



Northwest Colorado BOCES 64123

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A condition of accepting Federal (IDEA) resources for meeting the individual needs of students with disabilities requires that Administrative Units be given an annual Determination based on several factors. Additionally, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must publicly report annually on the Administrative Unit's progress toward meeting the State Performance Plan (SPP) targets as required by 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A). Further, 34 CFR §300.6041 mandates that the CDE use the same categories that the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), uses for making State determinations.

In making the determination, the CDE considered data submitted by Northwest Colorado BOCES in the following manner:

1. A **Compliance Matrix** that includes scoring on SPP Compliance Indicators and other compliance elements
2. A **Results Matrix** that includes scoring on Results Elements
3. A **Compliance Score** and **Compliance Determination**
4. A **Results Score** and **Results Determination**
5. An **AU Percentage** based on the Compliance Score and the Results Score. The Compliance Score is weighted at **75%** and the Results Score is weighted at **25%** to calculate the RDA Percentage.
6. A consideration of **Special Conditions**
7. The AU's overall **Determination**

State Performance Plan compliance indicators:

Indicator 4A: Whether the AU has significant discrepancy from the state in the number suspensions/expulsions of students with disabilities for greater than 10 days in a school year.



Indicator 4B: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation by race/ethnicity in the number of suspensions/expulsions of students with disabilities for greater than 10 days in a school year due to inappropriate policies, procedures or practices.

Indicator 9: Whether the Administrative Unit (AU) has disproportionate representation of students with disabilities by race or ethnicity due to inappropriate identification.

Indicator 10: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation of students with disabilities by race or ethnicity in a specific disability category due to inappropriate identification.

Indicator 11: Percent of children for whom an evaluation was completed within 60 calendar days.

Indicator 12: Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday.

Indicator 13: Percent of youth with Individual Education Plans (IEP) aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals.

Timely and Accurate Data Submission: The timeliness and accuracy of data submitted by the AUs under section 616 and 618 of the IDEA.

State Performance Plan Results Indicators:

Indicator 1: Graduation rate of youth with IEPs graduating with a regular diploma

Indicator 2: Dropout rate of youth with IEPs

Indicator 3: Statewide Assessments participation, regular assessments mean scale score, and alternate assessment proficiency rate

In addition, the following results elements are also included:

1. Median Growth Percentile in ELA and Math
2. Rise Up in ELA and Math (No data in 2017 or 2018 determination)
3. Keep Up in ELA and Math (No data in 2017 or 2018 determination)
4. For information only: the above items with “exiters” included. (Please see “[How the CDE ESSU Made Determinations 2018.](#)” for detailed information about these informational items.)

Indicator 7: Preschool skills includes the percent of preschool children who showed substantial growth and those who reached age expectations by the time they exited the program in positive socio-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and use of appropriate behaviors.

Indicator 14: Secondary Transition/Post School Outcomes percent of youth who had IEPs; are no longer in secondary school and who have been employed, enrolled in postsecondary school, or both, within one year of leaving school

Based on the information above, the CDE must determine whether Northwest Colorado BOCES:



1. Meets Requirements;
2. Needs Assistance;
3. Needs Intervention; or
4. Needs Substantial Intervention

The CDE has evaluated the criteria listed above and determined that Northwest Colorado BOCES **Meets Requirements** for the implementation of Part B of the IDEA for SY2015-16. Please access <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/rda> for various resources related to the determinations.

CDE is committed to supporting Northwest Colorado BOCES in its efforts to improve results for children with disabilities and looks forward to working with you over the next year.

If you have any questions regarding this determination or the process, please contact Toby King at 303.866.6964 or by e-mail at King_T@cde.state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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Posted to <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/determinations> on 4/20/2018.



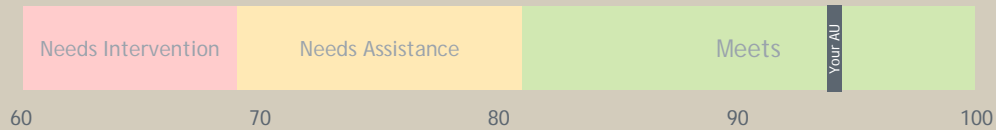
AU Determination 2018 for 64123 - Northwest Colorado BOCES

AU Percentage

94%

AU Determination:

Meets



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*Special Conditions: None

Special conditions can move an AU into a lower RDA determination category.

Sub-scores

Compliance Score

100.0

out of 100



Compliance
Determination

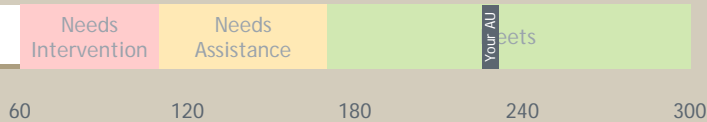
Meets
Requirements

x 75%

Results Score

228.5

out of 300



Results
Determination

Meets
Requirements

x 25%

AU Compliance Matrix 2018



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Indicator	Performance	Points Eligible	Points Earned
4A: Significant discrepancy in the rate of suspension and expulsion from the state rate.	0.0%	2	2
2 = The rate of children with disabilities who received suspensions/expulsions for > 10 days in a school year was below 2.9% 1 = Rate is above threshold for current year 0 = Rate is above threshold for the current and previous two school years			
4B: Significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions from the state rate by race and ethnicity.	No Significant Discrepancy	2	2
2 = No racial category was found with significant discrepancy for Indicator 4B 1 = At least one racial category was found with significant discrepancy for current year 0 = At least one racial category was found with significant discrepancy for the current and the previous two school years, and 2) policies, procedures, and/or practices were found to contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.			
Indicator 9: Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services due to inappropriate identification.	NO disproportionate representation	2	2
Indicator 10: Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories due to inappropriate identification.	NO disproportionate representation	2	2
2 = No racial category was found with disproportionate representation due to inappropriate identification for Indicators 9 and 10. 1 = At least one racial category was found with disproportionate representation for the current year 0 = At least one racial category was found with disproportionate representation for the current and previous year			
Indicator 11: Timely initial evaluation	100%	2	2
Indicator 12: IEP developed and implemented by third birthday.	100%	2	2
Indicator 13: Secondary transition	NA	0	0
2 = Indicators were at least 95% compliant 1 = Indicators were at least 75% and less than 95% compliant 0 = Indicators were less than 75% compliant in the current year <u>OR</u> less than 95% compliant for the current and previous year			
Timely and Accurate Data Submission	Yes	2	2
Special Education December Count, Special Education End of Year Collection, Special Education Discipline Collection, and Indicator 13 file review 2 = All above submissions were both timely and accurate 1 = One or two of the above submissions were late and/or inaccurate 0 = Three or four of the above submissions were late and/or inaccurate			
Total Points Available:	14		
Compliance Points Earned:	14		
Compliance Score:	100 out of 100		
Compliance Determination:	Meets Requirements		

90 to 100 = Meets Requirements

80 to 89 = Needs Assistance

0 to 79 = Needs Intervention

AU Results Matrix 2018



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Participation Detail

ELA		Math		MATH	
Participated	333 91%			Participated	332 90%
Excused	0 0.0%			Excused	0 0.0%
Parent Opt-out	34 9.3%			Parent Opt-out	34 9.3%
Unexcused	0 0.0%			Unexcused	1 0.3%
OSEP Participation Rate	90.7%			OSEP Participation Rate	90.5%
CO IEP Participation Rate	100.0%			CO IEP Participation Rate	99.7%

STATE Assessment

(Part of Indicator 3b)	N	%	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
ELA Participation	333	100.0%	-	95% ≤ AU = 3 AU < 95% = 0	3	3
Math Participation	333	99.7%			3	3

(Part of Indicator 3c)	N	Mean Scale Score	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
ELA Mean Scale Score (reg)	Current IEP	319	720.8	96	9	9
	* IEP Exiter	41	728.0			
	* Combined	360	721.6			
Math Mean Scale Score (reg)	Current IEP	318	720.2	96	9	9
	* IEP Exiter	42	727.5			
	* Combined	360	721.1			

Alternate (Part of Indicator 3c)	N	%	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
ELA Prof Rate (Alt)	32	50.0%	96	AU ≥ 48.8% = 6 48.8% > AU ≥ 31.6% = 4 31.6% > AU ≥ 17.9% = 2 AU < 17.9% = 0	6	6
Math Prof Rate (Alt)	32	28.1%	92	AU ≥ 26.7% = 6 26.7% > AU ≥ 14.1% = 4 14.1% > AU ≥ 6.9% = 2 AU < 6.9% = 0	6	6

Note: ELA and MATH 2015-16 and 2016-17 combined

Preschool Achievement and Growth (Indicator 7)**

		N	% Succeeded	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
A. Positive social-emotional skills	Growth	17	75.0%	24	73.9%.....82%.....91.5%	1.5	0.5
	Achievement		70.6%	62	59.6%.....67.5%.....82.8%	1.5	1.0
B. Acquisition & Use of Knowledge and Skills	Growth		83.3%	56	72.1%.....80.4%.....91.5%	1.5	1.0
	Achievement		64.7%	38	55.9%.....69.3%.....81.8%	1.5	0.5
C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs	Growth		60.0%	4	66.7%.....76.2%.....86.6%	1.5	0.0
	Achievement		88.2%	57	61.8%.....71.4%.....86%	1.5	1.5

Note:

Achievement Points Earned: 40.5 out of 45

**Growth = Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by time of exit from the program; Achievement = functioning within age expectations by time of exit

Academic Achievement 15%

Academic Growth 50%	Median Growth Percentile		Median Growth %ile	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
	ELA	230	50.5	90	AU ≥ 47 = 15 47 > AU ≥ 39.1 = 10 39.1 > AU ≥ 33 = 5 AU < 33 = 0	15	15
	Math	242	56.5	93	AU ≥ 47 = 15 47 > AU ≥ 40.7 = 10 40.7 > AU ≥ 34.5 = 5 AU < 34.5 = 0	15	15
	Rise Up		% Rise Up	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
	ELA	no data	no data		90th ≤ AU = 4 50th ≤ AU < 90th = 3 15th ≤ AU < 50th = 2 AU < 15th = 1	45	30
	Math	no data	no data			45	30
	Keep Up		% Keep Up	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned
	ELA	no data	no data		90th ≤ AU = 4 50th ≤ AU < 90th = 3 15th ≤ AU < 50th = 2 AU < 15th = 1	15	10
	Math	no data	no data			15	10

Academic Growth Points Earned: 110 out of 150

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness 35%	Graduation Rate Indicator 1		% Graduated	Highest Rate Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned	
	4 Year Grad Rate	44	84.1%	86	AU ≥ 92.3% = 21	21	14	
	5 Year Grad Rate	53	83.0%		92.3% > AU ≥ 79.2% = 14			
	6 Year Grad Rate	50	90.0%		79.2% > AU ≥ 66.9% = 7			
	7 Year Grad Rate	39	84.6%		AU < 66.9% = 0			
	Note:							
	IEP Dropout/Exit Rate Indicator 2		% Dropout/Exiters	AU's Percentile	Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned	
	Rate	28	7.1%	84	AU < 6.5% = 42 6.5% ≤ AU < 19% = 28 19% ≤ AU < 34.2% = 14 AU ≥ 34.2% = 0	42	28	
	Note:							
	Post-School Outcomes Indicator 14		%		Rubric	Points Eligible	Points Earned	
Contacts Attempted N = Students in Sample % = Contact attempted	41	100.0%		AU = 100% = 6 AU < 100% = 0	6	6		
Students Participated N = # in adjusted sample % = of students who participated out of adjusted sample	41	24.4%		60% ≤ AU = 6 60% > AU = 0	6	0		
Outcome (Enrolled in higher ed, or in some other postsecondary ed or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment)	16	100%	Percentile 98	AU ≥ 91.5% = 30 91.5% > AU ≥ 75.3% = 20 75.3% > AU ≥ 59.8% = 10 AU < 59.8% = 0	30	30		
Note: Outcome of 2015-16 and 2016-17 combined								

PS and Workforce Points Earned: 78 out of 105

Academic Achievement:	40.5	out of	45
Academic Growth:	110.0	out of	150
PS and Workforce Readiness:	78.0	out of	105
Final Results Score:	228.5 out of 300		
Results Determination:	Meets Requirements		
170 to 300 = Meets Requirements 110 to 169 = Needs Assistance 0 to 109 = Needs Intervention			

If the AU's final points eligible are less than 300, the original scores have been adjusted to meet the full scale of 45, 150, or 105 proportionally.