after October 1st. The number of students reported as entering online schools after October 1st was 5,954. In 2020-21, the number of students who enrolled after October 1st was 2,876 less than the number of students who withdrew.



TABLE 21: 2021-22 Online School Withdrawals and New Enrollments after October 1

| Authorizer | Online School | Withdrawals after 10/1 | Enrollments after 10/1 | Difference |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Academy 20 | Journey K8 | 42 | 33 | -9 |
| Academy 20 | TCA College Pathways | 26 | n<16 | n/a |
| Academy 20 | Village High School | n<16 | 30 | n/a |
| Adams 12 Five Star Schools | Pathways Future Center | 63 | 134 | +71 |
| Alamosa RE-11J | Alamosa Online | 27 | 40 | +13 |
| Boulder Valley Re 2 | Boulder Universal | 91 | 61 | -30 |
| Branson Reorganized 82 | Branson School Online | 81 | 10 | -71 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Elementary School | 207 | 320 | +113 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy High School | 572 | 1027 | +455 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Middle School | 177 | 673 | +496 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online High School | 173 | 22 | -151 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online Middle School | 76 | n<16 | n/a |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy | 81 | 89 | +8 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy High School | 110 | 259 | +149 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy Middle School | 37 | 96 | +59 |
| Center 26 JT | Center Virtual Academy | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| Cherry Creek 5 | Cherry Creek Elevation | 52 | 149 | +97 |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Achieve Online | 48 | 55 | +7 |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Spark Online Academy | 68 | 76 | +8 |
| Delta County 50(J) | Delta Online Learning Academy | 16 | n<16 | n/a |
| Denver County 1 | Denver Online | 50 | 60 | +10 |



| Authorizer | Online School | Withdrawals after 10/1 | Enrollments after 10/1 | Difference |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| District 49 | GOAL Academy | 1236 | 402 | -834 |
| District 49 | Pikes Peak Early College | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| District 49 | Springs Studio for Academic Excellence | 38 | n<16 | n/a |
| Douglas County Re 1 | eDCSD | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy High School | 242 | 93 | -149 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School | 34 | 20 | -14 |
| Durango 9-R | Colorado Connections Academy @ Durango | 156 | 53 | -103 |
| Eagle County RE 50 | World Academy | 18 | 44 | +26 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary School | 202 | 169 | -33 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy High School | 72 | 100 | +28 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Middle School | 104 | 188 | +84 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Summit Connections Academy | 135 | 41 | -94 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Pikes Peak Online School | 88 | 115 | +27 |
| Greeley 6 | District 6 Online Academy | 170 | 122 | -48 |
| Harrison 2 | Aspire Online Academy | 38 | 43 | +5 |
| Holyoke Re-1J | Holyoke Alternative School | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| Jefferson County R-1 | Jeffco Virtual Academy | 298 | 316 | +18 |
| Julesburg Re-1 | Destinations Career Academy of Colorado | 54 | 16 | -38 |
| Las Animas RE-1 | Academy of Las Animas Online School | 101 | 29 | -72 |
| Mapleton 1 | Colorado Connections Academy | 281 | n<16 | n/a |
| Mesa County Valley 51 | Grand River Academy | 63 | 162 | +99 |
| Monte Vista C-8 | Monte Vista On-Line Academy | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |



| Authorizer | Online School | Withdrawals after 10/1 | Enrollments after 10/1 | Difference |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Montrose County RE-1J | Peak Virtual Academy | 43 | 63 | +20 |
| Peyton 23 Jt | Peyton Online Academy | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| Poudre R-1 | PSD Global Academy | 70 | 35 | -35 |
| Pueblo City 60 | D60 Online School | 51 | 22 | -29 |
| Pueblo City 60 | Paragon Learning Center | 97 | 201 | +104 |
| Pueblo County 70 | 70 Online | 46 | 149 | +103 |
| San Juan BOCES | Southwest Colorado eSchool | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| School District 27J | 27J Online Academy | 94 | 137 | +43 |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy | 99 | 139 | +40 |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain Virtual High School | n<16 | 26 | n/a |
| Widefield 3 | D3 My Way Virtual School | 85 | 72 | -13 |
| Grand Total | | 5,978 | 5,954 | -24 |

Conclusion

In the 2021-22 school year, online schools experienced more students leaving before the end of the school year as compared to the prior year. Although online school enrollment fell slightly, there was a moderate uptick in the number of withdrawals. Additionally, online schools saw a noticeable increase in the number of students enrolling after the October count date in 2021-22 as compared to 2020-21.

5,978 students were coded as withdrawing from an online school after the October Count. The three most widely assigned exit codes for the year were:

- 1) Students withdrawing and transferring to a school in another school district (n=1,676);
- 2) Students dropping out (n=1,351); and
- 3) Students withdrawing and transferring to another school in the same district (n=893).

24,723 students were coded as continuing or completing with the online school through the year. The two most widely assigned continuation codes for the year were:

- 1) Students who completed/did not exit during the school year (n=20,744)
- 2) Students graduating with a diploma (n=3,616)



Data for 2021-22 school year shows that students in online schools withdraw after October Count more frequently at the beginning of the second semester (in the 90-120 days after October Count) than other times of the school year. Additionally, the largest count of withdrawals occurs among students in the 12th grade.

As in the previous school year, analysis showed that students in the 12th grade were retained for an additional year in the same grade more than students in any other grade level, meaning that they are not fully completing or graduating and are taking more time to complete high school.



Appendix: Online School Enrollment Over Time

| Authorizer | Online School | Туре | 2019- 20 | 2020- 21 | 2021- 22 | Enrollment Change 20-21 to 21-22 |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Academy 20 | Journey K8 | MDOL | 137 | 141 | 303 | +162 |
| Academy 20 | TCA College Pathways | MDOL Charter | 522 | 512 | 520 | +8 |
| Academy 20 | Village High School | MDOL | 214 | 310 | 408 | +98 |
| Adams 12 Five Star Schools | Pathways Future Center | SDOL | 304 | 392 | 386 | -6 |
| Alamosa RE-11J | Alamosa Online | SDOL | * | 556 | 92 | -464 |
| Boulder Valley Re 2 | Boulder Universal | MDOL | 76 | 954 | 382 | -572 |
| Branson Reorganized 82 | Branson School Online | MDOL Charter | 364 | 522 | 419 | -103 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online High School | MDOL Charter | 191 | 525 | 513 | -12 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Online Middle School | MDOL Charter | 200 | 551 | 420 | -131 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Elementary School | MDOL Charter | 114 | 805 | 679 | -126 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy High School | MDOL Charter | 485 | 1,332 | 1,564 | +232 |
| Byers 32J | Astravo Online Academy Middle School | MDOL Charter | 68 | 756 | 714 | -42 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy | MDOL Charter | 237 | 447 | 454 | +7 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy High School | MDOL Charter | 357 | 370 | 369 | -1 |
| Byers 32J | Colorado Virtual Academy Middle School | MDOL Charter | 135 | 78 | 125 | +47 |
| Center 26 JT | Center Virtual Academy | SDOL | 16 | n<16 | n<16 | n/a |
| Cherry Creek 5 | Cherry Creek Elevation | SDOL | 121 | 133 | 655 | +522 |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Achieve Online | MDOL | 271 | 308 | 332 | +24 |
| Colorado Springs 11 | Spark Online Academy | MDOL | * | * | 295 | +295 |
| Delta 50(J) | Delta Online Learning Academy | SDOL | * | * | 40 | +40 |
| Denver County 1 | Denver Online High School | MDOL | 287 | 263 | 307 | +44 |



| Authorizer | Online School | Туре | 2019- 20 | 2020- 21 | 2021- 22 | Enrollment Change 20-21 to 21-22 |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| District 49 | GOAL Academy | MDOL Charter | 4,965 | 5,308 | 5,328 | +20 |
| District 49 | Pikes Peak Early College | MDOL | 179 | 162 | 134 | -28 |
| District 49 | Springs Studio for Academic Excellence | MDOL | 402 | 472 | 424 | -48 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | eDCSD | SDOL | 35 | 45 | 34 | -11 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy High School | MDOL Charter | 590 | 651 | 1600 | +949 |
| Douglas County Re 1 | HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School | MDOL Charter | 489 | 439 | 414 | -25 |
| Durango 9-R | Colorado Connections Academy @ Durango | MDOL | 810 | 2,340 | 1,157 | -1,183 |
| Eagle County RE 50 | World Academy | SDOL | 32 | 71 | 56 | -15 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Summit Connections Academy | MDOL | * | * | 416 | +416 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary School | MDOL | 714 | 2,280 | 1,294 | -986 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy High School | MDOL | 659 | 895 | 772 | -123 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Colorado Preparatory Academy Middle School | MDOL | 685 | 1,178 | 755 | -423 |
| Education reEnvisioned BOCES | Pikes Peak Online School | MDOL | 778 | 570 | 392 | -178 |
| Hanover 28 | Hanover Online Academy | MDOL | n<16 | n<16 | 0 | n<16 |
| Harrison 2 | Aspire Online Academy | MDOL | * | * | 139 | +139 |
| Holyoke Re-1J | Holyoke Alternative School | SDOL | n<16 | 31 | 25 | -6 |
| Jefferson County R-1 | Jeffco Virtual Academy | MDOL | 304 | 374 | 1,446 | +1,072 |
| Julesburg Re-1 | Destinations Career Academy of Colorado | MDOL | 545 | 777 | 545 | -232 |
| Las Animas RE-1 | Academy of Las Animas Online School | MDOL | 1,796 | 1,701 | 351 | -1,350 |
| Mapleton 1 | Colorado Connections Academy | MDOL | 2,274 | 2,532 | 2,154 | -378 |
| Mesa County Valley 51 | Grand River Academy | SDOL | 328 | 311 | 513 | +202 |
| Monte Vista C-8 | Monte Vista On-Line Academy | MDOL | 114 | 117 | 93 | -24 |



| Authorizer | Online School | Туре | 2019- 20 | 2020- 21 | 2021- 22 | Enrollment Change 20-21 to 21-22 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Montrose County RE- 1J | Peak Virtual Academy | SDOL | 185 | 204 | 254 | +50 |
| Peyton 23 JT | Peyton Online Academy | MDOL | 31 | 25 | 29 | +4 |
| Poudre R-1 | PSD Global Academy | MDOL | 266 | 251 | 496 | +245 |
| Pueblo City 60 | D60 Online School | SDOL | * | * | 353 | +353 |
| Pueblo City 60 | Paragon Learning Center | SDOL | 187 | 269 | 364 | +95 |
| Pueblo County 70 | 70 Online | MDOL | 218 | 230 | 214 | -16 |
| San Juan BOCES | Southwest Colorado eSchool | MDOL | 61 | 74 | 52 | -22 |
| School District 27J | 27J Online Academy | SDOL | * | * | 390 | +390 |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy | SDOL | * | * | 585 | +585 |
| St Vrain Valley RE1J | St. Vrain Global Online Academy | SDOL | 128 | 107 | 61 | -46 |
| Widefield 3 | D3 My Way Virtual School | SDOL | * | * | 343 | +343 |

Note: "*" indicates that the school opened in 2021-22 school year