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The **Denver Education Attainment Network** (DEAN) is creating community-wide collaboration to increase college attainment and close the attainment gap for students in Denver.

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By 2020, 74 percent of jobs in Colorado will require a postsecondary education. Yet Colorado has one of the largest postsecondary degree attainment gaps in the country.

Low-income, minority and first-generation students are not attaining college credentials at the same rate as their peers. These students are especially at risk of being left out of the benefits of the state's growing economy.

Educational attainment for these students matters to the social, economic and civic health of our families, communities and state.



Increase college attainment for students and graduates of Denver Public Schools through collective impact strategies that enable meaningful college and career opportunities for all.



College Enrollment

GOAL: Increase DPS college enrollment to 60% by 2025

BASELINE: 46.6%
DPS Class of 2014



DPS Persistence at the Auraria Campus

GOAL: Increase year-one to year-two persistence at Auraria for DPS graduates to 69% by 2019

BASELINE: 64.8%
DPS Class of 2014



Auraria Campus Completion

GOAL: Increase the percentage of DPS graduates at Auraria earning a certificate, associate or baccalaureate degree within four years to 15% by 2020

BASELINE: 6.6%
DPS Class of 2010



Emily Griffith Technical College Completion*

GOAL: Increase DPS certificate completion at Emily Griffith Technical College to 50% by 2020

BASELINE: 44%
Rolling average of DPS Class of 2012-2014 concurrent enrollment students

COLLEGE refers to the attainment of postsecondary credentials beyond high school, including technical and non-technical certificates and 2-year and 4-year degrees.

* The concurrent enrollment metric is a proxy for DPS certificate completion at Emily Griffith Technical College.

“... we believe that there is no other way society will achieve large-scale progress against the urgent and complex problems of our time, unless a collective impact approach becomes the accepted way of doing business.”

JOHN KANIA & MARK KRAMER, FSG SOCIAL IMPACT ADVISORS

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Why

Denver Public Schools is among the fastest-growing urban school districts in the country with over 92,000 students, a largely low-income district with 67.3 percent of students qualifying for free and reduced price lunch and the largest school district in Colorado.

The district's largest minority demographic groups are the two most negatively impacted by Colorado's attainment gap – Latino (55.5 percent) and African-American students (13.4 percent).

How

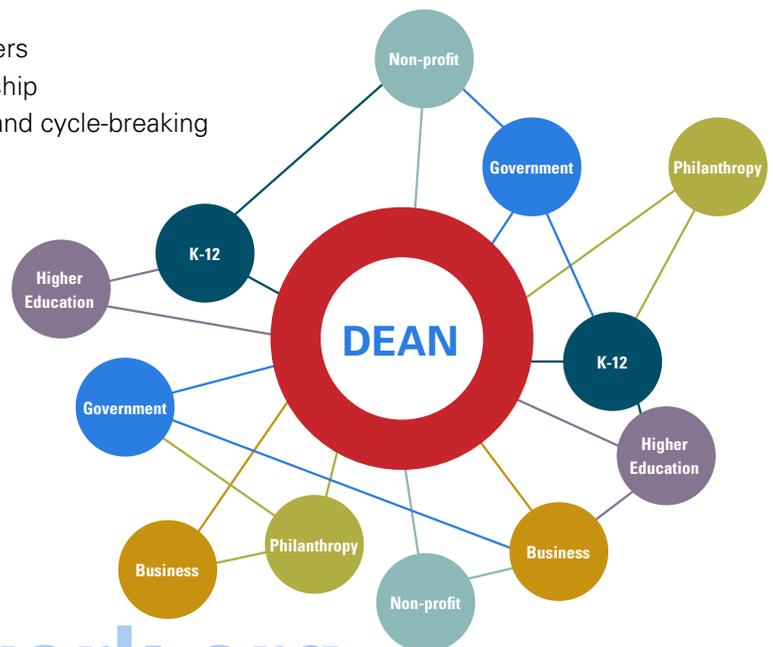
By collaboratively serving DPS, and more specifically, low-income, first-generation and minority students, DEAN is working to improve student outcomes.

DEAN partners with Denver Public Schools, the Auraria Campus (Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Colorado Denver), Emily Griffith Technical College, the City and County of Denver as well as non-profit and corporate partners, to develop an enrollment, persistence and completion strategy to serve our most vulnerable students.

Working with committed community partners, a common agenda, shared data and measurements, and a continuous improvement framework, DEAN convenes its partners to identify opportunities and gaps and develop and test strategies to increase college success. **To increase attainment for Denver students, DEAN works on:**

- ▶ **Grassroots strategies** with direct service providers
- ▶ **Policy and systems change** with Denver leadership
- ▶ **Best practice frameworks** to deliver innovative and cycle-breaking change to close the attainment gap

College enrollment, persistence and completion are steps along the path to career success. DEAN is creating a community-wide movement to close the achievement gap, helping Denver students access the skills, credentials and confidence to navigate future success as part of Colorado's growing economy.



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