



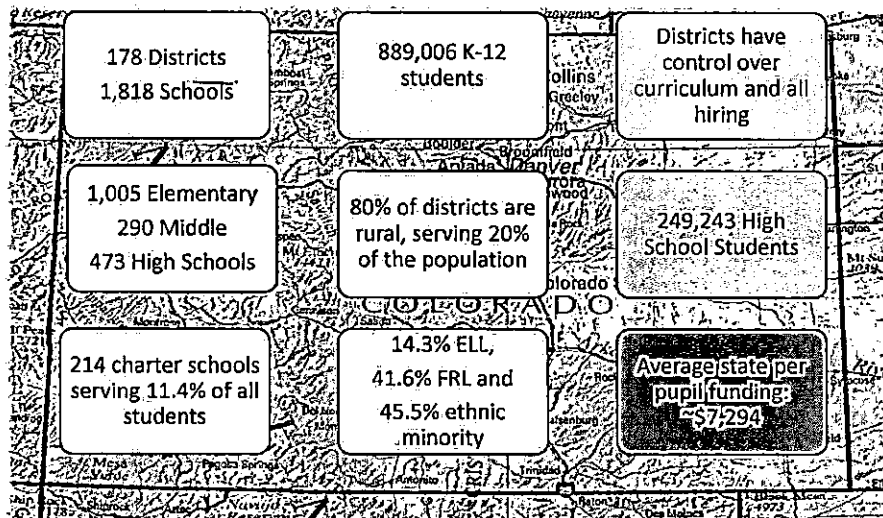
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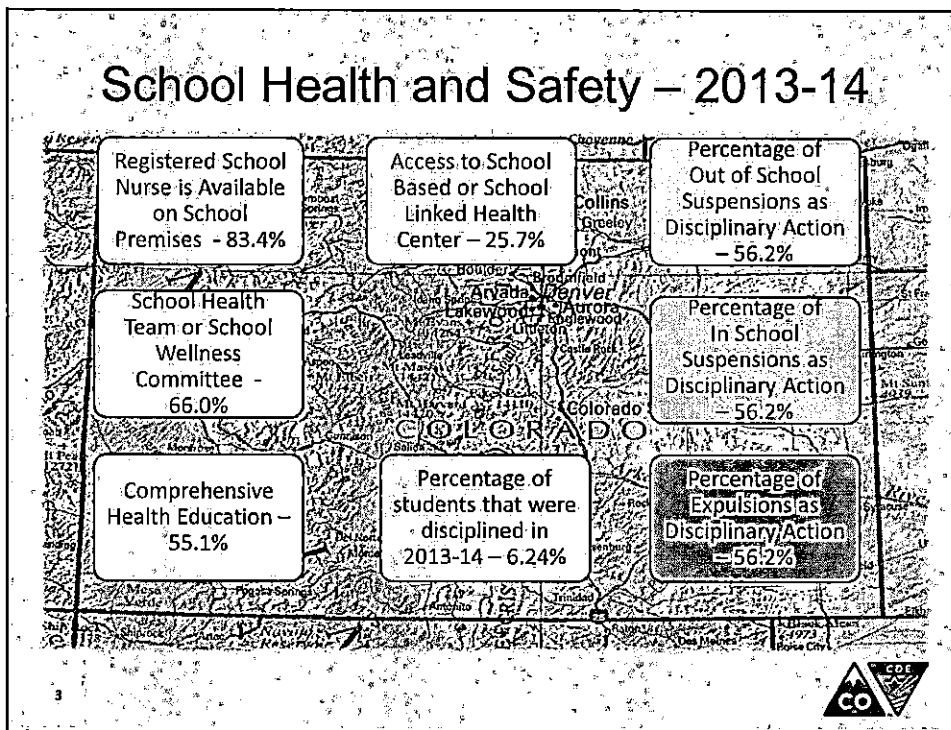
School Safety and Youth in Crisis

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Colorado Schools





School Health Professionals Support the Needs of All Students

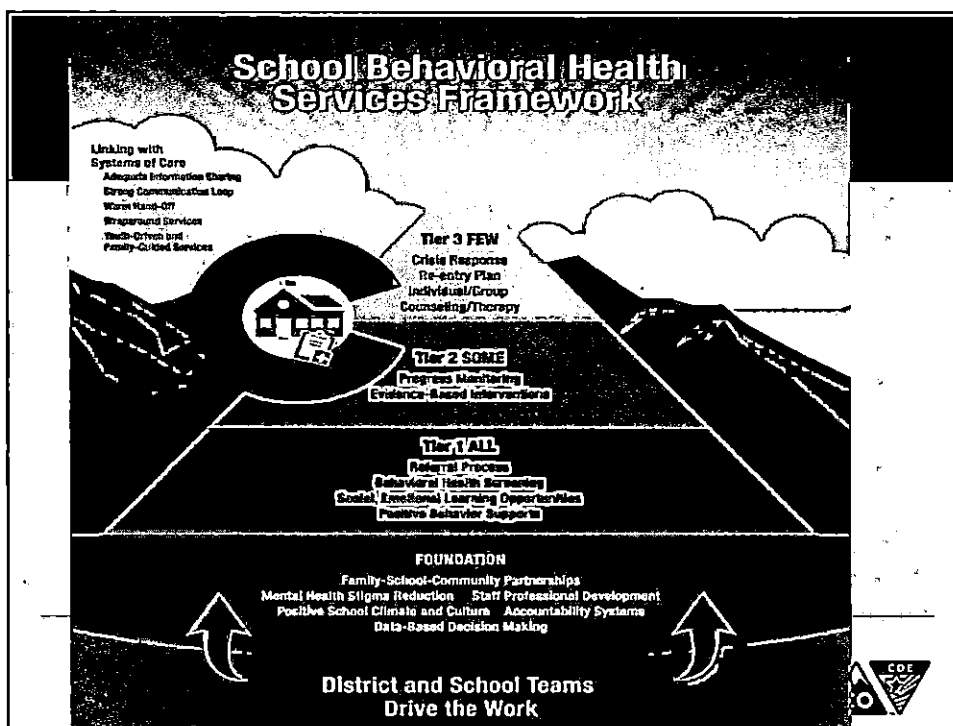
- Help children and youth overcome barriers to success in school, at home, and in life
- Collaborate with professionals, educators and families to problem-solve and intervene early for students
- Prevent or reduce the immediate and long-term effects of children mental health problems
- Link mental health to learning and behavior
- Support positive and safe school climates, which benefit all students
- Support individuals in crisis or schools in the event of a crisis
- Connect families and educators with resources



Mental/Behavioral Health in Schools

▪ How Colorado compares to recommended ratios of school health professionals:

Ratio	Colorado	National Recommendation
School Psychologist to Student Ratio	1:1273	1:1000
School Social Worker to Student Ratio	1:2738	1:250
School Nurse to Student Ratio	1:2104	1:750
School Counselor to Student Ratio	1:410 (2012-13)	1:250



CDE Health, Wellness, and Climate Supports

- Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards
- Project AWARE Infrastructure and Capacity Building at State and Partner District Levels
- School Nurse Regional System
- School Medicaid Program
- School Health Professionals Grant Program
- Healthy Schools Data and Coalition Building
- Traumatic Brain Injury Support System
- Counselor Corps Grant Program (Office of Postsecondary Readiness)
- Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Activities
- Positive Behavior/Learning Supports
- Exceptional Student Services Unit



Resources



