

**State Board of Education Strategic Goals
2011-2012**

Vision

All children in Colorado will become educated and productive citizens.

Mission

The mission of the Colorado State Board of Education is to provide all of Colorado's children equal access to quality, thorough, uniform, well-rounded educational opportunities in a safe and civil learning environment.

- 1. Maximize our role as the state's educational authority.**
 - a. Provide education leadership for the state by framing and advancing a vision of education for Colorado.
 - b. Guide the Colorado Department of Education in the provision of services and support to schools, districts, and citizens across the state.
 - c. Positively and proactively impact state and federal legislation.
 - d. Continue and strengthen our partnerships with and leadership within the educational community.
 - e. Optimize and responsibly exercise our authority.
- 2. Lead the state's system of accountability and support that is focused on ensuring students graduate career and college ready.**
 - a. Advance a plan designed to close the achievement gap and simultaneously to reduce the statewide dropout rate.
 - b. Prioritize, increase and coordinate resources to help schools and districts increase the number of students who graduate career and college ready.
 - c. Lead the statewide effort to ensure that the Colorado Academic Standards and English Language Proficiency Standards are implemented with integrity and that they are helping prepare all students for success.
 - d. Lead the design and implementation of a comprehensive statewide assessment system aimed at informing and helping students master standards and exit high school career and college ready.
 - e. Guide the ongoing development and implementation of dynamic platforms for collecting, reporting, using, and sharing data that support accountability, increase public transparency, inform policymaking, and advance teaching and learning.
 - f. Encourage collaborative solutions that leverage resources from different agencies and which promote the integrated delivery of educational services.
- 3. Take the lead in improving the stability, effectiveness, and efficiency of educational funding.**
 - a. Play a leadership role in promoting a comprehensive school finance plan that links resources to results and supports schools with the greatest needs.
 - b. Ensure strategic and targeted use of funds toward those efforts that most directly impact students' career and college readiness.
 - c. Identify and develop potential new sources of funds or free up existing funds through increased flexibility, administrative efficiencies, reduced duplication, etc.
 - d. Prioritize and protect the state's education budget, including state libraries.
 - e. Lead and educate the public about the importance and value of the School Lands Trust.

4. Ensure effective educators for every student and effective leaders for every school and district.

- a. Increase the state's ability to attract, develop, and retain highly effective educators.
- b. Improve the effectiveness of all educators.
- c. Improve the effectiveness and accountability of the state's licensure, educator preparation, and induction system.
- d. Support professional development that increases student achievement.

5. Foster and enable innovation and expand choices for Colorado students.

- a. Advance and encourage innovative approaches to teaching and learning.
- b. Increase the number of and access to effective choice models.
- c. Implement accountability measures that apply to all choice models.
- d. Articulate and advance the critical role state libraries play for 21st century learners.
- e. Adhere to the Board's position statement on the Principles of School Choice.