



Path4Ward 2021-22 Report

Implemented by SB21-106 “Fourth-Year Innovation Pilot Program”, the Path4Ward Program is a pilot initiative to award state funding to low-income students who graduate early from high school to pursue career and post-secondary education and training.

61

eligible graduates

Program Progress

CDHE selected five LEPs to participate in March 2022 and coordinated with four external partners to support the rollout of the Path4Ward program to the initial cohort of eligible graduates. This report includes the following statute-required data:

- Number of eligible graduates receiving funding.
- High schools from which eligible graduates graduated.
- Amounts awarded, remitted to, and forfeited by, eligible graduates.
- Demographic data of eligible graduates.
- Disbursements to LEPs.
- Postsecondary programs enrolled in.
- Number of students requesting funding.

Participating student demographic data is unavailable until CDHE receives the 2022-23 SURDS report in February 2023. Projected forfeit data is a rough estimate based on counting eligible graduates enrolled in out-of-state programs and assuming 50% participation from graduates with no current expressed plans.

Enrolled Postsecondary Programs

- Aims Community College
- Arapahoe Community College
- Colorado State University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Colorado Denver
- Metropolitan State University
- Pickens Technical College
- Pikes Peak State College
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Elysian Academy of Cosmetology (Anticipated)
- Aims Community College Continuing Education (Anticipated)

Recommended Adjustments

CDHE has encountered three issues which it will monitor over Year 2 before providing any recommended adjustments.

- Students completing high school through an equivalency exam are ineligible despite fitting the program goals.
- Participating LEPs have concerns about the management of FRL data and CDE reports on these data are not aligned with the Path4Ward program schedule.

Students have incurred costs of attendance earlier than the most rapid funds remittance timelines available to some of the postsecondary programs they have enrolled in.

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Figure 1: Eligible Early Graduates			
High School	# of 3-year grads	# of 3.5 year grads	
D6 Online High		3	1
Greeley-Evans Alternative Program			10
Greeley West High		3	
Greeley Central High		1	
Jefferson High		18	
	<i>Greeley-Evans SD6 Subtotal</i>	25	11
Thornton High			2
Mountain Range High			4
	<i>Adams 12 Five Star Subtotal</i>	0	6
Clear Creek High			2
Montezuma-Cortez High		2	
	<i>Rural Districts Consortium Subtotal</i>	2	2
Sierra High		2	
	<i>Harrison SD6 Subtotal</i>	2	0
CEC Colorado Springs		3	1
CEC Aurora		1	2
CEC Fort Collins		5	1
	<i>CSI Consortium Subtotal</i>	9	4
	Total:	38	23
	Funding Awards:	\$156,308.44	\$56,764.69
Grand Total:		61	
Grand Total Funding Awards:		\$213,073.13	

Figure 2: Funding						
<i>LEP Funding</i>						
LEP	# of Eligible Graduates			Funding Allocated		
Colorado Early Colleges			13			\$17,824.69
Harrison SD2			2			\$2,742.26
Clear Creek School District			2			\$2,742.26
Montezuma-Cortez School District			2			\$2,742.26
Adams 12 Five Star Schools			6			\$8,226.78
Greeley-Evans SD6*			36*			\$43,876.16
Total:			61			\$78,154.41
*District reported 4 additional eligible graduates after funding deadline						
<i>Student Funding</i>						
	Number of requests	Total requested	Requests remaining	Projected forfeit number	Projected forfeit total	
3-year funds	17	\$69,927.46	20	21	\$86,380.98	
3.5-year funds	2	\$4,936.06	18	12	\$29,616.36	
Total student funds	19	\$74,863.52	38	33	\$115,997.34	
Grand Total:					\$153,017.93	

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