

April 2020 (COVID-19 Edition)

COVID-19 CDE Resources

CDE's top priority is the health and safety of all students, educators, and communities in Colorado. The Department has compiled resources about Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) to help provide guidance to schools and districts. Click on the buttons for information/resources that pertain to that specific topic.

Emergency Feeding

School Food Authorities (SFAs) and other child nutrition program sponsors can serve free meals to children in the event of an unanticipated school closure.

Policy Guidance from CDE

As COVID-19 continues to impact our education system, CDE is shifting policies and requirements and providing resources to guide districts, schools, parents and others through this process.

2020 Graduation Requirements

As local education providers consider graduation for the class of 2020 in these exceptional times, CDE provides considerations to support the local decision-making process for graduation.

Learning at Home Resources

In an effort to help schools plan for educational continuity while the suspension of in-person learning is in effect, we have curated a list of best practices for remote learning and teaching to help keep students academically engaged.

For additional COVID-19 resources from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) or to find your local health agency, click [here](#).

News from the Office of Standards and Instructional Support (SIS)

The content specialists in the Office of Standards and Instructional Support will now conduct virtual office hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10am, until otherwise communicated. Our goal

is to provide support and guidance to educators and leaders, schools, and districts during the changes, challenges, and evolutions to our state education system as a result of COVID-19.

Office Hours for Olivia Gillespie, Reading, Writing, and Communicating

- Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am-11am
- Focus
 - Provide instructional support for educators and schools to assist with the implementation of remote learning for students in the area of English language arts/literacy.
 - Communicate updates from the Office of Standards and Instructional Support and our national and state organizations.
 - Network and share best practices that other districts and BOCES are doing to support their communities during this pandemic.
- [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Setting the Standard Podcast

The Office of Standards and Instructional Support (SIS) has launched our *Setting the Standard* podcast. Our intention is to share news, interviews, teaching tips, and content expertise from each content specialist on the SIS team.

Click [here](#) to listen to our monthly podcast.

NCTE Member Virtual Gatherings

The National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) acknowledges the stress and concerning times for all of our members. Join us for a weekly member-to-member social gathering to touch base with our community and support each other. All gatherings will be led by an NCTE member. Topics may evolve with the changing circumstances alongside specific interests of our members.

Click [here](#) to sign up for the next virtual meeting.

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