

2021 Policy Agenda

Colorado Succeeds brings business leaders across the state together to ensure all of Colorado's students are educated to their greatest potential and Colorado's businesses have the skilled, homegrown talent they need to thrive. As we face the impacts of COVID-19, an agile education system is more critical than ever to meet those needs.

To achieve this vision, Colorado Succeeds will pursue a 2021 policy agenda in five categories:

College and Career Readiness

- ▶ Bolster policies that connect more students to career-related education
- ▶ Support policies that accelerate and expand high-quality college and career pathways
- ▶ Refocus programs to better support equitable access for students
- ▶ Oppose efforts to undermine programs that support high-quality pathways

Choice and Competition

- ▶ Provide families with the resources to learn everywhere, such as direct financial aid to supplement their education
- ▶ Support course choice by ensuring all students have access to meaningful curriculum and programs, regardless of location or school district
- ▶ Ensure charter schools receive equitable public funding and have equal access to low or no rent facilities

School Finance

- ▶ Ensure funding is concentrated on student needs and interests, recognizing that it costs different amounts to educate different students
- ▶ Expand seat time flexibility to allow for student learning outside of school without compromising funding

Early Childhood Education

- ▶ Support implementation of Proposition EE, which authorizes up to 10 hours a week of free preschool for all Colorado 4-year-olds
- ▶ Support successful alignment and transition from preschool to elementary school
- ▶ Support childcare and preschool workforce development by incentivizing innovation and ensuring robust data collection to better inform state priorities and policy

Accountability

- ▶ Ensure school performance data is transparent, accessible, and easily understood by parents
- ▶ Identify new and meaningful measures that provide information on student growth, enable comparability, and ensure accountability
- ▶ Oppose efforts to undermine or eliminate the state's accountability system, including aspects focused on student performance and teacher evaluation

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