

# Improving Students' Postsecondary Options Report



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## **Background**

To meet the demands of its current and future workforce, Colorado needs to increase postsecondary attainment. To do this, we must help more students find affordable pathways to postsecondary education so they have the confidence to enroll. One way to increase enrollment in higher education, particularly for low-and middle-income students, is to increase the number of students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA). This report provides updates on the Department's recent work to improve FAFSA and CASFA completion and shares the latest available data on financial aid application completion rates.

Data from the 2024 Colorado Pipeline Report, Spring Edition on Education and Training<sup>1</sup> show that, "To attract employers to the state and create high-paying jobs, the number of additional postsecondary credential completers will need to drastically increase. Given that the number of postsecondary credential holders currently sits at 60.5% (or 1,914,284 Coloradans), to boost this level just by 5.5% by 2034, Colorado's institutions of higher education would need to supply an additional 17,000 credential recipients annually for the next 10 years. To meet the projected need for Colorado's workforce in coming years, this number of additional credential earners would be even higher, with 73% of Coloradans estimated to need a postsecondary credential by 2031 to be considered competitive in the state in terms of workforce readiness."

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion is strongly associated with postsecondary enrollment: 92% of seniors who completed the FAFSA enrolled by the November following graduation vs. 51% who did not complete a FAFSA (National College Attainment Network<sup>2</sup>). Completion of federal or state financial aid applications supports access to career pathway options— to support paying for tuition, fees, and other expenses associated with additional training beyond high school<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2024 Colorado Pipeline Report, Spring Edition on Education and Training

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National College Attainment Network

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Improving Students' Postsecondary Options – HB 22-1366

In 2022, Colorado lawmakers passed Improving Students' Postsecondary Options (<u>HB 22-1366</u><sup>4</sup>). As prescribed in the legislation, this report provides an annual update to the education committees on:

- Steps the Department has made to improve the toolkit which encompasses FAFSA and CASFA
   resources for parents and students, and increase access to postsecondary workforce readiness;
- Recommendations for legislative changes necessary to improve FAFSA and CASFA completion rates;
- Subject to data availability and data privacy requirements, data showing the FAFSA and CASFA
  completion rates by high school and school district and, where available, disaggregated by race,
  ethnicity, first-generation status, Pell Grant eligibility for adults by county; and high schools, and school
  districts;
- Information as determined by the department or partner agencies, including, but not limited to, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC), Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), or Office of Economic Development and international trades in support of Colorado's economic and job needs.

# Department Efforts to Increase Access to Postsecondary Workforce Readiness

1. During fiscal years (FY) 2023 and FY 2024, the Department worked to increase access to postsecondary education and build Colorado's educated workforce. Department efforts to increase students' postsecondary options included: Capacity Building - The Outreach Team hired an outreach navigator, outreach director, and two term-limited positions—a FAFSA coordinator and a CASFA coordinator. These positions created additional capacity within the Division and Department to execute a statewide outreach plan aimed at increasing financial aid application completions and providing more in-person events and training giving more direct financial aid support and resources to students, families, and the professionals that serve them including high school counselors, educators, and partners organizations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Improving Students' Postsecondary Options – HB 22-1366

- 2. Toolkit Expansion To ensure prospective students and their families have resources available to understand the FAFSA and CASFA, the Department built out a financial aid toolkit with the following accessible resources in both English and Spanish: FAFSA Checklist, FAFSA FAQs, Applying for the FAFSA, Net Price Calculator, FAFSA Guide for Parents, Start or Complete the FAFSA, Creative Ways to Afford Higher Education, Creating a FSA ID: Worksheet and Guide, Support for Unusual Circumstances, FAFSA or CASFA?, Provisions for Individuals with Housing Insecurity or Foster Care, FAFSA Simplification Act Changes, Determining Your Eligibility, How to Host a CASFA/FAFSA Event, CASFA Resource Guide, CASFA Fact Sheet, Understanding the CASFA: Process for Parents, and CASFA Checklist and Quick Tips. The Department shared the toolkit with counselors, students and families via monthly newsletters, partner communications, in-person and virtual presentations, trainings, events, social media and via paid advertising (more on that campaign is mentioned below). Analytics for the paid advertising and social media campaign can be found below.
- 3. Educator Financial Aid Trainings The Department conducted five educator trainings with more than 458 registrants in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The educator trainings were held to spread awareness around the importance of completing a financial aid application and answering FAFSA and CASFA common questions. Attendees received a one-time \$500 stipend if they were a local education provider (LEP) working with students in grades 9-12. CDE dispersed 249 stipends. All participants received six continuing education credits.

#### The full-day trainings were held in the following locations:

- Denver Metro Region on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Community College of Aurora
- Northeastern Region on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, at Northeastern Junior College
- Southern Region on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Trinidad State College
- Denver Metro Region on Friday, February 9, 2024, at University of Colorado Denver
- Western Slope Region on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Colorado Mesa University
- 4. Colorado Free Application Days Colorado Free Application Days is a three-day period students can submit their admissions applications for free at participating public four-year, community, two-year, technical colleges, and private colleges. The 2023 <u>Colorado Free Application Days</u> saved students \$2.8 million in college application fees. Colorado students submitted nearly 65,000 college and university admissions applications (a 1% increase over last year's campaign) during the sixth annual statewide

- initiative, which took place from Tuesday, Oct. 17 through Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023. To date, students have saved nearly \$13 million in application fees over the six-year course of this campaign. Now in its seventh year, the 2024 campaign runs from Oct. 15-17.
- 5. **Outreach Presentations and Other Trainings** To spread awareness around the importance of completing a financial aid application and answer common questions, outreach staff presented an overview of financial aid options, FAFSA/CASFA information, and programs that can help pay for postsecondary education.
  - FY 2023: Outreach staff conducted 101 trainings/events with 7,461 attendees
  - FY 2024: Outreach conducted 158 trainings/events with 10,095 attendees
- 6. **Better FAFSA/CASFA Lunch & Learn Series** Convened monthly, these free webinars provide high school counselors and staff, student advocates, community education partners, and educators with relevant financial aid information to support their students. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, exchange ideas, and collaborate. Since October 2023, nearly 600 individuals have attended this series.
- 7. **Digital FAFSA/CASFA Campaign** The Department launched a digital campaign that ran from June 20-July 31, 2024. The goal of the campaign was to drive students to start or finish their FAFSA/CASFA.

  Display ads and videos were featured on YouTube, Meta, Snapchat, and TikTok.
  - i. 13,255 visitors came to the English FAFSA/CASFA webpage and 2,120 visitors to the Spanish FAFSA/CASFA webpage.
  - ii. YouTube ads were shown to 408k people. Out of these impressions, nearly 60% watched the duration of the ad or clicked on the ad before it was complete.
  - iii. Snapchat ads were shown to more than 467k people, and 9,389 people clicked through to the website.
  - iv. TikTok ads were shown to more than 269k people. 6,246 people clicked through to the website. The majority of clicks were from iOS devices (75%).
  - v. Display ads were shown to 443k people, and 7,653 clicked through to the website.

## Financial Aid Application Completion Data

The Department's FAFSA Completion Tool Fund technical staff to support the FAFSA Completion tool (soon to be renamed the Financial Aid Completion Tool) helps counselors better assist high school seniors in completing the FAFSA and counselors, principals, and mentors access to provide targeted assistance. The state's 178 school districts rely heavily on the information provided by the tool to support FAFSA completion initiatives. The tool helps schools identify students who have not filled out the FAFSA or financial aid application and work with them toward completion. Data in the table below reflect FAFSA/CASFA completion rates as of September 17, 2024. The 2024-2025 FAFSA and CASFA applications are open until June 30, 2025.

The financial aid application completion rates are displayed together to protect sensitive CASFA student data and because the CASFA completion numbers are too small to publish (to protect student privacy). Since the financial aid application completion rate is being reported as one number—adding FAFSA and CASFA rates—it is important to note that the individual rates were determined using a different methodology:

- The FAFSA completion rate data analysis uses 2024-25 FAFSA forms matched with the Department's 2023-2024 high school senior October count (using name and date of birth).
- The CASFA completion rate data analysis uses processed 2024-25 CASFA filtered by self-reported indicators of attending high school in Colorado, being a first-year college student, having no bachelor's degree obtained, and date of birth between 2003-2008. Students may have transferred in or out of a school after the October count date so the cohort number and student list used to match with FAFSA data may not be the same as the schools' up-to-date list.

Following substantial changes to the application, the 2024-25 FAFSA opened three months later than usual on December 31, 2023, and had technical difficulties from January until May of 2024. As a result, FAFSA completion lagged nationally and in Colorado. Just over 22% of Colorado high school seniors had completed a FAFSA by March 2024, 39.6 percentage points less than March 2023. Since March of 2024, Colorado has increased the FAFSA completion rate to 42.9%, only 8 percentage points less than in 2023. As a result of the issues with the FAFSA application, Colorado institutions of higher education had to delay their decision deadlines and were late in packaging financial aid awards.

### 2024-25 Financial Aid Application Completion Rates, by High School, September 2024

District Name	School Name	2023-2024 CO Public High School Senior # Cohort	Total Complete 2024-2025 Financial Aid Applications (FAFSA and CASFA)	% Complete
Academy 20	Air Academy High School	327	186	56.9
Academy 20	Aspen Valley Campus	37	10	27.0
Academy 20	Discovery Canyon Campus High School	270	147	54.4
Academy 20	Home School Academy	10	*	50.0
Academy 20	Liberty High School	417	196	47.0
Academy 20	Pine Creek High School	443	253	57.1
Academy 20	Rampart High School	354	168	47.5
Academy 20	TCA College Pathways	113	47	41.6
Academy 20	The Classical Academy High School	117	70	59.8
Academy 20	Village High School	143	72	50.3
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Five Star Online Academy	61	*	11.5
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Horizon High School	453	266	58.7
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Legacy High School	531	317	59.7
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Mountain Range High School	386	187	48.4
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	New America School - Thornton	132	23	17.4
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Northglenn High School	343	136	39.7
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Pathways Future Center	387	38	9.8
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Prospect Ridge Academy	109	85	78.0
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Stargate Charter School	137	98	71.5
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Thornton High School	284	97	34.2

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Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Vantage Point	191	23	12.0
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Westgate Community School	24	17	70.8
Adams County 14	Adams City High School	366	137	37.4
Adams County 14	Lester R Arnold High School	136	15	11.0
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Aurora Central Campus	536	121	22.6
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Aurora West College Preparatory Academy	122	58	47.5
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Gateway High School	454	150	33.0
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Hinkley High School	432	150	34.7
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Lotus School for Excellence	54	32	59.3
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Options School	27	*	29.6
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Rangeview High School	557	264	47.4
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Vanguard Classical School - East	33	13	39.4
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	Vista Peak 9-12 Preparatory	479	208	43.4
Adams-Arapahoe 28J	William Smith High School	105	47	44.8
Agate 300	Agate Junior Senior High School	*	*	33.3
Aguilar Reorganized 6	Aguilar Junior-Senior High School	*	*	42.9
Akron R-1	Akron High School	28	15	53.6
Alamosa RE-11J	Alamosa Alternative Education School	*	*	37.5
Alamosa RE-11J	Alamosa High School	115	77	67.0
Alamosa RE-11J	Alamosa Online	*	*	50.0
Archuleta County 50 Jt	Pagosa Springs High School	90	40	44.4
Archuleta County 50 Jt	San Juan Mountain School	20	*	5.0
Arickaree R-2	Arickaree Undivided High School	*	*	66.7
Arriba-Flagler C-20	Flagler Public School	10	*	80.0
Aspen 1	Aspen High School	137	75	54.7
Ault-Highland RE-9	Highland High School	69	29	42.0
Bayfield 10 Jt-R	Bayfield High School	85	37	43.5
Bennett 29J	Bennett High School	113	30	26.5

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Bethune R-5	Bethune Public Schools	*	*	42.9
Big Sandy 100J	Simla High School	27	19	70.4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Arapahoe Ridge High School	185	29	15.7
Boulder Valley Re 2	Boulder High School	502	266	53.0
Boulder Valley Re 2	Boulder Prep Charter High School	53	18	34.0
Boulder Valley Re 2	Boulder Universal	46	17	37.0
Boulder Valley Re 2	Broomfield High School	407	264	64.9
Boulder Valley Re 2	Centaurus High School	389	239	61.4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Fairview High School	507	303	59.8
Boulder Valley Re 2	Justice High Charter School	36	*	13.9
Boulder Valley Re 2	Monarch High School	398	235	59.0
Boulder Valley Re 2	Nederland Middle-Senior High School	36	11	30.6
Boulder Valley Re 2	New Vista High School	68	27	39.7
Boulder Valley Re 2	Peak to Peak Charter School	136	110	80.9
Branson Reorganized 82	Branson School	*	*	57.1
Branson Reorganized 82	Branson School Online	29	*	27.6
Briggsdale RE-10	Briggsdale Undivided High School	13	*	30.8
Brush RE-2(J)	Brush High School	69	37	53.6
Buena Vista R-31	Buena Vista High School	65	36	55.4
Buena Vista R-31	Chaffee County High School	*	*	0.0
Buffalo RE-4J	Merino Junior Senior High School	24	12	50.0
Burlington RE-6J	Burlington High School	54	25	46.3
Byers 32J	Astravo Online Academy High School	874	48	5.5
Byers 32J	Byers Junior-Senior High School	35	*	0.0
Byers 32J	Colorado Online High School	129	28	21.7
Byers 32J	Colorado Virtual Academy High School	236	27	11.4
Calhan RJ-1	Calhan Secondary School	28	13	46.4

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Campo RE-6	Campo Undivided High School	*	*	75.0
Canon City RE-1	Canon City High School	248	80	32.3
Centennial BOCES	Centennial BOCES High School	104	*	2.9
Centennial BOCES	Innovative Connections High School	37	*	5.4
Centennial R-1	Centennial School	17	10	58.8
Center 26 JT	Center High School	27	24	88.9
Center 26 JT	Center Virtual Academy	*	*	33.3
Center 26 JT	The Academic Recovery Center of San Luis Valley	*	*	0.0
Charter School Institute	Academy of Charter Schools	128	59	46.1
Charter School Institute	Animas High School	58	43	74.1
Charter School Institute	Ascent Classical Academy of Douglas County	19	*	42.1
Charter School Institute	Caprock Academy	42	27	64.3
Charter School Institute	Colorado Early Colleges Aurora	128	55	43.0
Charter School Institute	Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs	158	54	34.2
Charter School Institute	Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County	353	156	44.2
Charter School Institute	Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins	306	123	40.2
Charter School Institute	Colorado Early Colleges Online Campus	55	*	16.4
Charter School Institute	Colorado Early Colleges Windsor	*	*	22.2
Charter School Institute	Colorado Military Academy	25	*	20.0
Charter School Institute	Early College of Arvada	55	21	38.2
Charter School Institute	Golden View Classical Academy	40	28	70.0
Charter School Institute	New America School - Aurora	59	*	8.5
Charter School Institute	New Legacy Charter School	54	*	9.3

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Charter School Institute	The Pinnacle Charter School	153	96	62.7
Charter School Institute	Thomas MacLaren State Charter School	55	43	78.2
Charter School Institute	Victory Preparatory Academy High State Charter School	22	15	68.2
Cheraw 31	Cheraw School	13	*	53.8
Cherry Creek 5	Cherokee Trail High School	748	422	56.4
Cherry Creek 5	Cherry Creek Elevation	55	22	40.0
Cherry Creek 5	Cherry Creek High School	1004	547	54.5
Cherry Creek 5	Eaglecrest High School	739	405	54.8
Cherry Creek 5	Endeavor Academy	195	22	11.3
Cherry Creek 5	Grandview High School	701	384	54.8
Cherry Creek 5	Options School	23	11	47.8
Cherry Creek 5	Overland High School	543	253	46.6
Cherry Creek 5	Smoky Hill High School	545	262	48.1
Cheyenne County Re-5	Cheyenne Wells Junior/High School	10	10	100.0
Cheyenne Mountain 12	Cheyenne Mountain High School	300	156	52.0
Clear Creek RE-1	Clear Creek High School	50	24	48.0
Colorado River BOCES	Yampah Mountain School	58	*	12.1
Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind	Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind	29	*	0.0
Colorado Springs 11	Achieve Online	100	26	26.0
Colorado Springs 11	CIVA Charter Academy	39	22	56.4
Colorado Springs 11	Community Prep Charter School	73	*	6.8
Colorado Springs 11	Coronado High School	353	185	52.4
Colorado Springs 11	Doherty High School	456	217	47.6
Colorado Springs 11	Eastlake High School of Colorado Springs	67	*	3.0
Colorado Springs 11	Mitchell High School	201	106	52.7
Colorado Springs 11	Nikola Tesla Education Opportunity Center	108	29	26.9

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Colorado Springs 11	Odyssey Early College and Career Options	82	57	69.5
Colorado Springs 11	Palmer High School	330	159	48.2
Colorado Springs 11	The Bijou School	46	13	28.3
Cotopaxi RE-3	Cotopaxi Junior-Senior High School	14	*	28.6
Creede School District	Creede School	*	*	66.7
Cripple Creek-Victor RE-1	Cripple Creek-Victor Junior- Senior High School	23	*	17.4
Crowley County RE-1-J	Crowley County Junior and Senior High School	23	*	26.1
Crowley County RE-1-J	Crowley County Virtual Education Academy	*	*	0.0
Custer County School District C-1	Custer County High School	20	*	40.0
De Beque 49JT	De Beque PK-12 School District 49JT	*	*	75.0
Deer Trail 26J	Deer Trail Junior-Senior High School	10	*	10.0
Delta County 50(J)	Cedaredge High School	63	33	52.4
Delta County 50(J)	Delta High School	159	78	49.1
Delta County 50(J)	Grand Mesa Choice Academy	52	*	13.5
Delta County 50(J)	North Fork High School	80	34	42.5
Delta County 50(J)	Vision Charter Academy	24	*	37.5
Denver County 1	5280 High School	19	*	21.1
Denver County 1	Abraham Lincoln High School	186	87	46.8
Denver County 1	AUL Denver	48	*	18.8
Denver County 1	Bruce Randolph School	86	50	58.1
Denver County 1	Career Education Center Early College	106	68	64.2
Denver County 1	Colorado High School Charter	60	18	30.0
Denver County 1	Colorado High School Charter - GES	59	21	35.6

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Denver County 1	Compassion Road Academy	23	*	17.4
Denver County 1	Contemporary Learning Academy	45	*	15.6
Denver County 1	Delta High School	51	18	35.3
Denver County 1	Denver Center for 21st- Century Learning at Wyman	28	14	50.0
Denver County 1	Denver Center for International Studies	57	25	43.9
Denver County 1	Denver Justice High School	23	*	13.0
Denver County 1	Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High School	23	17	73.9
Denver County 1	Denver Online	89	23	25.8
Denver County 1	Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design	30	15	50.0
Denver County 1	Denver School of the Arts	160	124	77.5
Denver County 1	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Early College	156	95	60.9
Denver County 1	DSST: Cedar High School	134	115	85.8
Denver County 1	DSST: Cole High School	60	51	85.0
Denver County 1	DSST: College View High School	118	101	85.6
Denver County 1	DSST: Conservatory Green High School	150	116	77.3
Denver County 1	DSST: Green Valley Ranch High School	131	105	80.2
Denver County 1	DSST: Montview High School	138	121	87.7
Denver County 1	East High School	564	375	66.5
Denver County 1	Emily Griffith High School	304	29	9.5
Denver County 1	Excel Academy	72	13	18.1
Denver County 1	Florence Crittenton High School	25	*	16.0
Denver County 1	George Washington High School	271	173	63.8
Denver County 1	Girls Athletic Leadership School High School	19	*	31.6
Denver County 1	John F Kennedy High School	145	72	49.7

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Denver County 1	KIPP Denver Collegiate High School	102	70	68.6
Denver County 1	KIPP Northeast Denver Leadership Academy	112	89	79.5
Denver County 1	Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy	60	26	43.3
Denver County 1	Legacy Options High School	71	12	16.9
Denver County 1	Manual High School	72	28	38.9
Denver County 1	Montbello Career and Technical High School	85	*	4.7
Denver County 1	Montbello High School	265	158	59.6
Denver County 1	North High School	407	230	56.5
Denver County 1	North High School Engagement Center	71	14	19.7
Denver County 1	Northeast Early College	169	91	53.8
Denver County 1	Northfield High School	382	257	67.3
Denver County 1	Prep Academy	13	*	38.5
Denver County 1	Respect Academy	101	17	16.8
Denver County 1	RiseUp Community School	33	*	3.0
Denver County 1	Rocky Mountain Prep RISE	119	68	57.1
Denver County 1	Rocky Mountain Prep SMART	106	76	71.7
Denver County 1	South High School	419	238	56.8
Denver County 1	Summit Academy	48	*	18.8
Denver County 1	Thomas Jefferson High School	304	207	68.1
Denver County 1	Vista Academy	71	16	22.5
Denver County 1	West High School	146	84	57.5
District 49	Banning Lewis Ranch Academy	90	42	46.7
District 49	Falcon High School	299	109	36.5
District 49	Falcon Homeschool Program	25	*	32.0
District 49	Falcon Homeschool Program	2995	219	7.3
District 49	Liberty Tree Academy	*	*	44.4
District 49	Patriot High School	35	*	11.4

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District 49	Pikes Peak Early College	56	22	39.3
District 49	Power Technical	58	*	13.8
District 49	Rocky Mountain Classical Academy Homeschool	*	*	0.0
District 49	Sand Creek High School	327	100	30.6
District 49	Springs Studio for Academic Excellence	69	19	27.5
District 49	Vista Ridge High School	421	159	37.8
Dolores County RE No.2	Dove Creek High School	17	12	70.6
Dolores RE-4A	Dolores High School	42	*	21.4
Douglas County Re 1	Castle View High School	455	238	52.3
Douglas County Re 1	Chaparral High School	530	281	53.0
Douglas County Re 1	Cloverleaf Home Education	*	*	100.0
Douglas County Re 1	Daniel C Oakes High School- -Castle Rock	116	13	11.2
Douglas County Re 1	Douglas County High School	440	211	48.0
Douglas County Re 1	Eagle Academy	93	*	2.2
Douglas County Re 1	eDCSD	32	12	37.5
Douglas County Re 1	Highlands Ranch High School	376	185	49.2
Douglas County Re 1	HOPE Online Learning Academy High School	462	49	10.6
Douglas County Re 1	Legend High School	551	301	54.6
Douglas County Re 1	Mountain Vista High School	578	361	62.5
Douglas County Re 1	Ponderosa High School	368	165	44.8
Douglas County Re 1	Renaissance Secondary School	36	15	41.7
Douglas County Re 1	Rock Canyon High School	608	376	61.8
Douglas County Re 1	Skyview Academy	61	40	65.6
Douglas County Re 1	STEM School Highlands Ranch	128	71	55.5
Douglas County Re 1	Thunderridge High School	480	285	59.4
Durango 9-R	Colorado Connections Academy @ Durango	94	27	28.7
Durango 9-R	Durango Big Picture High School	25	*	24.0

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Durango 9-R	Durango High School	318	183	57.5
Eads RE-1	Eads High School	*	*	88.9
Eagle County RE 50	Battle Mountain Early College High School	*	*	100.0
Eagle County RE 50	Battle Mountain High School	229	127	55.5
Eagle County RE 50	Eagle Valley High School	261	133	51.0
Eagle County RE 50	Red Canyon High School	102	*	8.8
Eagle County RE 50	Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy (VSSA)	31	16	51.6
Eagle County RE 50	World Academy High School	30	*	10.0
East Grand 2	Middle Park High School	74	34	45.9
East Otero R-1	La Junta Jr/Sr High School	67	51	76.1
East Otero R-1	Tiger Trades Academy	38	*	7.9
Eaton RE-2	Eaton High School	128	67	52.3
Edison 54 JT	Edison Junior-Senior High School	*	*	0.0
Edison 54 JT	Edison Prep	17	*	41.2
Education reEnvisioned BOCES	Ascend College Prep	55	34	61.8
Education reEnvisioned BOCES	Colorado Preparatory Academy High School	173	43	24.9
Education reEnvisioned BOCES	Colorado Summit Connections Academy	92	25	27.2
Education reEnvisioned BOCES	Education reEnvisioned School	62	*	14.5
Education reEnvisioned BOCES	Pikes Peak Online School	166	22	13.3
Education reEnvisioned BOCES	Williamsburg Academy of Colorado	*	*	11.1
Elbert 200	Elbert Junior-Senior High School	26	11	42.3
Elizabeth School District	Elizabeth High School	159	69	43.4
Elizabeth School District	Elizabeth Homeschool Enrichment Program	*	*	0.0
Ellicott 22	Ellicott Senior High School	69	23	33.3

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Englewood 1	Colorado's Finest High School of Choice	64	13	20.3
Englewood 1	Englewood High School	147	53	36.1
Estes Park R-3	Estes Park High School	98	40	40.8
Expeditionary BOCES	Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning	40	24	60.0
Fort Morgan Re-3	Fort Morgan High School	188	84	44.7
Fort Morgan Re-3	Lincoln High School	11	0	0.0
Fountain 8	Fountain-Fort Carson High School	462	209	45.2
Fountain 8	Welte Education Center	39	*	12.8
Fowler R-4J	Fowler High School	27	12	44.4
Fremont RE-2	Florence Jr./Sr. High School	84	31	36.9
Frenchman RE-3	Fleming High School	*	*	42.9
Garfield 16	Grand Valley High School	57	29	50.9
Garfield Re-2	Coal Ridge High School	140	63	45.0
Garfield Re-2	Rifle High School	190	67	35.3
Genoa-Hugo C113	Genoa-Hugo School	18	10	55.6
Gilpin County RE-1	Gilpin County Undivided High School	34	16	47.1
Granada RE-1	Granada Undivided High School	18	11	61.1
Greeley 6	District 6 Online Academy	29	*	20.7
Greeley 6	Early College Academy	76	53	69.7
Greeley 6	Frontier Charter Academy	81	46	56.8
Greeley 6	Greeley Central High School	323	137	42.4
Greeley 6	Greeley West High School	410	155	37.8
Greeley 6	Jefferson Junior/Senior High	305	23	7.5
Greeley 6	Northridge High School	279	118	42.3
Greeley 6	Union Colony Preparatory School	22	12	54.5
Greeley 6	University Schools	126	85	67.5
Gunnison Watershed RE1J	Crested Butte Secondary School	46	25	54.3
Gunnison Watershed RE1J	Gunnison High School	98	50	51.0

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Hanover 28	Hanover Junior-Senior High School	20	11	55.0
Harrison 2	Aspire Online Academy	11	*	45.5
Harrison 2	Atlas Preparatory High School	94	46	48.9
Harrison 2	Career Readiness Academy	42	*	16.7
Harrison 2	Harrison High School	280	115	41.1
Harrison 2	James Irwin Charter High School	75	61	81.3
Harrison 2	Sierra High School	206	56	27.2
Harrison 2	The Vanguard School (High)	65	47	72.3
Harrison 2	Thrive Home School Academy	16	*	18.8
Haxtun RE-2J	Haxtun Jr/Sr High School	21	17	81.0
Hayden RE-1	Hayden High School	25	12	48.0
Hinsdale County RE 1	Lake City Community School	*	*	33.3
Hi-Plains R-23	Hi-Plains School District R- 23	12	*	66.7
Hoehne Reorganized 3	Hoehne Schools	21	14	66.7
Holly RE-3	Holly School	13	10	76.9
Holyoke Re-1J	Holyoke Alternative School	*	*	11.1
Holyoke Re-1J	Holyoke Senior High School	34	23	67.6
Huerfano Re-1	Walsenburg Jr. Sr. High School	23	*	26.1
Idalia RJ-3	Idalia Junior-Senior High School	14	*	64.3
Ignacio 11 JT	Ignacio High School	52	28	53.8
Jefferson County R-1	Addenbrooke Classical Academy	43	17	39.5
Jefferson County R-1	Alameda International Junior/Senior High School	152	40	26.3
Jefferson County R-1	Arvada High School	193	64	33.2
Jefferson County R-1	Arvada West High School	449	209	46.5
Jefferson County R-1	Bear Creek High School	340	155	45.6
Jefferson County R-1	Brady Exploration School	239	13	5.4

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Jefferson County R-1	Chatfield High School	451	255	56.5
Jefferson County R-1	Collegiate Academy of Colorado	25	12	48.0
Jefferson County R-1	Columbine High School	389	209	53.7
Jefferson County R-1	Compass Montessori - Golden Charter School	32	19	59.4
Jefferson County R-1	Conifer Senior High School	192	93	48.4
Jefferson County R-1	Dakota Ridge Senior High School	322	180	55.9
Jefferson County R-1	D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School	126	90	71.4
Jefferson County R-1	Doral Academy of Colorado	*	*	0.0
Jefferson County R-1	Evergreen High School	203	132	65.0
Jefferson County R-1	Golden High School	341	183	53.7
Jefferson County R-1	Green Mountain High School	268	169	63.1
Jefferson County R-1	JeffCo Remote Learning Program	61	11	18.0
Jefferson County R-1	Jeffco Transition Services School	136	*	2.9
Jefferson County R-1	Jeffco Virtual Academy	177	25	14.1
Jefferson County R-1	Jefferson Academy	96	48	50.0
Jefferson County R-1	Jefferson Academy High School	99	78	78.8
Jefferson County R-1	Jefferson County Open Secondary	70	23	32.9
Jefferson County R-1	Jefferson Junior/Senior High School	77	39	50.6
Jefferson County R-1	Lakewood High School	435	233	53.6
Jefferson County R-1	Longview High School	*	*	0.0
Jefferson County R-1	McLain Community High School	261	15	5.7
Jefferson County R-1	Miller Special Education	14	0	0.0
Jefferson County R-1	New America School	36	0	0.0
Jefferson County R-1	Pomona High School	230	107	46.5
Jefferson County R-1	Ralston Valley Senior High School	447	283	63.3

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Jefferson County R-1	Rocky Mountain Deaf School	*	*	50.0
Jefferson County R-1	Sobesky Academy	13	0	0.0
Jefferson County R-1	Standley Lake High School	253	138	54.5
Jefferson County R-1	Two Roads Charter School	41	16	39.0
Jefferson County R-1	Warren Tech	16	*	50.0
Jefferson County R-1	Wheat Ridge High School	220	103	46.8
Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J	Roosevelt High School	258	107	41.5
Julesburg Re-1	Destinations Career Academy of Colorado	77	18	23.4
Julesburg Re-1	Julesburg High School	17	*	52.9
Karval RE-23	Karval Junior-Senior High School	*	*	100.0
Kim Reorganized 88	Kim Undivided High School	*	*	50.0
Kiowa C-2	Kiowa High School	22	*	40.9
Kit Carson R-1	Kit Carson Junior-Senior High School	*	*	62.5
La Veta Re-2	La Veta Junior-Senior High School	14	*	57.1
Lake County R-1	Cloud City High School	11	*	27.3
Lake County R-1	Lake County High School	61	27	44.3
Lamar Re-2	Lamar High School	120	69	57.5
Las Animas RE-1	Academy of Las Animas Online School	206	19	9.2
Las Animas RE-1	Las Animas High School	22	10	45.5
Lewis-Palmer 38	Lewis-Palmer High School	300	150	50.0
Lewis-Palmer 38	Monument Charter Academy Secondary School	21	14	66.7
Lewis-Palmer 38	Palmer Ridge High School	284	118	41.5
Liberty J-4	Liberty School	*	*	50.0
Limon RE-4J	Limon Junior-Senior High School	54	36	66.7
Littleton 6	Arapahoe High School	487	281	57.7
Littleton 6	Heritage High School	445	272	61.1
Littleton 6	Littleton High School	351	155	44.2
Lone Star 101	Lone Star Undivided High School	15	*	46.7

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Mancos Re-6	Mancos High School	40	17	42.5
Manitou Springs 14	Manitou Springs High School	100	58	58.0
Manzanola 3J	Manzanola Junior-Senior High School	11	*	54.5
Mapleton 1	Academy High School	72	48	66.7
Mapleton 1	Global Leadership Academy	56	25	44.6
Mapleton 1	Mapleton Early Career Preparation	60	31	51.7
Mapleton 1	Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts	58	26	44.8
Mapleton 1	Mapleton Online	23	*	17.4
Mapleton 1	North Valley School for Young Adults	91	*	4.4
Mapleton 1	Performing Arts School on Broadway	11	*	72.7
Mapleton 1	York International	62	38	61.3
McClave Re-2	McClave Undivided High School	17	16	94.1
Meeker RE-1	Meeker High School	63	37	58.7
Mesa County Valley 51	Central High School	341	150	44.0
Mesa County Valley 51	Fruita Monument High School	437	219	50.1
Mesa County Valley 51	Grand Junction High School	302	135	44.7
Mesa County Valley 51	Grand River Academy	109	18	16.5
Mesa County Valley 51	Mesa Valley Community School	33	15	45.5
Mesa County Valley 51	Palisade High School	235	118	50.2
Mesa County Valley 51	R-5 High School	130	11	8.5
Miami/Yoder 60 JT	Miami Yoder Preparatory Academy	16	*	18.8
Miami/Yoder 60 JT	Miami-Yoder Middle/High School	28	*	10.7
Moffat 2	Crestone Charter School	*	*	50.0
Moffat 2	Moffat Prek-12 School	12	*	58.3
Moffat County RE: No 1	Moffat County High School	118	41	34.7
Monte Vista C-8	Byron Syring Delta Center	14	0	0.0

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Monte Vista C-8	Monte Vista On-Line Academy	10	*	20.0
Monte Vista C-8	Monte Vista Senior High School	49	25	51.0
Montezuma-Cortez RE-1	Montezuma-Cortez High School	149	41	27.5
Montezuma-Cortez RE-1	Southwest Open Charter School	36	*	13.9
Montrose County RE-1J	Black Canyon High School	56	*	8.9
Montrose County RE-1J	Montrose High School	300	181	60.3
Montrose County RE-1J	Olathe Middle/High School	57	22	38.6
Montrose County RE-1J	Peak Virtual Academy	28	13	46.4
Montrose County RE-1J	Vista Charter School	126	11	8.7
Mountain Valley RE 1	Mountain Valley School	13	*	38.5
North Conejos RE-1J	Centauri High School	65	35	53.8
North Conejos RE-1J	North Conejos Alternative Program	12	*	16.7
North Park R-1	North Park School	*	*	55.6
Norwood R-2J	Norwood Public Schools	*	*	75.0
Otis R-3	Otis Junior-Senior High School	13	*	53.8
Ouray R-1	Ouray Senior High School	*	*	55.6
Park County RE-2	Lake George Charter School	*	*	0.0
Park County RE-2	South Park High School	22	10	45.5
Pawnee RE-12	Pawnee School PK-12	*	*	0.0
Peyton 23 Jt	Peyton Online Academy	*	*	11.1
Peyton 23 Jt	Peyton Senior High School	68	16	23.5
Plainview RE-2	Plainview Junior-Senior High School	*	*	50.0
Plateau RE-5	Peetz Junior-Senior High School	12	*	50.0
Plateau Valley 50	Grand Mesa High School	28	*	7.1
Plateau Valley 50	Plateau Valley High School	25	*	32.0
Platte Canyon 1	Platte Canyon High School	62	31	50.0
Platte Valley RE-7	Platte Valley High School	67	31	46.3
Poudre R-1	Centennial High School	80	10	12.5

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Poudre R-1	Compass Community Collaborative School	16	*	50.0
Poudre R-1	Fort Collins High School	496	225	45.4
Poudre R-1	Fossil Ridge High School	608	337	55.4
Poudre R-1	Liberty Common Charter School	78	56	71.8
Poudre R-1	Polaris Expeditionary Learning School	42	21	50.0
Poudre R-1	Poudre Community Academy	145	11	7.6
Poudre R-1	Poudre High School	520	222	42.7
Poudre R-1	PSD Global Academy	47	15	31.9
Poudre R-1	Ridgeview Classical Schools	27	16	59.3
Poudre R-1	Rocky Mountain High School	542	275	50.7
Prairie RE-11	Prairie Junior-Senior High School	13	10	76.9
Primero Reorganized 2	Primero Junior-Senior High School	10	*	70.0
Pritchett RE-3	Pritchett High School	*	*	25.0
Pueblo City 60	Centennial High School	207	98	47.3
Pueblo City 60	Central High School	215	116	54.0
Pueblo City 60	Chavez/Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy	61	40	65.6
Pueblo City 60	East High School	177	70	39.5
Pueblo City 60	Paragon Learning Center	218	26	11.9
Pueblo City 60	South High School	207	78	37.7
Pueblo County 70	70 Online	55	*	16.4
Pueblo County 70	Pueblo County High School	287	166	57.8
Pueblo County 70	Pueblo West High School	314	169	53.8
Pueblo County 70	Rye High School	65	35	53.8
Pueblo County 70	Swallows Charter Academy High School	28	15	53.6
Rangely RE-4	Rangely Junior/Senior High School	20	13	65.0
Revere School District	Revere Junior-Senior High School	*	*	60.0

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Ridgway R-2	Ridgway High School	24	15	62.5
Roaring Fork RE-1	Basalt High School	89	53	59.6
Roaring Fork RE-1	Bridges	52	*	9.6
Roaring Fork RE-1	Glenwood Springs High School	247	135	54.7
Roaring Fork RE-1	Roaring Fork High School	95	59	62.1
Rocky Ford R-2	Rocky Ford Junior/Senior High School	35	17	48.6
Salida R-32	Horizons Exploratory Academy	14	*	7.1
Salida R-32	Salida High School	79	48	60.8
San Juan BOCES	Southwest Colorado eSchool	16	*	12.5
Sanford 6J	Sanford Junior/Senior High School	27	16	59.3
Sangre De Cristo Re-22J	Sangre de Cristo Undivided High School	10	10	100.0
Sargent RE-33J	Sargent Senior High School	20	10	50.0
School District 27J	27J Online Academy	50	*	14.0
School District 27J	Brighton High School	413	161	39.0
School District 27J	Colorado Connections @ 27J	165	33	20.0
School District 27J	Eagle Ridge Academy	105	59	56.2
School District 27J	Innovations & Options	161	*	4.3
School District 27J	Prairie View High School	459	189	41.2
School District 27J	Riverdale Ridge High School	313	140	44.7
Sheridan 2	Sheridan High School	68	31	45.6
Sheridan 2	SOAR Academy	48	*	4.2
Sierra Grande R-30	Sierra Grande K-12 School	11	*	63.6
Silverton 1	Silverton High School	*	*	0.0
South Conejos RE-10	Antonito High School	*	*	75.0
South Routt RE 3	Soroco High School	33	17	51.5
Springfield RE-4	Springfield Junior/Senior High School	12	*	58.3
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Apex Home School Enrichment Program	23	*	30.4

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St Vrain Valley RE1J	Erie High School	453	273	60.3
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Frederick Senior High School	309	138	44.7
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Longmont High School	287	146	50.9
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Lyons Middle/Senior High School	58	42	72.4
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Mead High School	230	125	54.3
St Vrain Valley RE1J	New Meridian High School	58	*	8.6
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Niwot High School	348	203	58.3
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Silver Creek High School	312	185	59.3
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Skyline High School	371	149	40.2
St Vrain Valley RE1J	St. Vrain LaunchED Virtual Academy	47	*	14.9
St Vrain Valley RE1J	St. Vrain Virtual High School	35	14	40.0
St Vrain Valley RE1J	Twin Peaks Charter Academy	30	17	56.7
Steamboat Springs RE-2	Steamboat Springs High School	196	116	59.2
Steamboat Springs RE-2	Yampa Valley High School	12	*	8.3
Strasburg 31J	Prairie Creek High School	*	*	14.3
Strasburg 31J	Strasburg High School	87	35	40.2
Stratton R-4	Stratton Senior High School	21	14	66.7
Summit RE-1	Snowy Peaks Junior/Senior High School	23	10	43.5
Summit RE-1	Summit High School	297	153	51.5
Swink 33	Swink Junior-Senior High School	20	12	60.0
Telluride R-1	Telluride High School	76	53	69.7
Thompson R2-J	Berthoud High School	165	66	40.0
Thompson R2-J	Harold Ferguson High School	70	13	18.6
Thompson R2-J	Loveland Classical School	33	22	66.7
Thompson R2-J	Loveland High School	417	154	36.9
Thompson R2-J	Mountain View High School	302	109	36.1
Thompson R2-J	Thompson Valley High School	262	91	34.7

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Trinidad 1	Trinidad High School	47	18	38.3
Upper Rio Grande School District C-7	Del Norte High Jr./Sr. High School	26	13	50.0
Valley RE-1	Caliche Junior-Senior High School	20	*	45.0
Valley RE-1	Sterling High School	88	46	52.3
Vilas RE-5	Vilas Undivided High School	10	*	40.0
Walsh RE-1	Walsh High School	11	*	54.5
Weld County RE-1	Valley High School	136	61	44.9
Weld County School District RE-3J	Weld Central Senior High School	139	51	36.7
Weld County School District RE-3J	Weld Re-3J Online Innovations	37	*	18.9
Weld RE-4	Severance High School	179	103	57.5
Weld RE-4	Windsor Charter Academy Early College High School	100	62	62.0
Weld RE-4	Windsor High School	257	130	50.6
Weld Re-8 Schools	Fort Lupton High School	183	90	49.2
Weldon Valley RE-20(J)	Weldon Valley Jr/Sr High School	*	*	44.4
West End RE-2	Nucla High School	19	7.999	42.1
West Grand 1-JT	West Grand High School	27	*	29.6
Westminster Public Schools	Hidden Lake Secondary	197	31	15.7
Westminster Public Schools	Westminster High School	408	174	42.6
Widefield 3	Discovery High School	37	*	2.7
Widefield 3	Mesa Ridge High School	292	134	45.9
Widefield 3	The Haven School	36	*	22.2
Widefield 3	Widefield High School	294	99	33.7
Wiggins RE-50(J)	Wiggins High School	49	36	73.5
Wiley RE-13 Jt	Wiley Junior-Senior High School	19	14	73.7
Woodland Park Re-2	Merit Academy	*	*	50.0
Woodland Park Re-2	Woodland Park High School	141	59	41.8

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Woodlin R-104	Woodlin Undivided High School	*	*	33.3
Wray RD-2	Wray Junior Senior High School	48	33	68.8
Yuma 1	Yuma High School	65	41	63.1
Total		73515	32136	43.7

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