



This fact sheet explains the more intensive support programs and grants offered by the Colorado Department of Education for low-performing districts and schools. Eligibility for support services are generally for districts and schools with Priority Improvement or Turnaround ratings. Title I designated schools are generally eligible for grant funding. These services are offered through the School and District Performance and Federal Programs Units at CDE. Many other offices work with these districts as well.

District Support

Consultation and learning for district leaders

Various CDE offices offer different supports to districts either with a Priority Improvement or Turnaround rating. The goals of this consultation is to build district capacity to support current or potential future low-performing schools by focusing on district systems of support. Many districts receiving the other supports on this fact sheet receive district systems support as well. CDE is engaged with about 22 districts in this work. This work includes the Turnaround Learning Academy – a program developed in 2015. This work is funded by a variety of federal and state sources.

Turnaround Network

A 3-year intensive cohort for school and district leaders

The Turnaround Network will accelerate student achievement and build district capacity through targeted support, resources and professional learning. The Network is a highly collaborative and accountable endeavor between local schools, their districts and CDE. The Network is based on a “performance management” model, for which CDE staff, principals, and principal supervisors meet every 6-8 weeks to prioritize, plan, monitor, and reflect on strategic action steps individualized to each school. Applications to join the Network are available in the winter with new cohorts beginning in May.

Important Dates

Required Letter of Intent Due: Friday, January 6, 2017, by 11:59pm

Part I Application Due: Wednesday, January 18, 2017, by 11:59pm

Part II Application Due: Friday, February 24, 2017, by 11:59pm

More information can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/turnaroundnetwork>

<i>Year</i>	<i># schools eligible</i>	<i># schools applied</i>	<i># schools accepted</i>	<i>Acceptance rate</i>	<i>Average award amount per school per year</i>	<i>Funding source</i>
2014-2015	184	10	9	90%	\$41,000	ESEA Federal 1003(a)
2015-2016	190	16	15	87%	\$41,000	
2016-2017	190	13	10	77%	\$34,000	

Connect for Success

A 3-year consultative support looking towards best practices

The Connect for Success grant program is aimed at supporting low-performing schools by strengthening their Title I programs through the implementation of strategies shown to be effective through the [High Achieving Schools](#) study: leadership, assessment for learning, climate and culture, and instruction. Connect for Success schools work with CDE staff and “implementation coaches” to monitor implementation and support school efforts. Applications for Connect for Success are available in the winter with new cohorts beginning in May.

**Important Dates**

Letter of Intent Due: Friday, December 16, 2016, by 11:59pm

Applications Due: Thursday, January 26, 2017, by 11:59pm

More information can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/ti/sitig>

<i>Year</i>	<i># schools eligible</i>	<i># schools applied</i>	<i># schools accepted</i>	<i>Acceptance rate</i>	<i>Average award amount per school per year</i>	<i>Funding source</i>
2016-2017	62	27	20	74%	\$20,000 yr. 1 \$80,000 yrs. 2-3	ESEA Federal 1003(a)

Tiered Intervention Grant (TIG)

A federal grant for schools

The Tiered Intervention Grant (TIG) is a federal program for schools under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that requires selecting and implementing one of their identified turnaround models: turnaround, transformation, restart, closure, whole school reform, early learning, and secondary success. Funding for this grant will not continue under the soon-to-be implemented Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The final application for TIG funds will be available in spring 2017 with continued funding through 2020.

Important Dates

Required Letter of Intent Due: Friday, January 13, 2017, by 11:59pm

Applications Due: Tuesday, March 7, 2017, by 11:59pm

More information can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/ti/sitig.asp>

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2013-2016	105	~70	51	~72%	\$350,000	ESEA Federal 1003(g)

School Turnaround Leadership Development

Leadership training for school and district leaders

The School Turnaround Leadership Development grant is a Colorado grant that awards funds so that school and district leaders may participate in identified turnaround leadership development programs from various providers. The goal of the grant program is to develop greater capacity in Colorado to train school and district leaders to support low-performing environments. To date, 120 participants have engaged in six different identified provider programs.

Important Dates

Application Information Webinar: Friday, January 13, 2017 from 9:00-10:00am

Letter of Intent Due: Wednesday, January 18, 2017, by 11:59pm

Applications Due: Monday, February 13, 2017, by 11:59pm



More information can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/turnaroundleadership>

<i>Year</i>	<i># schools eligible</i>	<i># schools applied</i>	<i># schools accepted</i>	<i>Acceptance rate</i>	<i>Average award amount per participant per year</i>	<i>Funding source</i>
2015-2016	175 schools	160 schools	78 schools	48%	\$42,947 per school	State C.R.S. 22-13-101
	-	312 participants	120 participants	39%	\$27,684 per participant	

Where can I learn more?

- School and District Performance Unit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performance>
Peter Sherman, Executive Director, Sherman_P@cde.state.co.us
- Federal Programs Unit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms>
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- To view all CDE fact sheets, visit: www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfaqs