

# Turnaround Network

The **Turnaround Network** is a commitment between the Colorado Department of Education and local school districts to accelerate student achievement of some of the state's lowest performing schools through targeted support, resources and flexibility. The goal of the network is to show evidence of strategies that yield rapid turnaround results and from which other schools/districts can learn.

## Overview

The Turnaround Network uses a framework to support schools in developing a rigorous improvement plan that pushes on four research-based conditions: culture of performance; academic systems; talent and operations; and district support. Network schools will make targeted investments in these four areas to improve school performance and student achievement.

## Why is the Network Needed?

The Turnaround Network was born out of a need for direct support for the state's lowest performing schools. Historically CDE's Office of Turnaround Support has worked with **districts** in the lowest two accreditation categories. But recent data indicates there are a growing number of low performing **schools** in districts that are not served by the Office of Turnaround Support. With the addition of the Turnaround Network, CDE is able to offer a tiered approach to its work with Priority Improvement and Turnaround schools and districts. CDE believes this shift in strategy and structure is necessary to provide high-quality support and maximize resources across the state.

## What is the Benefit to Schools?

Principal and teacher leaders have access to intensive professional development; high-quality partner organizations; dedicated support by district partners; the opportunity to visit high-growth schools and learn about performance management and how to use data to drive instructional improvement.

## Where can I learn more?

- Turnaround Network:  
[www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/turnaroundnetwork](http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/turnaroundnetwork)  
[www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/informationSheet](http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/informationSheet)

## Timeline

### 2014-2015 School Year

#### 2014

- **Ongoing:** Performance Management Sessions
- **Ongoing:** Network Convening
- **Ongoing:** District Events
- **December:** Mid-Year Performance Event

#### 2015

- **Ongoing:** Performance Management Sessions
- **Ongoing:** Network Convening
- **Ongoing:** District Events
- **May:** Diagnostic Visits
- **June:** End-of-Year Performance Event

## Participating Schools

- Adams 12 Five Star Schools  
**Hillcrest Elementary**
- Adams County School District 14  
**Rose Hill Elementary**
- Pueblo City Schools  
**Haaff Elementary**  
**Irving Elementary**
- Calhan School District RJ1  
**Calhan Elementary**
- Roaring Fork School District  
**Crystal River Elementary**
- Lake County School District  
**West Park Elementary**  
**Lake County Middle**