

Department of Higher Education SMART Act Hearing

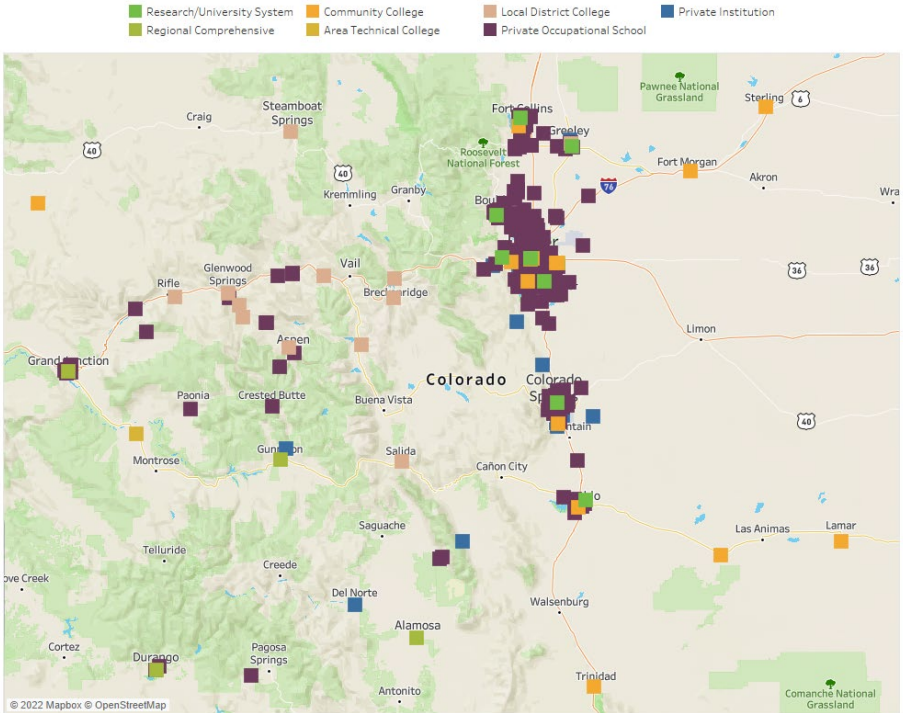
Joint Education Committee
January 20, 2022

CDHE Mission & Vision

CDHE's mission is to support students, advocate and develop policies to maximize higher education opportunities for all.

CDHE's vision is that all Coloradans will have an education beyond high school to pursue their dreams and improve our communities.

Colorado's Institutions of Higher Education



- 8 Research &/or University System
- 5 Regional Comprehensive
- 13 Community College
- 3 Area Technical College
- 2 Local District College
- 273 Private Occupational School
- 60 Private Institution

Colorado Commission on Higher Education



11 members appointed by Governor Polis; 12 advisors represent key stakeholders



Revise Capital Criteria and Financial Aid Model



Student Success and Workforce Revitalization Task Force



Committed to all learners and to fostering statewide support

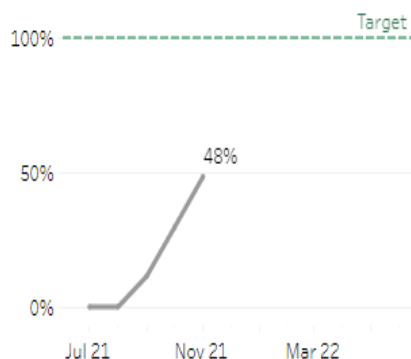


Colorado Rises, the state strategic plan, will be revised in 2022.

Wildly Important Goals (WIGs)

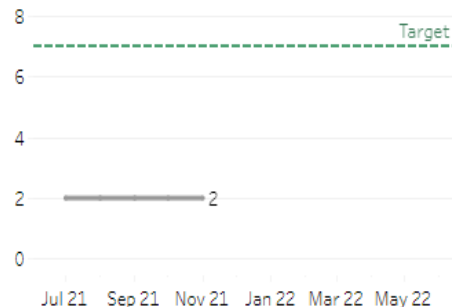
Affordability for Students

Make progress on an additional six strategies from the Affordability Roadmap, including: increasing financial aid by increasing FAFSA completions, saving students money on textbook expenses, and designating Hunger Free and Healthy Minds campuses by providing additional assistance for food and behavioral health by June 30, 2022.



Equity in Post-Secondary Attainment

The Equity Champions Coalition will execute on seven practical improvement strategies outlined in their "Report on Educational Equity: Creating a Colorado for All"



Workforce Development

Increase the number of public postsecondary degree programs that require a work-based learning component.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- EDI Training
- Equity definition to support work of CCHE and Department
- Policy audit
- Office of Educational (OEE) Equity Webpage and Podcast
- CCHE EDI Committee

66% ATTAINMENT BY 2025

AY 2021 Completion:
Impacted by COVID-19

on the way to 74%

STRATEGIC GOAL #1

Increase
Completion

New COSI programs to
address student retention

STRATEGIC GOAL #3

Improve Student
Success

Current Attainment
Rate:
61%

*Coloradans
ages 25-64*

New office of Educational
Equity and CEEEO

STRATEGIC GOAL #2

Erase Equity Gaps

OER saved students over
\$10 million

STRATEGIC GOAL #4

Commit to Affordability, Cost
Containment and Innovation

Campus Responses to COVID-19



Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment

Colorado Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment*

Highest Level of Educational Attainment	2010 Unemployment Rate (%)	2019 Unemployment Rate (%)	June 2020 - June 2021 Unemployment Rate (%)
Less than a high school diploma	12.7	4.8	8.8
High school graduates, no college**	10.3	2.2	8
Some college or associate degree	9.2	2.2	5.8
Bachelor's degree and higher***	4.5	1.9	4.5

* Unemployment rate by sex and race of civilian non-institutional population ages 16+

** Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent

*** Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional and doctoral degrees

Source: Current Population Survey; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

2021 Successes

COSI: Back to Work and Finish What You Started

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Financial Aid Working Group

Colorado Collegiate Apprenticeship Program

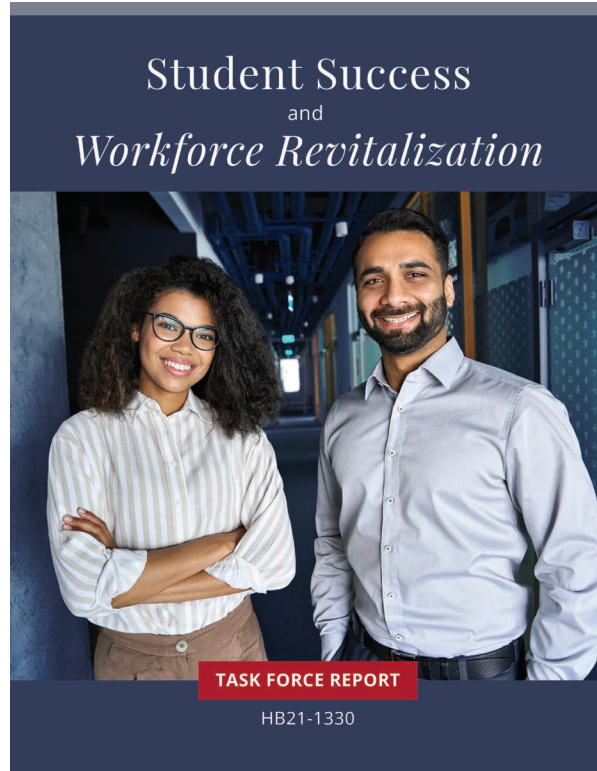
Social Determinants of Student Success Designations

Office of Educational Equity

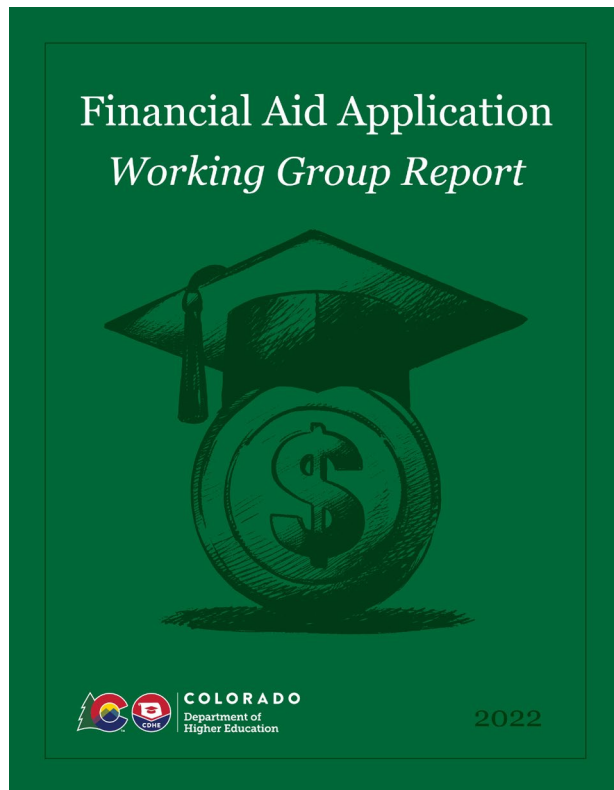
Colorado Free Application Days

Educator Loan Forgiveness Program

Task Force Report



Financial Aid Application Working Group Report



COSI: Finish What You Started (Stimulus Funds)

RFP released July 28, 2021

66% of FY21-22 funds dispersed to institutions

70% direct student financial support

Participation incentives, completion incentives
and emergency funding



COSI: Back to Work (Stimulus Funds)



BACK TO WORK

95% of FY21-22 funds dispersed

3,900 completions expected over grant term

73% of funding = direct student aid

Focus on certification and short-term degrees

Select FY 2022-23 Budget Requests

- R1 State Operating Request and R2 Tuition Cap
- R5 Division of Outreach and Attainment Services
- R6 Support Expansion of Single Stop
- Capital Investment

CDHE's request also includes the following fiscal stimulus items:

- Boosting Non-Degree Credentials

Legislative Agenda

Improving Services for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities

- Creation of a task force of experts in disability services
- Task force will make recommendations to institutions of higher education, Commission and General Assembly
- Collection of annual enrollment, completion, and services data

Thank you!

Appendix: More information

To view monthly updates on Wildly Important Goals and corresponding lead measures, please visit the [Governor's Dashboard](#).

For more information on additional CDHE goals, view our Master Plan Dashboard at: masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/dashboard

Appendix: Regulatory Agenda

Title/Description Proposed Rule	Basis and/or Statutory Authority	Purpose of Proposed Rule	Estimated Schedule for Rule-Making	Parties Potentially Affected
Division of Private Occupational Schools				
REVISE: 8CCR 1504-1, sections I.U through XI.D to include definitions for terms that require clarity.	C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.; and specifically, C.R.S. § 23-64-108(1)(i).	Clarify definitions, requirements, and correct typos. Update definitions to ensure that the terms with multiple uses or new meanings are clearly defined.	1/25/2022	Owners & Operators of Private Occupational Schools will understand the terms as applied to Colorado's Act and Rules; the Division of Private Occupational Schools and all other stakeholders will benefit from clarity as our rules protect members of the general public (including students and residents of Colorado). There is no fiscal impact.
Clarification to Rules regarding Annual Filings and recordkeeping.	C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.; and specifically, C.R.S. § 23-64-108(1)(i).	Clarify the expectation of schools maintaining student records in electronic format.	1/25/2022	Owners & Operators of Private Occupational Schools
NEW: Rules to clarify changes made to statute in 2021 Legislative Session regarding programmatic accreditation for construction schools as outlined in C.R.S. § 23-64-104 2(a) and (b); C.R.S. § 23-64-112(1)(t); C.R.S. § 23-64-123(1)(i)	C.R.S. § 23-64-101 et seq.; and specifically, C.R.S. § 23-64-108(1)(i).	Clarify rules regarding Exemptions, Minimum Standards and Deceptive Sales and Trade in response to the changes in statute.	1/25/2022	Owners & Operators of Private Occupational Schools



Appendix: Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee

The state of Colorado continues to be positioned to be a national leader in the prevention and response to sexual misconduct at Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs) since the passage of C.R.S. §§ 23-5-146 et seq. (SB 19-007) in May 2019.

[2022 Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee Report](#)