COLORADO
Department of Education

School Counselor Corps Grant Program

(SCCGP) Welcome Packet

Cohort 15



2026-2027



Share this welcome packet with site-based administrators and grant-funded school counselors, program contacts, fiscal contacts, and any SCCGP team members.

Get Prepared- Cohort 15

The information in this packet is a brief introduction to the SCCGP, grant requirements in FY2026-27, funding details, resources, and state grant terminology.

Please make sure to read through and reach out if you have questions.

More information will be shared at the Virtual Welcome on August 26, 2026, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Register here today!

Welcome Back Cohort 15!

Welcome to FY2026-27 of the
School Counselor Corps Grant Program (SCCGP)

This is the start of your second grant year and first Implementation Year.

This year your team will take what you learned in year one and put it into action with the newly hired school counselor!

- Make sure to review and update work completed in the first grant year (i.e. school counseling vision and mission statements, data, use-of-time, goals, etc.).

SCCGP Mission and Vision

SCCGP- Program Vision Statement:

- Each Colorado Local Education Provider will have the awareness and access to apply for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program and enhance the implementation of comprehensive and sustainable school counseling programs.

SCCGP- Program Mission Statement:

- The School Counselor Corps Grant Program will support sustainable comprehensive school counseling programs through training, technical support, and assistance to SCCGP grantees according to C.R.S. 22-91-101 through 105.

SCCGP Grantees in FY2026-27

- Academy 20
- Adams-Arapahoe 28J
- Arickaree R-2
- AUL Denver
- Big Sandy 100J
- Branson Reorganized 82
- Brush RE-2(J)
- Caprock Academy
- Centennial R-1
- CIVICA Colorado
- Clear Creek RE-1
- Cotopaxi RE-3
- CSI: Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs
- Denver County 1
- District 49
- Doral Academy of Colorado
- DSST: College View High School
- Durango 9-R
- Elizabeth School District
- Estes Park R-3
- Fort Morgan Re-3
- Fountain 8
- Garfield Re-2
- Genoa-Hugo C113
- Greeley 6
- Harrison 2
- Idalia RJ-3
- Ignacio 11 JT
- Jefferson County R-1
- Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J
- Kiowa C-2
- La Veta Re-2
- Lake County R-1
- Limon RE-4J
- Mancos RE-6
- Moffat 2
- Montezuma-Cortez RE-1: Southwest Open Charter School
- Orton Academy
- Pueblo City 60
- Pueblo County 70
- Ricardo Flores Magon Academy
- Rocky Ford R-2
- Sheridan 2
- St Vrain Valley RE1J
- Stone Creek School
- Strasburg 31J
- Summit RE-1
- Trinidad 1
- Weld County School District RE-3J
- Weld RE-4
- West Grand 1-JT
- Wiggins RE-50(J)
- Wiley RE-13 Jt



SCCGP History and Background

Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S) 22-91-101 through 22-91-105

- **2008: Established the School Counselor Corps Grant Program (SCCGP) through HB08-1370**
- **SB14-150: Updates to SCCGP**
  - Additional requirements for implementing a comprehensive school counseling model, data collection to illustrate impact, etc.
- **SB17-068: Early Support for Student Success Through Access to School Counselors**
  - Addition of elementary schools.
- **HB19-1187: Increasing Completion Rates of Applications for Student Financial Aid for Higher Education**
  - Appropriated funds from 2019-2022 for the purpose of educating and supporting students and families in completing and submitting the free application for federal student aid or applications for state student aid.
- **SB22-140: Expansion of Experiential Learning Opportunities Through Relationships with Employers**
  - Addition of work-based learning awareness, education, and opportunities.
- **SB25-315: Measures to Reinvent Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Programs**
  - Updates to the SCCGP application process.

[Read more and access legislation here.]

The Why Behind the Work

Colorado Revised Statute 22-91-101

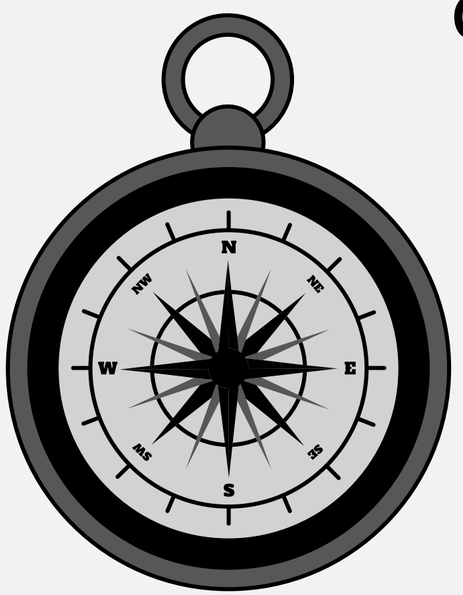


(1)(k) ***Reducing the student-to-counselor ratio*** *in Colorado's public schools is a positive move toward achieving the goals of* ***closing the achievement gap, decreasing the dropout rate, and increasing the number of students who matriculate*** *into postsecondary education without the need for remediation.*



(2) The general assembly concludes, therefore, that it is in the ***best interests of the students*** *in the state to encourage and support school districts, boards of cooperative services, and charter schools in* ***increasing the number of school counselors available*** *in middle, junior high, and high schools and* ***improving the level of school counseling services*** *provided to students by enacting the school counselor corps grant program.*

Goals of the SCCGP



Colorado Revised Statute 22-91-103

- *(1)(a)**(I) Increase the availability of effective school-based counseling** to help **increase the graduation rate** within the state and **increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education**; and*

- *(1)(a)**(II) Support work-based learning awareness and education** for students at the middle school and high school levels and **work-based learning opportunities** at the high school level.*

Grant Requirements

All reporting requirements, deadlines, submission links, and terms of the grant are outlined in the Grant Award Letter and Exhibit A- Statement of Work.

- **The School Counselor Corps Grant Program requires:**
  - Attendance at mandatory trainings
  - Financial documents and reports
  - Annual program report

Grant Terminology

- **Grant Award Letter (GAL):** A letter from CDE announcing funds awarded.
- **Final Expenditure Report (FER):** A report to show how funds were spent in a previous spending year (includes budget workbook and a general ledger).
- **Interim Financial Report (IFR):** A report to show how spending is progressing through the current fiscal year (includes budget workbook and a general ledger).
- **Continuation Budget:** A budget to show how funds will continue to be spent in the next fiscal year.
- **Budget Revision:** changes made to a budget during the school year.
- **Development Year Report:** A report for year one grantees.
- **End of Year Report (EOY):** A report for year two through four grantees to report program outcomes.

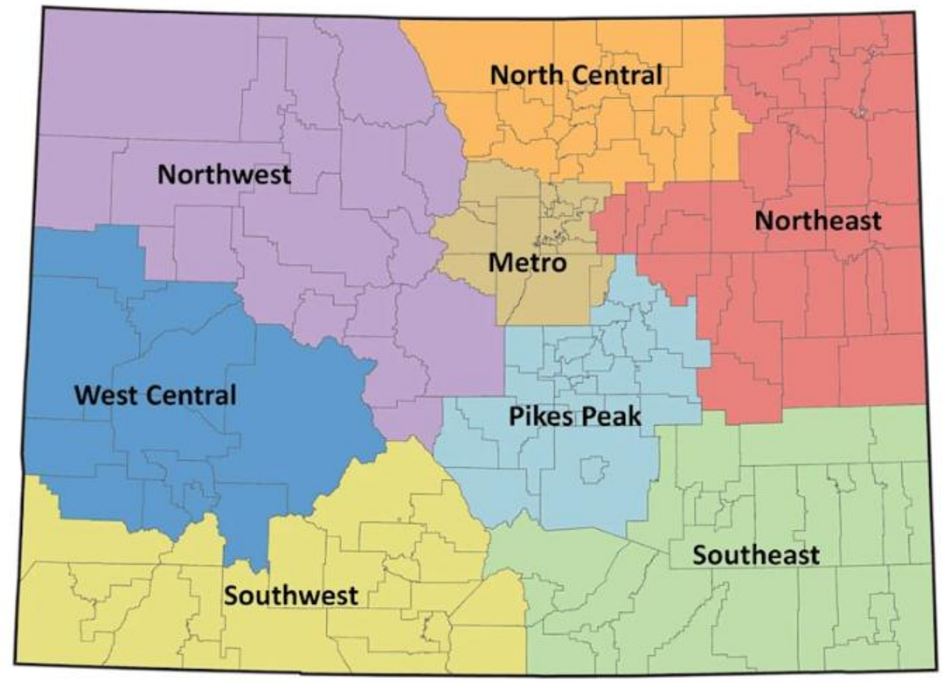
Required Trainings- C. 15



Each funded site's school administrator and grant funded school counselor (program manager if school counselor is not hired) must attend the required trainings in 2026-2027:

- **Virtual Welcome Training:** August 26, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 AM
- **PWR Summit** *(choose one to attend):*
  - September 15, 2026, Pueblo, CO, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  - September 17, 2026, Thornton, CO, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- **Virtual SCCGP Spring Professional Development**: February 23, 2027, from 9:00-11:00 AM
- **Virtual Reporting and Fiscal Training:** *UPDATED* to April 7, 2027, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

PWR Regional Trainings

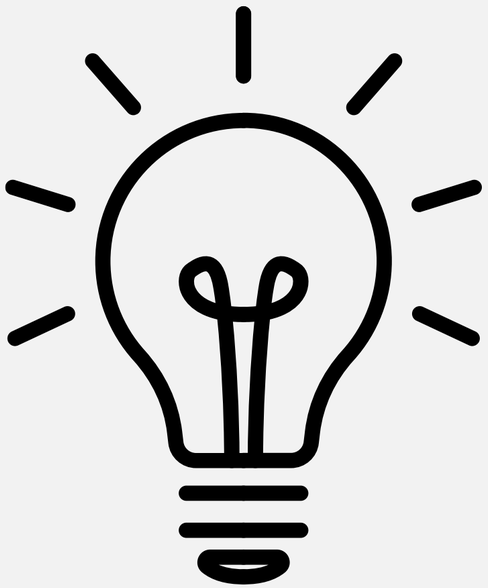


All SCCGP grantees are invited and encouraged to attend one of the four regional trainings to learn more about ICAP and “Big Three” implementation.

All trainings will occur from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

- September 1, 2026: Grand Junction, CO
- October 29, 2026: Gunnison, CO
- November 10, 2026: La Junta, CO
- November 17, 2026: Fort Morgan, CO

Intervention Hours



Are you interested in learning more about interventions and supports that work? Do you have a great idea to share?

Join the optional Intervention Hours to hear from current grantees, build a community of support, and stay up to date on best practices.

All trainings will occur from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

- January 20, 2027
- February 17, 2027
- April 14, 2027

Required Documents and Reporting- C. 15



- **Financial Documents and Reports:**
  - **Complete budget workbook in GAINS and revisions as needed**
  - **Submit the Final Expenditure Report:** due September 30, 2026
  - **Submit the Interim Financial Report:** due January 29, 2027
  - **Last day to submit a revision:** May 17, 2027
  - **Continuation Budget for FY2027-28:** due May 28, 2027
- **Program Report:**
  - **End of Year Report** due May 28, 2027

Let’s Talk about Funding

The School Counselor Corps Grant Program funds Local Education Providers to hire school counselors and enhance school counseling services.

- All budget items must be added to the budget workbook and receive written approval before purchasing can occur.

Allowable Use of Funds



- **Licensed school counselor salaries and benefits**
  - **1.0 School counselor FTE salaries and benefits are required per funded site.**
- Grant related travel to in-person required training and professional development;
- Career awareness and postsecondary preparatory services;
- Professional development;
- Events, supplies, and technology related to comprehensive school counseling program development and implementation;
- Stipends for school staff supporting SCCGP outside of school hours or with additional duties;
- School counseling coursework and tuition for approved individuals; and
- Consulting services.

Funding Licensed School Counselors



- **The SCCGP funds can only be used to hire Licensed school counselors.**
  - **In years two-four:** 1.0 School counselor FTE salaries and benefits are required per funded site for licensed school counselors only.

- **If your team is struggling to hire a licensed school counselor,** please reach out to the assigned School Counseling Specialist to discuss the approval process for hiring an individual working towards school counseling licensure.
  - **Review hiring guidance and see next slide.**
    - For approval, the individual must be working towards a Masters degree in school counseling and hold **Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE) or SSP Intern License.**

Hiring Individuals Working Towards CO School Counseling Licensure

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5

CONTACT

- **Contact** school counseling specialist to inform them you have started this process.

READ AND COMPLETE

- **Read** Hiring Guidelines
- **Complete** Hiring Assurances

STOP

CONSIDER AND READ

- **Consider** if tuition reimbursement is an option.
- **Read** Tuition Guidelines
- **Read** FAQs

STOP

COMPLETE

- **Complete** Tuition Reimbursement Assurances*

SUBMIT AND WAIT

- **Submit** budget with tuition reimbursement included.*
- **Wait** for final approval from CDE Program.

Email approval must be obtained before hiring and using grant funds.

***It is not a SCCGP requirement to offer tuition stipend/reimbursement to those working toward school counseling licensure.**

Unallowable Expenses

Funds may NOT be used for the following (including, but not limited to):



- **Funds cannot replace previously paid salaries, services, etc. (no supplanting)**
- Capital equipment: equipment valued at $10,000 or more with a useful life of more than a year;
- Building improvements, construction, or maintenance;
- Indirect costs, or incentives for students and or staff;
- Online or virtual FTE for in-person sites; or
- FTE related to non-school counseling positions (i.e. school psychologists, social workers, clinical counselors).

SCCGP Resources



- **Monthly Newsletter:** sent each month and includes grant reminders, updates, and resources.
- **SCCGP Website:** bookmark the Current SCCGP webpage for details of grant requirements, submission links, resources for trainings, etc.
  - *The website is under construction and will be updated for FY2026-27 by the SCCGP Virtual Welcome.*
- **SCCGP Resources Website:** bookmark the resources webpage for quick links related to data collection, professional development, and supports.

Contact Us

We are here to support you! Please reach out by email or phone if you have any questions!

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Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you soon!