

What we've learned so far about Colorado Public Higher Education

Successes

- Enrollment & degrees are trending up
- Extremely efficient and productive system of public higher education at the institutional level
- One of the most economically competitive states in the nation

Challenges

- Radical demographic shifts
- Educational achievement gap
- Declining Revenue
- Geographic disparity of higher education attainment
- Poor systemic funding

Colorado Higher Ed Strategic Plan goals/priorities(1993-2003)

Master Plan (1993-1998)

Assist Coloradans in becoming citizens of our nation and the world by providing access to educational opportunities of the highest quality.

Provide equal access for those who have historically been underserved by higher education

Sustain excellence in undergraduate and occupational education.

Maintain the quality of undergraduate and research programs and to enable their continuing contribution to the economic future of the state.

Continue to improve effectiveness, efficiency, and productivity in every area of higher education in wise stewardship of the state's resources.

Strengthen higher education's accountability to the citizen's of Colorado by continuing to implement meaningful programs of assessment.

Link higher education more closely to the communities it serves by fostering partnerships among institutions of higher education, the state, the business community, and the students.

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Master Plan (2001-2002)

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Performance-based funding

Quality of student learning

Higher Education funding

Role and mission review

Blue Ribbon Report 2003

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Higher Education Strategic Planning Draft Goals/Objectives



A Colorado Comparison

HESP 2010

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- Lessen geographic disparities in access & opportunity to complete a broader array of quality educational programs.
- Identify strategies that strengthen the link between higher education & economic development & innovation.
- Ensure Fiscal Stability & Affordability of Colorado Public Higher Education into the Future.

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What we haven't addressed...

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- Quality of student Learning
- Role & mission of HE
- Higher Education as an economic driver
- Higher education institutions as a local economic driver
- National recognition of excellence in programs
- Operational efficiencies/ effectiveness
- Degree/certificate attainment
- Quality of academic offerings
- Meeting changing demographic trends of Coloradans
- The purpose of higher education