

Acknowledgements

The mission of the CCCS CTE Perkins Field Council is to “facilitate the strategic use of Colorado Perkins distribution funds to enable student success in and through career and technical education.”

These volunteers address that mission through four major activities:

1. Annual review of CCCS approved Perkins federal grant local plans to find best/promising practices; visitations of the institutions selected; and written reports on the site visits.
2. Read and prepare summaries of national articles and/or research reports that may be useful to career and technical education related stakeholders.
3. Annual review of the Perkins career and technical education performance metrics data for Colorado to identify positive and negative trends and gaps in performance.
4. Suggest future improvement strategies for increased quality in career and technical education based on accumulative information gained from items 1 through 3.

This report is the result of Activity 1 being applied to the fiscal year 2008-2009 local uses of Perkins federal funds. It is our hope that this report celebrates and honors the good work of the selected Perkins recipients; informs the public about innovations in education; and serves as a guide for others who wish to enhance their career and technical education programs.

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From the review of CCCS approved Perkins local plans, the Perkins Field Council selected twelve Colorado Perkins recipients that demonstrated best and/or promising practices. No Council member was allowed to review any plan that they may have helped prepare. The Council members were only able to visit eight of the twelve selected sites. However, we still wish to acknowledge all selected recipients for standing out as best and/or promising uses of their Perkins grants as demonstrated by their fiscal year 2008-2009 Perkins local plans.

The twelve recipients selected as best/promising uses of Perkins funds for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 are:

**Boulder Valley School District (Boulder Technical Education Center);
Brighton School District 27J;
Cherry Creek Schools;
Delta-Montrose Technical College;
Douglas County School District (Chaparral High School);
Emily Griffith Opportunity School (Denver);
Fort Lupton School District;
Montrose School District;
Otero Junior College (La Junta);
Pueblo Community College; and
Westminster School District 50.**

Congratulations to each of the districts listed above on your demonstration of excellence; thank you for your hard work and our compliments for your commitment to student success. We wish you continued triumphs and accomplishments!

This report summarizes the site visits for six of the eight site visits. (Two site visit reports could not be completed in time to meet the printing deadline for this document but may be available later via the CCCS website.)

Finally, we wish to extend many thanks to the personnel and students at the visited sites for hosting the Perkins Field Council visiting teams. While we strive not to be interruptive, we know that is usually not the case so we especially appreciate the kind and open hospitality that was extended. Thank you for sharing.