

UIP Online System User Guide

This user guide provides a walkthrough of completing the new Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) template via the <u>UIP Online System</u>. This guide applies to both the school and district UIP templates, and any differences in functionality and/or features between the templates are highlighted. Reference this guide in conjunction with additional UIP resources and training to develop and submit a UIP.

As of the 2025-2026 UIP cycle, starting April 2025, the state has moved to one template after a number of years of piloting and maintaining two templates. With this change, please note the following updates:

- All school-level users will be assigned to UIP2~School Admin on Identity Management. District LAMs
 and users do not need to take any action for this change. School-level users should continue to sign
 into the UIP Online System as normal.
- "Continue Previous Plan" will be replacing the "Copy From Last Year" functionality that was previously available on the traditional UIP template. More details about the new functionality can be found in the guide.

Additional details with change to one template can be found on the 2025 Changes Document.

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Getting Started

Gaining Access to the UIP Online System

Users must be assigned to a UIP role in CDE's <u>Identity Management (IDM)</u> system to access the UIP Online System. Every district should have a Local Access Manager (LAM) who is responsible for assigning UIP roles within IDM. To gain access to the system:

- 1. Contact your district's LAM to request that you be assigned to the UIP2 School Admin role in IDM. If you do not know your district's LAM, use CDE's <u>Request Assistance form</u> to contact them.
- 2. Following the instructions in the <u>UIP Online System Set Up & Management Guide</u>, the LAM will assign you to the UIP2 School Admin role. District Admin and District User roles do not need to change their role to access the Streamlined UIP template.
 - a. Users can only be assigned to one UIP role in IDM at a time and cannot be assigned to more than one school at a time. If school level users need access to more than one school, they should be assigned to the District User role and will gain access to all schools in the district.
 - b. If users are assigned to more than one UIP role, they will receive an error when attempting to log into the system.

Quick Overview of UIP Roles within Identity Management

- Users with the UIP2 School Admin role can view, edit, and submit UIPs for district review for a single school to which they are assigned. This role is typically assigned to school-level leaders and UIP team members.
- Users with the District User role can view and edit UIPs for all schools and the district. If a school staff member requires access to more than one school's UIP, they can be assigned to a district-level role.
- Users with the District Admin role can view, edit, and submit UIPs for public posting for all schools and the district.
- Users with an Accountability Contact role have the same access to UIPs as District Admins, but they
 can also view and submit the district's Accreditation and Request to Reconsider form on additional
 pages of the UIP Online System.

Logging in to the UIP Online System

Once assigned to a UIP role in IDM, users can log into the system via the <u>UIP Online System webpage</u>. Depending on their UIP role, users must select either the District or School log in button. Users must enter their CDE username and password, which are the same credentials used to access other systems managed through IDM (e.g., PIPELINE, RANDA). BROWSER NOTE: CDE recommends using Chrome or Firefox to access the UIP Online System.

Upon logging in, users with the **school-level role** will enter directly into the school's current UIP template and can follow the rest of this guide to complete the UIP. **District Admins, District Users, and Accountability Contacts** will need to navigate through the administrative pages of the UIP Online System to access the UIP templates and should reference the <u>District Admin Guide</u> for additional information.

Troubleshooting Login Issues

- If you forgot your CDE password, reset it using the Identity Management password reset form.
- Confirm that you are signing in using the correct button. School users <u>cannot</u> access the system through the District login, and vice versa.

- If you still cannot log in, confirm with your district's LAM that you are only assigned to one UIP role and one building in IDM.
- If needed, reach out to uiphelp@cde.state.co.us for additional troubleshooting support.

Homepage: Schools and District UIP Records

Upon accessing the streamlined UIP through the Online System, the Homepage will open (refer to snapshot on page 5). On the Homepage, a series of tabs positioned at the top may be accessed for user navigation. These tabs serve as the guide throughout the new streamlined UIP template. They encompass all necessary elements, with no additional sub-tabs present within the entirety of the Streamlined UIP template. Each tab will have a page related to UIP elements using text boxes, dropdowns, checkboxes, and calendars.

- The Homepage provides an overview of pre-populated information customized to each school, outlining elements to be addressed in the plan. Additionally, various types of rollovers and buttons are strategically placed to support improvement planning. For instance, an information icon offers detailed insights upon hovering, while another button may offer additional resources (e.g., Print UIP, Generate Summary Report) or edit options. For example, in the system (school/district) contact field, click the "Add Additional UIP Contact" to add extra contacts. The "Edit" or "Delete" buttons let you change specific contacts as well. Adjacent to the system (school/district) contact information box, a progress monitor tool is visible. Adding or updating contact information on the UIP template will not make changes or additions to the Directory from Pipeline.
- Starting on the left side of the page, a text field is designated for a system (school/district) description. While some fields of this tab are pre-populated, the system (school/district) description is an optional manual input. Here, a short narrative can highlight important and unique information about the system covering aspects such as programming, grade levels served, and special offerings. Upon completion, click the 'Save' button to preserve recent inputs. This School/District Description will also be used for other reporting, including the School/District Profile in SchoolView.
- Located towards the lower right of the page, a series of resource buttons allows access to pertinent information and resources specific to each tab. These are found throughout the template on each tab.
- An "Upload Files" button allows for the submission of supporting plan files, for example, short cycle plans.
- At the bottom, "Plan Details" list state and federal identifications and submission deadlines.

A comprehensive overview of the homepage tab is detailed in the table and screenshots below.

Section	Section	Description	Important Notes
	Location		
School or	Left, top	Displays information for the	School or District information
District	of page	school/district from CDE's	can be updated in the Directory
Information		Directory / Data Warehouse	collection in <u>Pipeline</u> .
School or	Center,	Identifies UIP contact	UIP contacts may be by adding,
District Contact	top of	person(s) and related	editing, or deleting contacts.
Information	page	information	Adding or updating contact
			information on the UIP template
			will not make changes or

Section	Section Location	Description	Important Notes
			additions to the Directory from
			Pipeline.
Progress	Right,	Progress check marks show	Progress status will change from
	top of	the completion status of the	a grey check mark to a green
	page	three major tabs of the UIP	checkmark when changes have
		including priorities and	been made to the associated
		targets, root causes and	tabs.
		strategies, and	
		implementation and actions.	
Optional:	Middle	Optional text box for users	This description may be used to
School/District	of Page	to write a short description	introduce and provide
Description		(3-5 sentences) of their	additional context about the
		school/district including the	school/district in CDE public
		school's focus, offerings, and	reports (e.g., School/District
		any special programs.	Profile on SchoolView).
Plan Details	Left,	Serves as a reference for	Users are not required to enter
	bottom	schools/districts and	information in this section, as
	of page	provides site-specific	CDE pre-populates the
		information to support the	identifications and plan
		annual improvement	requirements displayed in this
		planning process. This	box.
		includes state and federal	
		identification along with	
		related requirements.	
Resources	Right,	Provides several related	Users are not required to enter
	bottom	resources to support plan	any information in this section
	of page	development, address	but will submit the school level
		questions, and allow for	UIP to district staff to review
		public plan posting.	before publicly posting. Users
			can also upload or drop files to
			be included in the submission of
			a plan and provide feedback
			about the Streamlined UIP
			template to CDE staff.

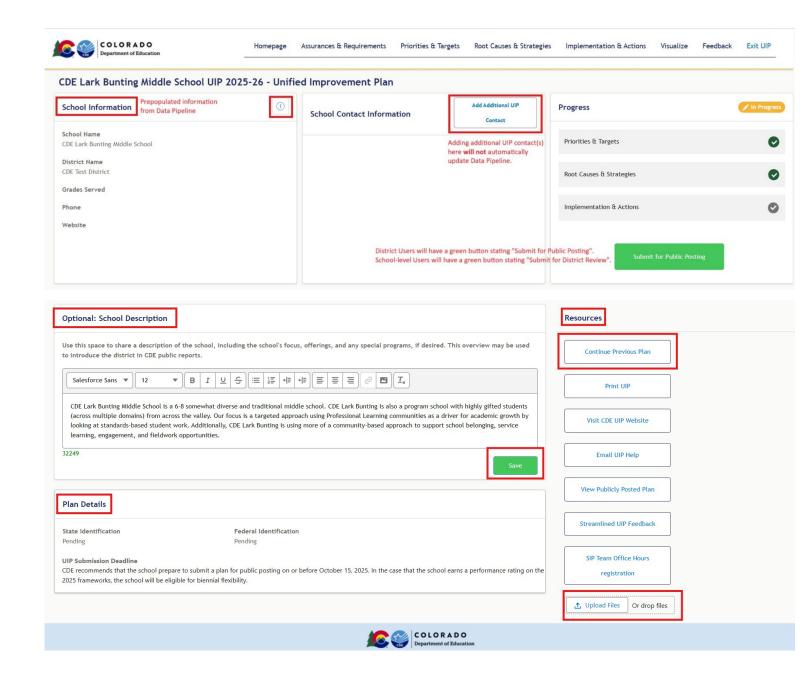
Homepage: Resource – Continue Previous Plan

Previous versions of the template included a "Copy from Last Year.". This function is being returned to the template and retitled "Continue Previous Plan" to better align with continuous improvement and for those users submitting every other year.

When the "Continue Previous Plan" feature is utilized, note that the majority of the previous UIP will be added to the current UIP record, but not all information will be added to the current UIP record. The following elements will be added to the current UIP record:

- Homepage: School/District Description
- Priorities & Targets:

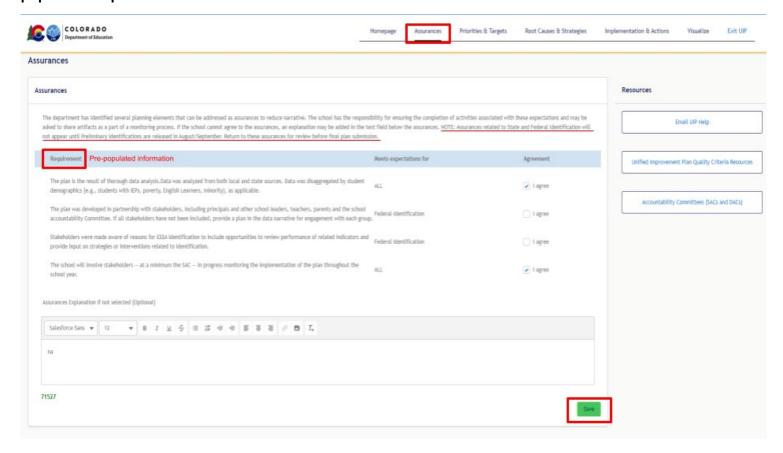
- Student Performance Priorities Title(s), Category, Group(s), and Grade(s)
- Root Causes & Strategies:
 - Root Causes Title(s), Brief Description(s), Category, Rationale for Root Cause
 - Major Improvement Strategy Title(s), Category, Description(s), connection to Root Cause(s), the evidence/research that supports the Major Improvement Strategy, and Fund Source(s)



Assurances Tab

Transitioning to our Assurances tab, we introduce several planning elements that are required by the Colorado Department of Education. These elements serve to streamline the UIP process. Assurances are tailored to each school/district based on their specific context. Schools and districts are accountable for fulfilling these requirements. Though not mandatory for inclusion in the UIP, schools/districts may be required to provide related artifacts in support of monitoring. Districts/Institutes are responsible for ensuring compliance with all presented expectations for its UIP as well as each of its schools' UIP. If a system cannot

affirm the completion of any assurance, the plan includes an optional narrative to explain how the system plans to address the expectation (i.e. using the text field that follows the assurances). Additionally, the bottom of this screen reflects customized, site-specific pre-populated requirements that need to be addressed in the plan. These expectations are tailored to specific system attributes, programming, grants, and federal or state identifications. For example, READ Act requirements for K-3 serving schools. The screenshot below provides a snapshot of the appearance of the assurance tab. **Please note the customized pre-populated requirements would be further down on the screen and aren't visible in this screenshot.**



Priorities & Targets Tab

The third tab, named Priorities & Targets, is the plan location where Student Performance Priorities (SPP) for the school or district are identified. This includes the category, groups of students, and grades represented by the priority area. In addition, this tab allows for the inclusion of the related measures and targets for each priority area. Lastly, a text box is provided that allows the user to provide evidence and reasoning for the selection of the Student's Performance Priorities.

The top of the tab includes a visual that shows the Student Performance Priorities and their relationship to identified Root Causes and Major Improvement Strategies. It is followed by a section that allows quick access to the data dashboards including enrollment and demographic, state accountability, and achievement and growth data (screenshot below).

After having identified Student Performance Priorities through comprehensive data analysis efforts, complete the text boxes (see screenshot on the next page) to capture prioritized efforts to improve student outcomes. SPPs will need a title, category, and selection of focused disaggregated groups and grade levels. Following entry of new information be sure to click on the "Save" button at the very bottom of the tab.

The screenshots below provide a snapshot of the Priorities & Targets tab.

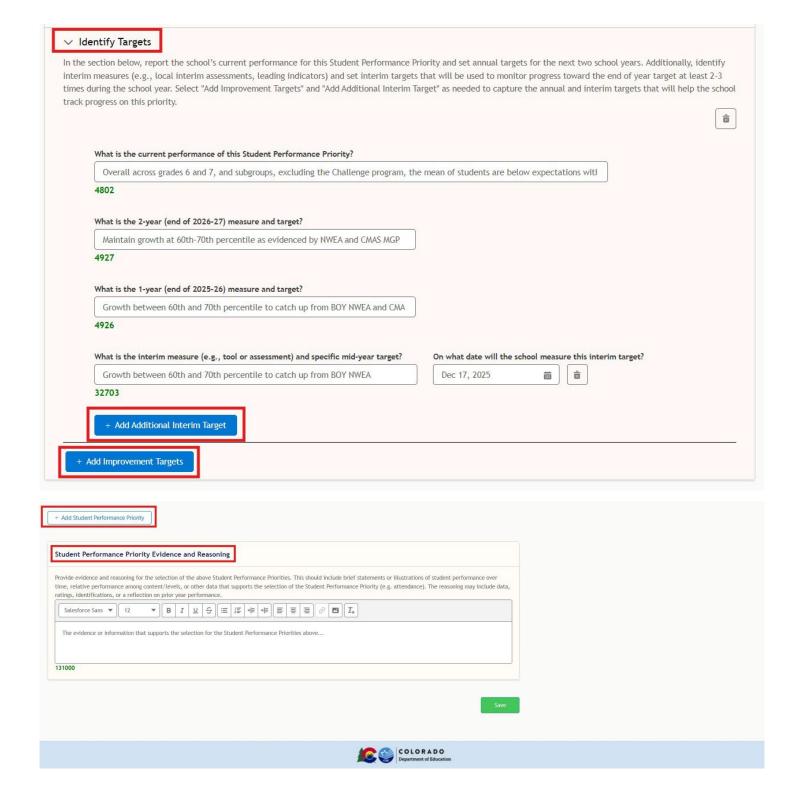


Homepage Assurances & Requirements

Priorities & Targets

Root Causes & Strategies Implementation & Actions Visualize Feedback Exit UIP

nt Performance Priority # 1		☆ ▼
dentify Student Performance Priority		
ify 1-3 Student Performance Priorities (SPPs) that this rmance Priority" to include additional priorities.	UIP will focus on addressing. Complete the sections	below to identify each priority. If needed, select "Add Student
Provide a short title for this Student Performance Pr 6th/7th Math Growth	iority. (This title will populate to represent this priori	ty in other sections of the plan.)
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Student Performance Priority Category		
Math performance		▼
"Other" to specity.) All Student Population	Asian	Students with disabilities/IEPs
Free/Reduced Eligible Lunch	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Students with 504 plan
 English Learners/Multi-Language Learners Students of Color/Minority Students 	☐ American Indian or Alaska Native☐ White	Students identified as Gifted and Talented Male
Black/African-American	Two or more races	Female
Hispanic/Latinx	Other Racial/Ethnic Identity/ies	Nonbinary
✓ Other	Other Description	
	255	
What grade(s) is this Student Performance Priority fo	ocused on? (Choose all that apply OR select "All Grades	Served")
Pre-Kindergarten	4	9
Kindergarten	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
_ 1	✓ 6	11
	✓ 6 ✓ 7 □ 8	☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ All Grades Served

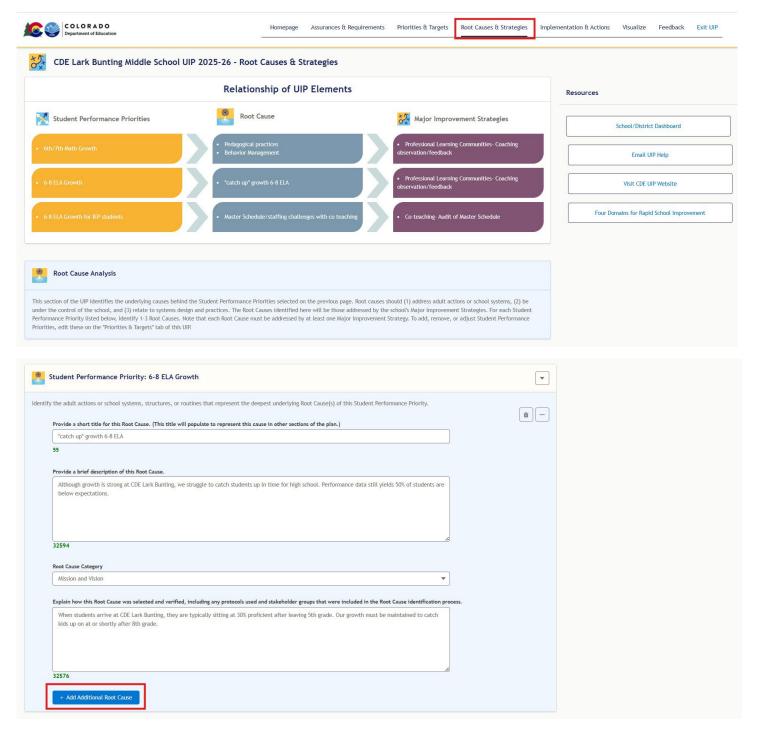


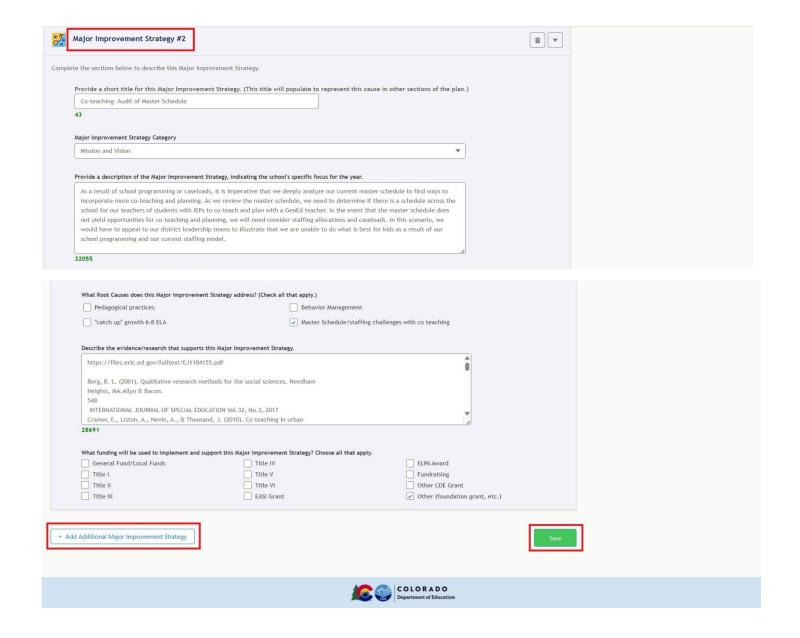
Root Causes & Strategies Tab

The fourth tab, called Root Causes & Strategies, reflects the next step in the planning process. For each Student Performance Priority (SPP) identified, systems will identify Root Causes that are driving priority areas. Root Causes require a title, description, category, and rationale. After Root Causes have been identified, the next step is to identify Major Improvement Strategies in the plan that will address those causes. Major Improvement Strategies will need a title, category, short description, associated Root Cause, evidence to support the detrimental impact of the Root Cause, as well as any financial resources used in support of the strategy. For each SPP, the plan requires the user to establish the relationship to the Root

Causes, followed by the corresponding Major Improvement Strategies. Following entry of new information, be sure to click on the "Save" button at the very bottom of the tab.

The screenshots below provide a snapshot of the Root Causes & Strategies tab.





Implementation & Actions

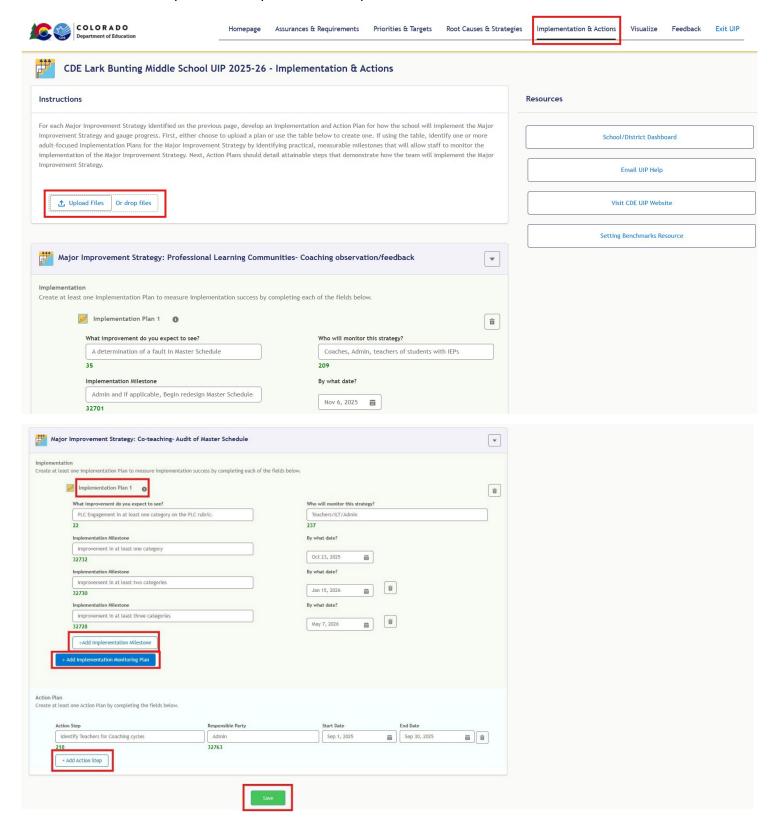
The fifth tab in the streamlined UIP template system is related to the Implementation and Actions associated with adopted Major Improvement Strategies. For each adopted strategy, complete the following: a) what improvement do you expect to see b) who will monitor this strategy, c) implementation milestones: what improvement will be made and how will it be measured and d) by what date? Next, develop the corresponding Action Plan that identifies action steps, responsible parties, along with start and end dates.

Alternatively, systems may upload an external action plan file. The Resources section of this tab includes an upload attachment function that allows the user to upload short cycle, or 90-day plans provided they include all necessary components and span the plan duration (e.g., two years using biennial flexibility).

Implementation Plans include a series of Implementation Milestones that measure the degree to which systems are being successful in implementing their Major Improvement Strategies. Implementation Plans, including Milestones, are developed to represent the duration of the strategy's timeline. Action Plans are utilized in detailing specific steps, responsible parties, start and end dates. Action Plans articulate the more nuanced steps taken within the system to meet the success criteria of each Milestone. As a result, the Action

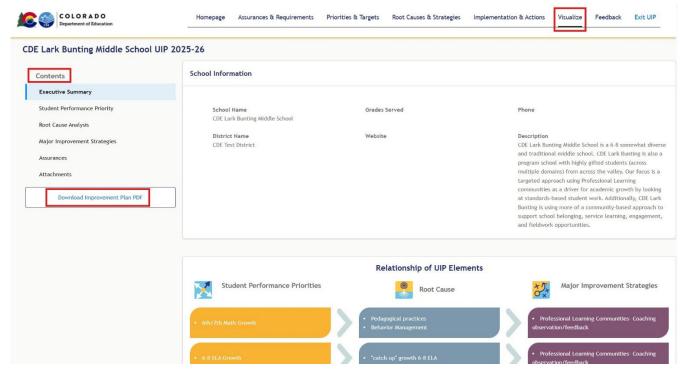
Plans and Action Steps are directly contributing to the success of Implementation Milestones leading to full implementation of the strategy thereby reducing Root Causes and ultimately improving student outcomes.

The screenshots below provide a snapshot of the Implementation & Actions tab.



Visualize Tab

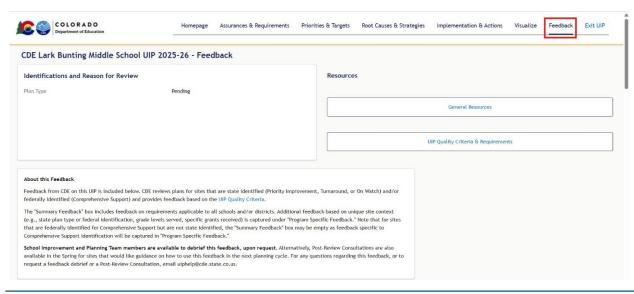
The Visualize tab provides an executive summary, offering a high-level overview of the UIP. It provides insights into Student Performance Priorities, Root Cause analysis, Major Improvement Strategies, and Assurances at the click of a mouse. Attachments can be viewed, and a PDF download option may be helpful for review by building leadership teams or accountability committees.



Feedback Tab

All schools and districts are required to regularly submit Unified Improvement Plans (UIPs). CDE reviews and provides feedback on UIPs for schools and districts that are identified for improvement under the state (Priority Improvement and Turnaround) or federal (Comprehensive Support under ESSA) accountability systems.

The Feedback Tab will only be available to districts and schools that required a review of the plan by CDE. The previous school year's feedback will be available until July 2025. After July 2025, school-level users can work with district staff to access the previous year's feedback on the UIP Online System.



Submitting a Completed Plan

As schools and districts complete work on each section, mark the "Save" button at the very bottom of each page. Each time a tab is updated, the corresponding check box on the Homepage tab will turn green. This indicates the corresponding section is in progress.

For school UIPs: Once the UIP is complete, if the school selects the "Submit for District Review" button, located in the Resources section on the Homepage, the district UIP contact(s) will be notified that the UIP is ready for review before submission to CDE. The UIP status will change to Ready for District Review. Once the district reviews/approves the school UIP for posting on the UIP Online System administrative page, the school's UIP will be publicly posted to SchoolView and the UIP status will update to Submitted for Posting. Once the UIP has been publicly posted, if the school makes changes to the UIP, the UIP status will return to Ready for District Review and the district contact(s) will need to repost the UIP to SchoolView. SchoolView will show the last UIP version that was posted by district contact(s).

For district UIPs: Once the district UIP is complete and ready for CDE review, select the "Submit for Public Posting" button located in the Resources section on the Homepage. District UIPs are immediately available for public viewing on SchoolView. A plan may also be submitted for posting by navigating to the UIP Online System administrative pages and selecting the "Submit for Public Posting" button, refer to the District Admin User Guide for instructions.

