

## What is the Colorado State Accountability Network?

A consortium of parents, community members, and educators who have been working for two decades to make Colorado's accountability system more efficient and effective.

## History

We started out as the Large District Accountability Committee, which was founded in 1984 as a grassroots effort by accountability committee officers from five Front Range districts. The original purpose was to share ideas, concerns, and effective methods of handling accountability responsibilities. Over the years, our focus expanded to include advocacy with the Legislature and the State Board of Education. Now we're spreading statewide.

## Topics of Interest

- Improvements in the implementation of accountability and accreditation laws
- Handbooks from local and district committees
- Methods for effective communication with administrators and board of education members
- Reports to the public
- School finance
- State Board of Education policies and actions
- Legislative action
- Academic Content Standards
- Charter school application review processes
- Impact of federal legislation such as No Child Left Behind
- Innovative methods for improving student achievement and schools

## Who Belongs?

Representatives or chairpersons of district accountability committees across Colorado. We work in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Education. We meet in the Denver metro area on a regular basis.

## How to Connect

- For additional information or updates on meetings, call Dorolyn Griebenaw, 303-477-4125.
- Log into our website, [www.co-san.org](http://www.co-san.org).
- Come to one of our conferences.
- Invite us to speak to your accountability committee.

**Accountability will be what you make it.**

## Become Connected!

Colorado State Accountability Network is the perfect resource for learning more about how to create an effective accountability committee.

### ***Reach out and discover***

- ✓ Connections with other districts.  
We all share common goals — but there are many different ways to reach those goals. We share what works for our districts and what we struggle with.
- ✓ Connections with CDE.  
We meet with representatives from the Colorado Department of Education to share information and collaborate on implementing and improving the accountability process.
- ✓ Connections with the Legislature.  
We follow education bills in the legislature each year; when appropriate, members testify in committee hearings regarding accountability issues.

