

Turnaround Network

The **Turnaround Network** is a commitment between the Colorado Department of Education and local school districts to accelerate student achievement of some of the state's lowest performing schools through targeted support, resources and flexibility. The goal of the network is to show evidence of strategies that yield rapid turnaround results and from which other schools/districts can learn.

Overview

The Turnaround Network will accelerate student achievement for select schools through targeted support, resources, and flexibility. The Network is a highly-collaborative and accountable endeavor between local schools, their districts and the Colorado Department of Education.

With the support of the Commissioner, the CDE District and School Performance Unit launched a Turnaround Network for schools, welcoming the first cohort of 9 schools with the support of their districts in the summer of 2014. The Turnaround Network then added 11 more schools in a second cohort during the summer of 2015 and 13 more in third cohort in the summer of 2016.

Why is the network needed?

The Turnaround Network was born out of a need for direct support for the state's lowest performing schools. Historically CDE's Office of Turnaround Support has worked with **districts** in the lowest two accreditation categories. But recent data indicates there are a growing number of low performing **schools** in districts that are not served by the Office of Turnaround Support. With the addition of the Turnaround Network, CDE is able to offer a tiered approach to its work with Priority Improvement and Turnaround schools and districts. CDE believes this shift in strategy and structure is necessary to provide high-quality support and maximize resources across the state.

What is the benefit to schools?

Schools in the network will receive enhanced diagnostic review & planning support, a cohort of peer schools, performance management, personalized professional learning opportunities, supplemental grant funding, and a common framework to diagnose and evaluate progress. [View the framework.](#)

Timeline

2016-2017 School Year

2016

- Ongoing: Performance Management Sessions
- Ongoing: Network Convening
- Ongoing: District Events
- December: Mid-Year Performance Event

2017

- Ongoing: Performance Management Sessions
- Ongoing: Network Convening
- Ongoing: District Events
- May: Diagnostic Visits
- June: End-of-Year Performance Event

Participating Schools

- Pueblo City Schools (9 schools)
- Roaring Fork (2 schools)
- Lake County (3 schools)
- Adams 12 (6 schools)
- Calhan Schools (1 school)
- Jefferson County (1 school)
- Aurora Public Schools (3 schools)
- Greeley-Evans Schools (2 schools)
- Widefield Schools (1 school)
- CO Springs District 11 (4 schools)

Where can I learn more?

- To learn about the Turnaround Network, visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/turnaroundnetwork>
- To view all CDE fact sheets, visit: www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfaqs