

MEMO

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Misti Ruthven, Executive Director Student Pathways
RE: Emergency Rules & Notice of Rules: Rules for the Administration of the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program
DATE: August 14 & 15, 2019

Below please find information to support the action items regarding emergency rulemaking and a notice of rules for the Rules for the Administration of the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program at the August Board meeting.

This emergency rules hearing and notice of rules is in response to section 22-14-110, C.R.S., as required per Colorado law. These are new rules required to support the program created in SB19-246.

- The Ninth Grade Success Grant Program provides funding to local education providers and charter schools to assist students enrolled in ninth grade to develop the skills they need to successfully persist in high school graduation and succeed in their education and professional careers.
- Section 22-14-110, C.R.S. requires the Colorado State Board of Education to promulgate rules as may be necessary to implement the provisions of Article 14 of Title 22, including rules required pursuant to section 22-14-109.5 for the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program.
- A local education provider or charter school that is selected to receive a grant must, as a condition of accepting the grant, provide a grant match. Grant matches may include in-kind contributions, meaning donations of goods or services, rather than funding. Grant matches cannot include funding from other state or federal grants.
- Applicants are prioritized that have a four-year graduation rate ranked within the lowest twenty-five percent of the four-year graduation rates for public high schools in Colorado for the prior three years.

For detailed information supporting this presentation, please go to Board Docs for:

- Clean version of 1 CCR 301-106 Rules for the Administration of the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program (there is no red-lined version of the rules since these are new rules)
- Crosswalk of Rule to Statute

Recommended Actions:

- The department recommends approval of the emergency rules for the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program.
- The department recommends approval of notice of rules for the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program.
- If the board does not take action to approve these emergency rules, the release of the grant competition to schools will be delayed.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Misti Ruthven at ruthven_m@cde.state.co.us.

