

ESSA IN COLORADO



A CONVERSATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Every Student Succeeds Act Listening Tour Details

What is Happening?

- Teams comprised of CDE staff and other education officials will travel to seven sites in May to discuss the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and solicit feedback from the community about key components of the plan.

Reasons for Tour

- Federal legislation in 2015 created the Every Student Succeeds Act, replacing the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act and Colorado's waiver flexibility. The new law gives states more authority over standards, assessments, accountability and school supports.
- This is the beginning of a year-long effort to engage Colorado in how the state's ESSA plan should be written.
- Sessions will include discussion about standards and assessments, accountability, supports for students and parent and community engagement.
- Feedback also will be collected about how Colorado can become one of the seven states in a pilot program to develop more instructionally connected approaches to state assessments.

Next Steps

- Following the listening tour, ESSA committees will work to develop a first draft of the state plan. A September "back-to-school" summit will kick off the vetting process before the plan will be submitted to the State Board of Education and governor for approval before being delivered to the U.S. Department of Education.

How to Participate in the ESSA Discussion

Additional Resources:

- **ESSA in Colorado blog** – CDE has created a blog to allow an ongoing conversation about ESSA's implementation. <http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/ESSABlog>.
- **ESSA Mailbox** – CDE has created an ESSA mailbox that stakeholders can use to submit questions, recommendations, or ideas. You can e-mail your questions and comments to essaquestions@cde.state.co.us.
- **Additional ESSA Listening Events** – In addition to the listening tour, CDE will be reaching out to specific constituency groups to provide ESSA information.
- **ESSA survey** – CDE will gather input through online surveys and questionnaires.
- **ESSA webinar** – CDE will conduct a webinar for those unable to attend in person.

ESSA Listening Tour Schedule

Register – To register for the sessions or for more information about the ESSA Listening Tour, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/essa>.

- **Pueblo**
Wednesday, May 4
El Pueblo History Museum
301 N. Union Ave.
1-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Grand Junction**
Wednesday, May 4
Grand Junction Central Library
Community Rooms
443 N. Sixth St.
1-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Durango**
Thursday, May 12
Durango School District Board
Room, 201 E. 12th St.
1-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Greeley**
Monday, May 16
UNC Greeley, University Center
2045 10th Ave.
1-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Buena Vista**
Wednesday, May 18
Best Western Vista Inn
733 US Highway 24 N.
1-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Limon**
Friday, May 20
East Central BOCES
820 Second St.
9 a.m. – noon
- **Thornton**
Monday, May 23
Adams 12 Facility Operations
Conference Center,
1500 E. 128th Ave.
1-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

