



STATE OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

John Hickenlooper
Governor

Lt. Gov. Joseph A. Garcia
Executive Director

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Dear Superintendent,

At the Department of Higher Education, it is our privilege to support the important reform efforts taking place in school districts throughout Colorado. As a part of the ongoing implementation of the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids, the Department has expanded work on an initiative called District at a Glance.

This project collects and reports information on the progress of students as they move through our public schools and into our colleges and universities. The District at a Glance profile included here follows your district's High School Class of 2011 and provides information on college enrollment, first-year college outcomes, concurrent enrollment and remedial education. We have provided you with multiple copies to share with your colleagues.

P-20 efforts such as this are important as the global economy shifts to occupations requiring more highly-skilled workers. By 2020, 74 percent of Colorado's jobs will require education beyond high school, according to the Georgetown Center for Education and the Workforce.

Further, earning a postsecondary credential opens up doors to promising career opportunities that benefit not only individual families but also the statewide economy. College graduates earn higher incomes, live healthier lives and rely on fewer social services than individuals without postsecondary credentials.

In addition to this mailing, we've made these 2011 District at a Glance profiles available on the Department's website as PDF documents for easy printing. We also have calculated similar data for the Classes of 2009 and 2010 and those three years' worth of data are available on our website in database form at <http://highered.colorado.gov/i3/DistrictHSSummary.aspx>.

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or comments regarding District at a Glance to our P-20 research and information policy officer, Brenda Bautsch. Brenda's role at the Department is to provide school districts with timely and relevant information on the postsecondary enrollment and success of their high school graduates. Brenda can be reached at 303-866-2030 or via email at brenda.bautsch@dhe.state.co.us.

It is our sincere hope that, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education, P-20 initiatives such as District at a Glance will continue to facilitate collaboration between K-12 school districts and higher education.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Garcia
Lt. Governor and Executive Director