

Colorado Alternate Grade 4 Social Studies Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

Students demonstrate social studies concepts and skills aligned to the Grade Level Expectations and Extended Evidence Outcomes contained in the Colorado Academic Standards.

With appropriate support, Advanced students can typically:

- Identify historical eras, groups (e.g., miners, settlers and farmers), ideas, and themes in Colorado history
- Identify the cause and effect of growth in Colorado during various key events in U.S. history
- Integrate historical knowledge with geographical skills
- Recognize that particular dwellings, tools, and modes of transportation are specific to certain geographic areas and cultures in Colorado's history
- Identify regions and activities of Colorado based on specific physical features and label a map
- Identify choice and opportunity cost and compare the difference between the two
- Identify a specific perspective on an issue
- Identify the origins and structures of government

With appropriate support, At Target students can typically:

- Sequence Colorado historical events
- Identify the locations of specific activities or events in Colorado's history
- Identify specific factors that affected the growth of Colorado
- Match tools, modes of transportation, and products to natural resources or locations in Colorado
- Label a map using given map symbols
- Identify ways in which Colorado communities and markets were (and are) connected
- Identify the approximate value of goods
- Identify the functions of different levels of government
- Identify how people respond to positive and negative consequences

With appropriate support, Approaching Target students can typically:

- Match historical Colorado cultures with related artifacts, modes of transportation, and resources
- Match physical, natural, and geographic features on a map to their appropriate symbols
- Identify types of goods, services and resources native to Colorado
- Recognize that items vary in their value
- Recognize that there are different levels of governance

With appropriate support, Emerging students can typically:

- Identify artifacts (e.g., tools, housing, modes of transportation, and clothing) related to Colorado history
- Identify features on a map of Colorado
- Recognize that items have value
- Recognize emergency situations and appropriate responses that affect members of the Colorado community
- Recognize that there are laws and rules

An Inconclusive designation is given to students who did not respond to any items on the assessment.