

## **S. PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **1. School Enrollment (Table S-1, S-2, S-5)**

Table S-1 shows 14 school districts in 49 school buildings covering the Valley's widespread and diverse population. Enrollment in the fall of 2012 totaled 7,546, with Alamosa RE-11J representing 27.4 percent of all public school enrollment in the Valley. Monte Vista C-8 had the second highest enrollment at 1,139 (15 percent), followed by North Conejos RE-1J at 1,033 (13.7 percent).

Table S-2 shows 4,205 (55.7 percent) in elementary grades pre-K through 6; 1,124 (15 percent) in middle school grades 7-8; and 2,214 (29.3 percent) enrolled in high school grades 9-12.

There are eight private schools in the valley with a combined enrollment of 303 students (Table S-5). The majority offer schooling in kindergarten through eighth grade. Only two educate students beyond middle school.

### **2. Graduation Rates (Table S-3)**

Table S-3 shows 589 graduating seniors in the class of 2012, and a graduation rate of 79.8 percent, a little better than the state's 75.4 percent. Our last CEDS showed a graduation rate for the class of 2006 at 75.6 percent, and 74.1 percent for Colorado.

Schools with 90 percent graduation rates or better Centauri (98.2 percent); Sierra Grande (90.5 percent); Monte Vista (92.7 percent) Center (90.3 percent) and Moffat (91.7 percent).

The graduates represent an important talent pool for the area, but it's felt a majority are leaving to pursue higher education or to seek higher paying jobs elsewhere. Relatively affordable rates at Adams State and Trinidad State are a help to many students from the region, but the majority of graduates leave to find jobs matching their achievement levels or go to schools in other areas offering specialties in their career of interest.

### **3. Enrollment Trends (Table S-4)**

Table S-4 compares fall enrollment for the region's public schools in the five-year period from 2008-2012, which shows a -3.4 percent loss in students. This is an improvement from the -7.4 percent in the previous CEDS study. Some of this can be explained by the change in demographics with fewer persons in the age groups with families, and this also reflects a gradual decline in the size of households and numbers of children in the family.

School districts with the largest drop in enrollment are as follows: Creede Consolidated (-32.2 percent); South Conejos (-22.4 percent); Del Norte (-15.9 percent) Centennial (-12.4 percent); and Mountain Valley (-5.5 percent). The losses in school enrollment are often symptomatic of population loss or no-gain situations.

But three districts increased enrollment over the same period. Those included: Sanford (4 percent); Sierra Grande (12.5 percent); and Center (8.2 percent).

### **4. New School Construction (Table S-6)**

In the period since the prior CEDS, school districts in the Valley have enjoyed a boom in new school

construction thanks to the passage of the Building Excellent Schools Today Act in 2008. Since then 12 new school buildings have been built and two more renovated for \$230.1 million, of which \$187.9 million came from the state. The program, which is designed to assist districts that cannot afford to replace or rehabilitate its structures, has brought new construction to ten of the Valley's 14 school districts.

The program required local districts to provide matching funds, which in the case of each Valley district were drawn from bond proposals approved by the voters. The funds raised from the bond issues - \$48.3 million – account for 20.9 percent of the cumulative funding for the projects.

The BEST Program draws money from State Land Trust funds and Colorado Lottery spillover funds. It has funded 209 proposals from across the state with over \$1 billion.

Table S-1

Summary of School District Data, Fall 2012

School District	Number of Schools					Fall 2012 Enrollment	Percent of Valley Enrollment
	Elementary	Middle/Junior	Senior High	Other	Total		
<b>Alamosa County</b>							
Alamosa RE-11J	1	1	1	0	4	2,072	27.46
Sangre de Cristo RE-22J	1	0	1	0	2	316	4.19
<b>Total</b>						<b>2,388</b>	<b>31.65</b>
<b>Conejos County</b>							
North Conejos RE-1J	2	1	1	1	5	1,033	13.69
Sanford 6J	1	0	1	0	2	360	4.77
South Conejos RE-10	1	1	1	0	3	208	2.76
<b>Total</b>						<b>1,601</b>	<b>21.22</b>
<b>Costilla County</b>							
Centennial R-1	1	1	1	0	3	190	2.52
Sierra Grande R-30	1	1	1	0	3	270	3.58
<b>Total</b>						<b>460</b>	<b>6.10</b>
<b>Mineral County</b>							
Creede Consolidated 1	1	0	1	0	2	78	1.03
<b>Rio Grande County</b>							
Del Norte C-7	1	1	1	0	3	475	6.29
Monte Vista C-8	2	1	1	2	6	1,139	15.09
Sargent RE-33J	1	1	1	0	3	449	5.95
<b>Total</b>						<b>2,063</b>	<b>27.34</b>
<b>Saguache County</b>							
Center 26 JT	1	1	1	2	5	623	8.26
Moffat 2	1	1	1	1	4	210	2.78
Mountain Valley RE 1	1	1	1	0	4	120	1.59
<b>Total</b>						<b>956</b>	<b>12.67</b>
<b>San Luis Valley</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: Colorado Department of Education, 2012 Pupil Membership by School and Grade  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/pupilcurrent.htm>

**Table S-2  
Public School Enrollment by District and Grade, Fall 2012**

<b>County and District</b>	<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Alamosa County</u></b>															
Alamosa RE-11J	0	189	171	196	149	159	170	170	155	132	199	139	131	112	<b>2,072</b>
Sangre de Cristo RE-22J	13	26	28	19	29	18	30	24	19	23	23	22	19	23	<b>316</b>
<b><u>Conejos County</u></b>															
North Conejos RE-1J	0	75	70	83	72	71	67	85	99	78	85	84	73	91	<b>1,033</b>
Sanford 6J	28	32	31	26	27	16	27	35	20	28	30	28	18	14	<b>360</b>
South Conejos RE-10	0	17	14	13	17	10	19	12	16	11	22	19	28	10	<b>208</b>
<b><u>Costilla County</u></b>															
Centennial R-1	8	9	15	18	11	14	16	15	14	10	15	11	16	18	<b>190</b>
Sierra Grande R-30	0	21	15	17	18	31	12	19	22	24	20	16	34	21	<b>270</b>
<b><u>Mineral County</u></b>															
Creede Consolidated 1	0	3	4	5	9	8	7	8	6	5	3	6	6	8	<b>78</b>
<b><u>Rio Grande County</u></b>															
Del Norte C-7	0	36	27	35	27	38	38	49	35	48	39	37	27	39	<b>475</b>
Monte Vista C-8	42	86	88	82	85	79	81	83	87	79	81	83	87	96	<b>1,139</b>
Sargent RE-33J	0	36	32	33	33	40	39	38	46	40	32	32	25	23	<b>449</b>
<b><u>Saguache County</u></b>															
Center 26 JT	27	64	46	36	42	41	60	40	30	56	55	46	42	38	<b>623</b>
Moffat 2	21	15	17	12	13	15	9	17	6	17	19	18	14	17	<b>210</b>
Mountain Valley RE 1	15	9	9	7	12	9	11	10	7	11	7	6	4	3	<b>120</b>
<b><u>San Luis Valley</u></b>															
	<b>154</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>7,543</b>

Source: Colorado Department of Education, 2012 Pupil Membership by School and Grade.  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/pupilcurrent.htm>

**Table S-3**  
**Graduation Rates, 2012**

<u>County/School District</u>	<b>Final Grad Base</b>	<b>Grads (incl alternative schools)</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>
<b><u>Alamosa</u></b>			
<b>Alamosa RE-11J</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>73.0</b>
Alamosa High School	127	111	87.4
Alamosa Open High School	5	1	20.0
Alamosa Ombudsman School	27	4	14.8
<b>Sangre de Cristo RE-22J</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>87.5</b>
<b><u>Conejos</u></b>			
<b>North Conejos RE-1J</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>90.9</b>
Centauri High School	55	54	98.2
La Jara Second Chance School	22	16	72.7
<b>Sanford 6J</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>86.4</b>
<b>South Conejos RE-10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>81.8</b>
<b><u>Costilla</u></b>			
<b>Centennial R-1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>88.2</b>
<b>Sierra Grande R-30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>90.5</b>
<b><u>Mineral</u></b>			
<b>Creede Consolidated 1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88.9</b>
<b><u>Rio Grande</u></b>			
<b>Del Norte C-7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>86.5</b>
<b>Monte Vista C-8</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66.7</b>
Byron Syring Delta Center	29	9	31.0
Monte Vista High School	55	51	92.7
Monte Vista Online Academy	21	10	47.6
<b>Sargent RE-33J</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>92.6</b>
<b><u>Saguache</u></b>			
<b>Center 26 JT</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>78.0</b>
The Academic Recovery Center	6	2	33.3
Center Virtual Academy	4	2	50.0
Center High School	31	28	90.3
<b>Moffat 2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>89.5</b>
Crestone Charter School	7	6	85.7
Moffat High School	12	11	91.7
<b>Mountain Valley RE 1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88.9</b>
<b>San Luis Valley</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>79.8</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>60,885</b>	<b>45,879</b>	<b>75.4</b>

**Source:** Colorado Department of Education, *Graduates and Completers by School Gender and Race Ethnicity*.

The formula for determining graduation rates defines "on time" as only those students who graduate from high school four years after transitioning from eighth grade. Under this four-year "on-time" formula, a student is assigned an unchanging anticipated year of graduation (AYG) when they transition from eighth grade. The anticipated year of graduation is assigned by adding four years to the year that a student transitions from eighth grade.  
 Four-Year "on-time" Graduation Rate Calculation = Number of students receiving a regular diploma within four years of transitioning from 8th grade / (Number of students transitioning from 8th grade at the end of the 2007-08 school year) + (Number of transfers in) – (Number of verified transfers out)

Table S-4

## Public School Enrollment Trends, 2008-2012

County and District	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	2008-2012	
						Number chg	Percent chg
<b>Alamosa County</b>							
Alamosa RE-11J	2,119	2,046	2,081	2,098	2,072	-47	-2.2
Sangre de Cristo RE-22J	317	323	312	310	316	-1	-0.3
<b>Conejos County</b>							
North Conejos RE-1J	1,075	1,051	1,030	992	1,033	-42	-3.9
Sanford 6J	346	340	346	354	360	14	4.0
South Conejos RE-10	268	280	237	224	208	-60	-22.4
<b>Costilla County</b>							
Centennial R-1	217	220	248	248	190	-27	-12.4
Sierra Grande R-30	240	252	260	268	270	30	12.5
<b>Mineral County</b>							
Creede Consolidated 1	115	101	92	81	78	-37	-32.2
<b>Rio Grande County</b>							
Del Norte C-7	565	597	567	522	475	-90	-15.9
Monte Vista C-8	1,166	1,181	1,172	1,198	1,139	-27	-2.3
Sargent RE-33J	466	484	478	453	449	-17	-3.6
<b>Saguache County</b>							
Center 26 JT	576	605	580	612	623	47	8.2
Moffat 2	210	223	206	216	210	0	0.0
Mountain Valley RE 1	127	128	120	121	120	-7	-5.5
<b>San Luis Valley</b>	<b>7,807</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>7,697</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>-264</b>	<b>-3.4</b>

Source: Colorado Department of Education, *State Trends in Colorado Public School Membership by School District*.  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/rv2011pmlinks.htm>

**Table S-5**  
**Non-Public Schools, 2013**

County and School	Grades	Enrollment	Teachers (FTE)
<b><u>Alamosa County</u></b>			
Alamosa Christian	K-10	60	NA
Cottonwood Christian	K-5	65	NA
Sunshine Christian	K-8	20	1.9
Trinity Lutheran	PK-3	88	3.8
<b><u>Rio Grande County</u></b>			
St. Peter's Lutheran	K-8	30	2.9
<b><u>Saguache County</u></b>			
High Valley Christian	K-8	28	3.8
Redeemer Ranch	Grades 6-12	5	NA
Saguache Christian	Grades 3-9	7	1
<b><u>San Luis Valley</u></b>		<b>303</b>	

**Source:** National Center for Education Statistics  
Colorado Non-Public Schools

The term "non-public school" applies to private, parochial, and independent schools which provide education to children of compulsory school age. Neither the State Board of Education nor any local board of education has jurisdiction over the internal affairs of any non-state independent or parochial school in Colorado.

A child in Colorado who has attained the age of six years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of seventeen years shall attend public school; shall attend an independent or parochial school which provides a basic academic education, or shall be instructed at home.

<http://www.eschoolsearch.com>  
<https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/>

**Table S-6**  
**New School Construction under BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today)**

<b>Year/School Dist.</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>State Grant</b>	<b>Local Match</b>	<b>Project Total</b>
<b>2008-'09</b>				
Alamosa	New K-5	\$28,948,623	\$10,484,032	\$39,432,655
Centennial	New K-12	\$6,166,320		
Sangre de Cristo	New K-12	\$19,732,875	\$4,176,375	\$23,909,250
Sargent	New 6-12*	\$17,672,970	\$5,023,825	\$22,696,795
<b>2009-'10</b>				
Crestone Charter	New K-12	\$5,327,806	\$726,519	\$6,054,325
<b>2010-'11</b>				
Center	New K-12	\$26,759,322	\$4,722,233	\$31,481,555
Monte Vista	New HS*	\$27,656,994	\$4,502,301	\$32,159,295
<b>2011-'12</b>				
Sanford	New K-12	\$20,831,582	\$1,197,335	\$22,028,917
<b>2013-'14</b>				
Creede	New K-12	\$8,683,253	\$7,462,907	\$16,146,160
Moffat	New K-12	\$12,124,993	\$4,552,677	\$16,677,670
South Conejos	New K-12	\$14,082,673	\$5,477,745	\$19,560,418
<b>SLV Total</b>		<b>\$187,987,411</b>	<b>\$48,325,949</b>	<b>\$230,147,040</b>

\*Sargent's award also included funding for the renovation of its elementary school while Monte Vista's project included an addition to Metz Elementary.

**Source:** BEST Legislative Report, FY2011-'12

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstBEST>

Source for 2012-'13: List of BEST FY2013-14 Awarded Grants

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstBESTC1314.htm>