

Training & Technical Support (2024)

Accountability, School Improvement & Planning



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Background

As districts and schools are preparing for the upcoming school year, the School Improvement & Planning Unit at CDE has compiled a list of webinars, resources, and technical assistance opportunities that may be of interest for districts, BOCES or other educational groups. In-person meetings and training can be customized based on the interest of the group and targeted to their responsibilities (i.e., teachers, governance, administration, etc.).

Key Resources

CDE annually updates its resources to address requests from educational stakeholders, changes to statutory requirements, and to maintain alignment with best practices and shifts in approach (e.g. a new online UIP system). All resources are posted on the [CDE website](#). A few of our new and/or more requested resources include:

- [2024-25 District Accountability Handbook](#) - This handbook provides an outline of the requirements and responsibilities for the state, district, and school stakeholders in the state's accountability process.
- [Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Guidance](#) - Guidance for Finalizing Accreditation Categories and Submitting Requests to Reconsider for District Accreditation Ratings and School Plan Types for 2024.
- [2024 Annotated Framework Report](#) and [2024 AEC Annotated Framework Report](#) - This resource is an annotated report with call out boxes that identify key information and changes to the performance framework report since the prior release.
- [Communications Tools for the State's Accountability System](#) - Superintendents, district administrators and building leaders can use these resources to help explain to parents, educators and the school community the state's accountability system as well as the School and District Performance Frameworks.
- [2024 Accountability Use of Data from the Data Pipeline & Assessment Collections: Why it Matters, What to Look For, and How Collections Generally Occur](#) Provides a shared understanding of how data from the Data Pipeline collections and State Assessment Systems apply to Accountability (why data accuracy matters), related technical considerations to ensure data accuracy (what to focus on during each collection in the context of accountability) and how different collections generally work and connect.

In-Person Training

The School Improvement team continues to offer in person customized trainings. Topical areas may include and/or be related to:

Data Use & Accountability

- Data Visualizations
- Growth Model
- State Assessment Metrics
- Accountability 101
- School Accreditation
- AEC Frameworks

UIP/School Improvement

- UIP 101
- Online System Overview
- Progress Monitoring
- Small Systems

Effective Governance for Boards

- Foundations
- UIPs for BOEs
- Accountability for BOEs

These are some possible topics, and by no means the only content that can be addressed. If there are additional topics or priorities for your group let us know and we will help to design the session.

Our support can be provided in a variety of formats, including In person, phone conference, webinar, and office hours, etc.

We can serve as a training facilitator, lead, or support depending on your request.

Please contact us and let us know your specific needs including topic(s), format, and the length of the requested training.

- [Streamlined UIP Workbook](#) - It includes sample agendas, protocols, and templates.
- [2024 Improvement Planning Data Analysis Considerations](#) - This document connects data analysis and planning to the new streamlined Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), new accountability data, and a new TLCC resource as well as PSAT/SAT test format changes and the new Learning Environment District Profile Reports.
- [2024 State Accountability, Measures & Improvement Planning - District Resource Slide Deck to Engage Boards of Education](#) – Tool for district staff to help Boards of Education better understand state accountability and related data within the context of their local policies, priorities, and community context. Please see the overview fact sheet resource [here](#).



On Demand & Upcoming Webinars

- ***On Track Growth (OTG) Webinar Series (New!)***: This six part on demand webinar series provides stakeholders with the tools to use and understand the new OTG measure to support improved student academic outcomes. The recorded webinar series is available [here](#).
- ***Accountability 101 Webinar (recording)***: This webinar provides an overview of the Colorado educational accountability system with a focus on state accountability and the district/school performance frameworks for the current academic year. The recording is available [here](#).
- ***2024 Accountability Updates Webinar (recording)***: This webinar provided updates on accountability for the 2024-25 school year. The link to the [recording](#) and the [slide deck](#) are available.
- ***Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Webinar (recording)***: This webinar discussed the accreditation and request to reconsider process in 2024, including how to submit the accreditation form and information about request conditions. The recording is available [here](#).
- ***2024 Insufficient State Data Ratings Webinar (recording)***: This webinar covered the Insufficient State Data rating definition, description and provided general considerations for improvement planning. The link to the recording is [here](#).
- ***My Site has a Priority Improvement / Turnaround Plan Type. Now What? Webinar (recording)***: This webinar provided guidance for systems identified with a Priority Improvement or Turnaround plan type. The link to the recording is [here](#).

Accountability, Improvement Planning, & Streamlined UIP Office Hours.

Thirty-minute individual office sessions with School Improvement Planning team staff are available to offer support and guidance regarding school/district Streamlined UIP, improvement planning, data analysis, school performance frameworks, accountability and/or data analysis. You can sign up for one or more sessions at [this link](#).

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Please e-mail accountability@cde.state.co.us or uiphelp@cde.state.co.us with requests for support and/or questions related to our technical assistance and training opportunities.