

PWR News – SEPTEMBER 2024

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Guidelines: New SAT Math Cut Score

On Wednesday, September 11, the State Board of Education voted to temporarily adjust the SAT cut score in Math on the Graduation Guidelines [Menu of Options](#). This means that students who graduate in the 2024-25 or 2025-26 school years and take the new digital SAT will meet graduation competencies by meeting these [Graduation Guidelines](#) cut scores for SAT:

SAT - scores updated for SAT (2024-2026)		
Reading, Writing and Communicating 470	Mathematics 480	The SAT is a college entrance exam. The SAT includes sections on reading, writing and math. The highest possible score for each section is 800.

During the next two years, CDE staff will work with the Colorado Department of Higher Education and the Colorado Commission for Higher Education to make sure that SAT scores for the digital SAT test are aligned with placement levels and developmental policies at four-year colleges. The temporary score of 480 in Math will be reevaluated by the board for 2025-26 graduates and beyond.

Technical information regarding Graduation Guidelines data reporting is posted on the [Student End of Year](#) and [Student Interchange](#) websites. For more information, please [refer to the State Board's website](#) and the [press release](#), or contact [Michelle Romero](#) or [Robin Russel](#).

ICAP: Rulemaking Hearing and Public Testimony

At the August board meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved a public notice for a rulemaking hearing at their October meeting for 1 CCR 301-81, Rules Governing Standards for Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP). Based on input from the SBE, a revision to the noticed rules will be made; specifically, section 4.0 Model Approach to Implementing State Board ICAP Standards will be removed. In its place, proposed language has been added that directs the Department to create a model approach. The SBE will consider this alternative language during the rulemaking hearing in October. You can find the revised proposed rules, the crosswalk of the rules to

statute, and the model approach on the [ICAP website](#). To submit feedback on the ICAP Rules, review the [SBE rulemaking webpage](#).

PWR Regional Trainings 2024-25

This school year, we will host [six regional trainings](#) around the state covering updates to Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) rules and integrating Multi-Tiered Systems of Support into ICAP.

- **October 15:** Southwest Region @ Durango
- **October 30:** Northwest and West Central Regions @ Glenwood Springs
- **November 13:** Southeast Region @ Lamar
- **December 11:** North Central and Northeast Regions @ Greeley
- **January 14:** Denver Metro Region
- **February 4:** Pikes Peak Region @ Colorado Springs

Registration for each location will open individually, and space will be limited. Please [sign up to receive the registration link](#) for your preferred location, and the link will be sent to you directly. *NOTE: Because these trainings will be truly regional, with a focus on the issues and strengths specific to each region, we ask that attendees choose the region closest to their school or place of work.*

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING

Save the Date: Career Advising Summit – Feb. 25-26

The Colorado Career Advising Summit will be held February 25-26, 2025 in Colorado Springs. The Summit will be designed to empower those who advise learners toward fulfilling career paths, such as school counselors, college advisors, workforce coaches, and non-profit advisors. Find more information and registration when it opens on the [Summit website](#).

FAFSA/CASFA GRANT

Fifth Round Open – Due Oct. 7

[The application for this grant is now open](#). Local Education Providers can request funds from \$2,000 – \$30,000, ending June 30, 2025. The applications are due by October 7, 2024.

Questions? Contact [Cassandra Córdova](#)

TEACHER RECRUITMENT EDUCATION AND PREPARATION (TREP)

District Feedback Session – Oct. 1

As TREP continues to grow, CDHE is collaborating with CDE to review and possibly update the pathway courses and other aspects of the program. If you would like to provide input on the educator pathway as a district representative, there is still one upcoming Zoom session to share feedback.

Once these and two other sessions with Educator Prep Program representatives are complete, we anticipate inviting you to another session for further analysis and discussion about next steps for changes.

[Option 2: Tuesday, October 1, 9-10am](#)

Questions? Contact [Erica Ryan](#)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

UndocuResource Day – Oct. 25

The 3rd Annual UndocuResource Day will be held on the University of Denver campus on Friday, October 25, 2024. UndocuResource Day is a platform that brings educators from secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, and non-profit organizations together to provide crucial training and resources to support our undocumented students across Colorado. The summit is free and includes a variety of workshops, a keynote address, a lunch panel, and a resource fair.

[Learn more on DU's website](#) or [register for UndocuResource Day](#).

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