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Colorado Boards of Cooperative Educational Services

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MISSION

Supporting cooperative endeavors to help maximum educational opportunities for Colorado's students.

PREFACE

Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) are an important and vital part of the public educational system in Colorado. The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the role of BOCES and the services they provide districts and students across Colorado.

BOCES services are those needed by students, their families, and school personnel, which can be more efficiently provided across school districts; examples of such services are provided on page 4. Better understanding of the process will potentially emphasize the important contributions of BOCES to the educational system of Colorado.

Colorado's BOCES (or Educational Services agencies) are unique in that they are an extension of the local member school districts. A BOCES in Colorado exists at the discretion of its members and provides only those programs and services authorized by its members.

LET'S START WITH THE NAME—BOCES

BOCES is an acronym made up of the individual letters of the longer title—Board of Cooperative (Educational) Services. It is pronounced BO-Sees for a more simple and concise term. The statutory name of BOCES is Board of Cooperative Services, as set forth by Title 22, Article 5, C.R.S., Boards of Cooperative Services Act of 1965.



WEBSITES

Colorado BOCES Association Official Website
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Manitou Springs District 14
Woodland Park School District
Cripple Creek-Victor School District

WHO ARE THE BOCES AND HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE IN EACH

WHAT IS THE LEGAL STATUS OF BOCES?

BOCES were established under the Boards of Cooperative Services Act of 1965 and upon adoption, the General Assembly declared: "...this article is enacted for the general improvement and expansion of educational services of the public schools in the state of Colorado; for the creation of boards of cooperative services wherever feasible for purposes of enabling two or more school districts to cooperate in furnishing services authorized by law..." The law was later amended to allow a single school district and a higher education institution to form a BOCES.

ARE BOCES UNIQUE TO COLORADO?

Yes and no. Forty states have established what are commonly known as Educational Service Agencies (ESA's) or Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESA's).

In many states these agencies function at a regional level between the State Educational Agency and the local school district. It may serve as an extension of the State Educational Agency or it may operate as an independent agency from either state or local control. Still in other states, the RESA or ESA have specific duties and tasks assigned by the State. They are governed by an elected board, which has the authority to levy a tax, receive direct financial support and provide mandated services to local school districts.

THE CREATION OF THE FIRST BOCES

On May 23, 1966, the school board presidents of the fourteen school districts in the San Luis Valley met and established the first BOCES in Colorado. Today there are 21 BOCES in Colorado with several established as Special Purpose BOCES providing limited programs or a single service. Most of the BOCES in Colorado are general purpose in nature and provide a broad range of services and programs.

CAN A BOCES CONDUCT INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS?

No. Any programs or activities operated by a BOCES must be approved and authorized by its Board of Directors. Some programs may be for all members while other activities may be for a smaller number of BOCES members.

WHY DO WE HAVE BOCES?

BOCES exist to provide educational services to two or more school districts or a school district and a higher education institution that alone cannot afford the service, or find it advantageous and cost-effective to cooperate with other districts. These services represent a financial commitment that is best met by several districts sharing costs and programs. In several instances, BOCES also operate as Special Education Administrative Units, in which Colorado Revised Statutes require approval of the Colorado Department of Education to serve as an administrative Unit.

The following examples are not intended to limit or define the scope of a BOCES, but rather are illustrative of the variety of services currently provided:

- ◆ Special Education
- ◆ Curriculum/Staff Development
- ◆ Implementation of Standards and Assessments
- ◆ Migrant Education
- ◆ Alternative Schools/Programs for at-risk and suspended students
- ◆ Federally Funded, Specialized Programs Including ESEA
- ◆ Standards and Assessment Report
- ◆ Cooperative Purchasing
- ◆ Technology Support
- ◆ Data Management and Utilization
- ◆ Career and Technical Education
- ◆ Alternative Schools
- ◆ Gifted and Talented Coordination
- ◆ Alternative Licensure Programs for Teachers and Principals
- ◆ Grant Writing and Grant Management
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Distance and Online Learning
- ◆ Other (as defined by member districts)

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School Districts/Associate Member Districts/Colleges/Universities:

Alamosa
Centennial
Center
Creede
Upper Rio Grande - Del Norte
Moffat
Monte Vista
Mountain Valley
North Conejos
Sanford
Sangre De Cristo
Sargent
Sierra Grande
South Conejos

Associate Member Districts/Colleges/Universities:

Trinidad State Junior College
Adams State University

Cheraw
La Junta
Las Animas
Rocky Ford
Swink
Wiley

PIKES PEAK BOCES (Cont'd)

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 Colorado Springs, CO 80906
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 D-20 Colorado Springs
 D-38 Lewis Palmer
 D-49 Falcon
 D-60 (Pueblo)
 Fountain Ft. Carson
 Widefield
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 CSI (Charter School Institute)
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 Rangely, CO 81648
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 Bayfield School District 10 JT-R
 Dolores School District RE-4A
 Dolores County School District RE-2(J)
 (Dove Creek)
 Ignacio School District 11 JT
 Mancos School District RE-6
 Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1
 Silverton School District 1

**Associate Member
Districts/Colleges/Universities:**

Southwest Community College
 Fort Lewis College

The success of the BOCES concept is rooted in its cooperative, service-driven philosophy. Each BOCES exists because the school districts it serves see the value of the services provided. Individual districts may lack the personnel or the fiscal resources required to provide a broad range of administrative and student services. By pooling resources, districts reduce costs, avoid duplication, and provide for a more comprehensive range of services and programs.

Being service-driven, BOCES have the flexibility to respond quickly to the evolving needs of today's changing student population. Programs can be developed, training provided, or outside expertise engaged as situations arise. BOCES also understand that school districts do not exist in isolation and most reach out to engage the community-at-large. To that end, the BOCES work in partnership with colleges, libraries, health care providers, mental health professionals and others.

HOW ARE BOCES GOVERNED?

Each BOCES is governed by a Board of Directors. Each legal member of the BOCES appoints one or more of its board members to serve on the BOCES Board. An alternate is usually appointed as well. Additionally any post-secondary member of the BOCES may have its governing board appoint its assigned member to the BOCES Board. The Board is required by law to meet at least four times a year.

The Board of Directors appoints an Executive Director who serves as the person responsible for the administering the affairs of the BOCES. It is important to note that since the BOCES serves its member school districts, there is a need for communication and information among the members.

Most BOCES have an Advisory Council composed of the Superintendent or his/her designee. This group advises the Executive Director and Board, and assists in planning and implementing the programs and services that will be made available to the member districts. The Advisory Council usually meets monthly and provides critical input into the BOCES operations and its direction.

WHAT TYPES OF BOCES ARE THERE?

With the flexibility in the law, there are three basic types of BOCES in Colorado. Some serve only as a special education administrative unit; others serve only as specialized BOCES providing services such as professional development, risk management insurance, or operate an alternative school; the third type is a mixture of the first two that serve as a special education administrative unit as well as provide an array of different services for its member districts.

HOW ARE BOCES FINANCED?

Participating member districts financially support BOCES. All BOCES currently receive state HB 1345 funds to provide professional development to member and non-member districts.

WHAT CAN A BOCES DO?

- ◆ Maximize the impact of available dollars through collaborative funding.
- ◆ Reduce duplication of programs, personnel and services.
- ◆ Assist members in meeting responsibilities for mandated programs.
- ◆ Contribute to equalizing educational opportunities for pupils in diverse schools.
- ◆ Provide for the services of highly skilled resource personnel on a cost efficient basis.
- ◆ Promote inter-district communication and idea sharing.

SUCCESSFUL BOCES SYSTEMS

- ◆ Serve in a non-regulatory function.
- ◆ Receive ongoing local, state and federal funding, and know how to leverage those dollars for the greatest impact.
- ◆ Have a close working relationship with the state education department.
- ◆ Embrace local control in how they are governed and in the services they provide.

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 Frenchman (Fleming)
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 Holyoke
 Julesburg
 Lone Star
 Plateau (Peetz)
 Revere
 Otis
 Wray
 Yuma

Associate Member Districts/Colleges/Universities:

Northeastern Junior College

NORTHWEST BOCES

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East Grand
 West Grand
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Clear Creek
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Mesa 51
Montrose Re-1J

Associate Member Districts/Colleges/Universities:

Colorado Mesa University
Western Colorado Community College

MOUNT EVANS BOCES

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Gilpin County
Platte Canyon
Clear Creek

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Buena Vista R-31
Lake County RE-1
Park County RE-2
Salida R-32-J

SUCCESSFUL BOCES SYSTEMS

- ◆ Are held accountable and audited by independent private auditors.
- ◆ Are not hamstrung by overly burdensome state regulations.

ASSOCIATES

AESA

The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) is a professional organization serving educational service agencies (ESAs) in 40 states. There are approximately 553 agencies nationwide. Educational Service Agencies serve over 80% of the public school districts in the nation. Annual budgets for ESAs are estimated to be between \$15 and \$16 billion per year. AESA's membership is agency wide and includes all ESA employees and board members.

AEPA

The Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) is a multi-state non-profit organization made up of Educational Service Agencies/political subdivisions organized through a Memorandum of Understanding between all participating member states for the purpose of establishing a universal bid and awarded operating contract. The operating contract is based on the combined purchasing volume of AEPA participating agencies. All bids follow the competitive bidding requirements including local solicitation. Of the many advantages to this unique purchasing group are the combined human resources representing purchasing/bidding expertise, current and past vendor relationships, past experience and overall vision with regard to the specific needs of the qualified customers within each represented state. This group started with ten states in 2000 and now has grown to 28 states representing over 26 million students. The Colorado BOCES Association joined AEPA in 2001.

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Brighton 27J
Mapleton
Westminster

CENTENNIAL BOCES

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Eaton RE-2
Morgan County RE-3
Estes Park R-3
Pawnee RE-12
Platte Valley RE-7
Prairie RE-11J
Valley RE-1
St. Vrain Valley RE-1J
Weld RE-1
Weld RE-5J
Weld RE-9
Weldon Valley RE-20J
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Creede School District
Durango School District
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Idalia
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Stratton
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**Associate Member Districts/Colleges/
Universities:**

Morgan Community College

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