



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

August 22, 2024

The Honorable Susana Córdova  
Commissioner of Education  
Colorado Department of Education  
201 East Colfax Ave, Room 500  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Commissioner Córdova:

I am writing in response to Colorado's August 12, 2024, request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) to amend its approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

I have determined that the amendment request meets ESEA requirements; accordingly, I am approving Colorado's amended State plan. A summary of Colorado's amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as Colorado's revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the Department's website. Any further requests to amend Colorado's ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of this amendment is not a determination that all the information and data included in the amended State plan comply with Federal civil rights requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is Colorado's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Thank you for the work Colorado has invested in its consolidated State plan under the ESEA. If you need any assistance regarding its implementation, please contact the Office of School Support and Accountability at: [OESE.TitleI-a@ed.gov](mailto:OESE.TitleI-a@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

Adam Schott  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Delegated the Authority to Perform the  
Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Enclosure

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### **Amendment to the Colorado Consolidated State Plan**

The following is a summary of Colorado’s amendment request. Please refer to the Department’s website <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/essa-consolidated-state-plans/> for Colorado’s complete consolidated State plan.

#### **Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies**

- *Annual Meaningful Differentiation*

Due to recent changes made to the form and content of the State’s high school assessment (the SAT), the State will revise the cut scores in 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26. For each year, the State will set cut scores using the current and two prior years of data, to equate the scores and account for the changes in spring 2024.

The State has not changed how the Academic Achievement indicator is calculated nor how the indicators in the system are combined to annually meaningfully differentiate among all public schools in the State.